

Announcement of the 20th Ioannina Lake Run 2026

The Non-Profit Civil Partnership "**LIMNI**" and the Sports Club "**POSEIDON IOANNINA**", in coorganization with the Region of Epirus and the Municipality of Ioannina, along with the support of local authorities, sports and cultural associations, will hold on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 September 2025 street races and side-events, including:

- 30 km Road race
- 30 km Power Walk
- 10 km Road race
- 5 km Road race

The races will be held in according to the following terms and conditions:

1. Races

1.1.1 30km Race

Date: Sunday, September 20, 8:15 a.m.

Maximum number of participants: 3.000

RaceTime limit: 5 hours (Any runner who has not passed the intersection of Akti Miaouli and Voyiannou after 12:45 will continue his/her route from the lakeside pedestrian walkway, as instructed by the race judge, and will finish at his/her own risk).

Route Description: Mavili Square → Karamanlis Boulevard → Kountourioti → Papandreou → 8th Merarchias → Perama → Entrance to Amphithea → Entrance to Loggades → Vasiliki junction → Drosochori junction → Drosochori junction. Kastritsa → Crossing to wooden bridges → Paralimnios pedestrian street → small detour to Voyiannou Street → Akti Miaouli → Garibaldi → Dionysiou Filosofou → finish at Mavili Square.

- **The route is certified by IAAF/AIMS (At each kilometer of the race route, there will be a kilometer distance indication).**

Age Categories: Participation is open to runners who have completed their 18th year of age. Participants are advised to undergo a recent medical and cardiological examination prior to participation. The organizers do not require medical certificates. Participation takes place under the exclusive responsibility of the participants.

Drink and aid stations: 12 stations every 2.5 km along the route.

Categories: Men-Women:

1. Up to 34 years old
2. 35 to 39 years old

3. 40 to 44 years old
4. 45 to 49 years old
5. 50 to 54 years old
6. 55 to 59 years old
7. 60 to 64 years old
8. 65 years and over

If the number of participants is not sufficient in any of the above categories, will apply age per decade. Winners of the overall classification will not be awarded in their category.

Prizes-Awards: All finishers will receive a commemorative medal and a race diploma, which will be available for download from the official race website once the official results have been published. The top three male and female runners in the overall classification will be awarded a medal and a diploma.

In the age categories (five-year age groups), the top three runners will also be awarded a medal and a diploma.

Award ceremonies will be held exclusively for the overall categories of the three races. **No award ceremonies will take place for the age categories.** Age-category winners will collect their awards from the race secretariat.

Cash prizes: The first three male and female winners of the overall classification will receive cash prizes. The amounts will be 600, 300 and 150 euros respectively.

Honorary awards: The oldest age group runner finishing the 30 km race and the team with the highest number of participants will receive honorary awards.

1.2 30 km Power Walk

Date and time: Sunday, September 20, 7:15 a.m.

Route Description: The route is the same as the **30 km race** except for a small change at the start, for reasons of safety.

Age Categories: Participation is open to runners who have completed their 18th year of age. Participants are advised to undergo a recent medical and cardiological examination prior to participation. The organizers do not require medical certificates. Participation takes place under the exclusive responsibility of the participants.

Race Time limit: 6 hours (Any runner who has not passed the intersection of Akti Miaouli and Voyiannou after 12:45 will continue his/her route from the lakeside pedestrian walkway, as instructed by the race judge, and will finish at his/her own risk).

Prizes-Awards: All finishers will receive commemorative medal and diploma of the race, which will be able to download it from the race website after posting the official results.

Drink and aid stations:

12 stations every 2.5 km along the route.

1.3 10 km Road race

Date and Time: Sunday, September 20, 8:30

Maximum number of participants: 1.500

Route Description: Mavili Square → Dionysios the Philosopher → Garibaldi → Coast Miaoulis to Lakeside Park → Lakeside pedestrian street and reversal before the second wooden bridge and back to Coast Miaoulis → Garibaldi → Dionysios the Philosopher and ending in Plateia Mavili.

- **The route is certified by IAAF/AIMS**

Age Categories: Participation is open to runners born in 2014 or earlier (12 years of age and older). For minors, written parental or legal guardian consent is required and must be submitted upon bib number collection. Submission of the registration form constitutes consent by the parent or legal guardian to the minor's participation and acceptance of the terms of participation. Participants are advised to undergo a recent medical and cardiological examination prior to participation. The organizers do not require medical certificates. Participation takes place under the exclusive responsibility of the participants.

Race Time limit: 90 minutes.

Drink and aid stations 3 stations at 2.5 km – at 5 km – at 7.5 km and 1 station at the finish point.

Categories:

A. Men-Women:

1. Up to 39 years old
2. 40 to 49 years old

3. 50 to 59 years old
4. 60 years of age and older

B. Minors:

1. 12 - 14 years old (2014-2012)
2. 15 – 17 years old (2011-2009)

Prizes - Awards: All finishers will receive commemorative medal and diploma of the race, which will be able to download it from the race website after posting the official results. In the overall male/female classification, the 1st male/female winner will receive a cup. Medal and diploma will be awarded to the first three runners. In the age categories, the top three runners will be awarded a medal and a diploma. Award ceremonies will be held exclusively for the overall categories of the three races. **No award ceremonies will take place for the age categories.** Age-category winners will collect their awards from the race secretariat.

Cash prizes: The first three male and female winners of the overall classification will receive cash prizes. The amounts will be 200, 150 and 100 euros respectively.

1.4 Road Race 5km

Date and Time: Saturday, September 19, 18:30.

Route Description: Mavili Square → Karamanli Avenue → Ethnikis Antistaseos Street → Garibaldi Street → Akti Miaouli → turnaround point 500 m after the Du Lac Hotel and return via Akti Miaouli → Garibaldi Street → Dionysiou Filosofou Street → finish at Mavili Square.

Age Categories: Participation is open to runners born in 2014 or earlier (12 years of age and older). For minors, written parental or legal guardian consent is required and must be submitted upon bib number collection. Submission of the registration form constitutes consent by the parent or legal guardian to the minor's participation and acceptance of the terms of participation. Participants are advised to undergo a recent medical and cardiological examination prior to participation. The organizers do not require medical certificates. Participation takes place under the exclusive responsibility of the participants.

- **The route is certified by IAAF/AIMS**

Race time Limit: 60 minutes

Categories:

A. Men ' s - Women's

1. Up to 39 years old
2. 40 to 49 years old
3. 50 to 59-year-olds
4. 60 years of age and older

B. Minors

1. 12 - 14 years old (2014-2012)
2. 15 – 17 years old (2011-2009)

Prizes - Awards All finishers will receive commemorative medal and diploma of the race, which will be able to download it from the race website after posting the official results. In the overall male/female classification, the 1st male/female winner will receive a cup. Medal and diploma will be awarded to the first three runners. In the age categories, the top three runners will be awarded a medal and a diploma. Award ceremonies will be held exclusively for the overall categories of the three races. **No award ceremonies will take place for the age categories.** Age-category winners will collect their awards from the race secretariat.

Cash prizes: The first three male and female winners of the overall classification will receive cash prizes. The amounts will be 200, 150 and 100 euros respectively.

Start and finish point of all races is Mavili Square. The route description and detailed information about drink and aid stations can be found on the official site of the www.ioanninalakerun.gr.

2. Electronic Timing - Results

2.1 Electronic Timing

In the 30 km, 10 km and 5 km races there is electronic timekeeping. All participating must wear the timing chip they receive with their entry number from the Registration Centre. Electronic control and timing mats will be available at the start, finish and at several points along the race to record split times. Any runner who fails to pass the electronic control mat at the start, control zones and finish will automatically be disqualified.

Electronic timekeeping is also available in the 30 km Power Walk, but it is mainly for personal use, as no award are given to the first runners, given that it is not possible to monitor them throughout the race.

The official time is gun time. The net time is when the participant crosses the mats at the start and finish.

2.2 Results

The unofficial results are announced on the official website after the end of the race. Runners can submit an appeal within the ten (10) calendar days from the day of the race. The official results are announced within 15 working days from the day of the race. Ranking results are determined on the official finishing times. The net time and split time are only reported to update the runner.

3. Safety & Medical Support

The event provides organized medical support throughout the race, including mobile units and ambulances of the National Emergency Aid Centre (EKAB), volunteer doctors, and trained members of the Hellenic Red Cross Volunteer Samaritans and Rescuers Corps (Ioannina Branch).

The Ioannina Traffic Police, in cooperation with the Ioannina Police Directorate, contributes to traffic regulation and the safe conduct of the event.

All participants are strongly advised to undergo a recent medical and cardiological examination prior to the race.

Participants take part in the event under their exclusive personal responsibility. For minors, parental or legal guardian consent is required.

Acceptance of the terms of participation and the responsible declaration is completed during the online registration process.

There will be announcements regarding the new health protocols prior to the event.

4. Registrations - Registration Methods - Registration Types

4.1 Registrations

The registration deadline is Sunday, August 30, 2026, at 24:00. In the case of special circumstances, the organizing committee reserves the right to close the registration process earlier, as well as to set a limit on the number of participants.

ATTENTION: The organizers reserve the right to extend the registration period. However, registrations submitted after 24:00 on Sunday, August 30, 2026, will incur an additional fee of 7 euros per race entry, provided that there are available spots. In such cases, discounted participation packages will not apply.

4.2 Registration Methods

You can register:

- a. **Online:** <https://www.ioanninalakerun.gr/pages/participation>

ATTENTION: In order for your registration to be valid, registration fees must be paid within 48 hours after submission.

4.3 Registration Types

Registrations are categorized as follows:

a. Individual Registrations:

These are submitted by individual participants.

b. Group Registrations:

- Group registrations are intended for teams of at least 10 participants who wish to take part in any of the races (30 km, 10 km, or 5 km).
Eligible groups include gyms, companies, schools, private and public organizations, travel agencies, as well as groups of friends who wish to participate as a team.

c. Club Registrations:

- These are intended for sports clubs and are available to teams of at least 10 participants who wish to take part in any of the races (30 km, 10 km, or 5 km).
Eligible clubs include sports associations recognized and registered with the General Secretariat for Sports, as well as running clubs affiliated with EOSLMA-Y.

For group registration, a Team Leader should be appointed. The Leader of each Team will represent the Team against the organizing committee.

- *The personal data declared by the participant upon submission of entry form are true and correct. In case the entry form is submitted by a third party, it is granted that the participant consents to his/her personal data being given to the Organizing Committee of the event by the third party.*

4.4 Receiving numbers

- Race bibs timing chip, as well as the rest of the event's material are personally collected by the registered runners themselves and exclusively from the event's Registration Centre

during the days and hours announced, by showing an identity card or other legal identification document (e.g., passport, driving license).

- Individual participants cannot by any circumstances being replaced or change their race upon receiving the registration numbers at the Registration Center. It is only possible to update the details and correct individual personal information.
- The participation number is personal and may not be conveyed, transferred, or be given to another runner under any circumstances.

5. Reasons for exclusion

- ✓ Participants must follow instructions of the organizers, volunteers and staff of the event, including calls to leave the route and interrupt the race.
- ✓ Participants are obliged to read and respect the instructions provided by the Organizing Committee of the event, either electronically, or in printed format (such as Medical & Technical Instructions, Race Manual) and which have been announced in the official website of the event.
- ✓ Use of bicycle or other wheeled mean is not allowed on the race, whether it is about a runner, or another accompanying person.

Failure to comply with the above constitutes a reason for exclusion.

6. Participation Cost

The entry fee for the registration of each participant per race is shown in the table below:

Race	Registrations until 30/08 (€)	Registrations from 31/08 (if spots are available)
30 km Run/Walk	Regular: 30 Discounted:25	37
10 km Run	Regular: 20 Discounted:15	27
5 km Run	Regular: 15 Discounted:13	22

*The discounted entry package is available to unemployed participants, students up to the age of 30, and school pupils. Unemployed participants and students must present valid proof of their status at the race secretariat when collecting their race package.

GROUP REGISTRATIONS: Gyms, companies, schools, private and public organizations, travel agencies, as well as groups of friends who wish to participate as a team. The team must consist of at least 10 participants, who can take part in any of the races (30 km, 10 km, or 5 km) they choose.

Race	Registrations until 30/08 (€)
30 km Run/Walk	25
10 km Run	15
5 km Run	13

CLUBS – ASSOCIATIONS (EOSLMA-Y – SEGAS – REGISTERED CLUBS WITH GENERAL SECRETARIAT FOR SPORTS): At least 10 participants who will take part in any of the races (30 km, 10 km, or 5 km) they choose.

Race	Registrations until 30/08 (€)
30 km Run/Walk	20
10 km Run	13
5 km Run	12

Special Discounts for Group Registrations and Clubs

We offer special discounts for group registrations and clubs, enhancing participation and the team experience in our race. The discounts are as follows:

- For groups with 50 to 100 registrations, a 10% discount will be applied to the total registration fee.
- For groups with 100 or more registrations, a 15% discount will be applied to the total registration fee.

PARALLEL RACES

Race	Lakeside 1,000m Race for People with Disabilities	Kids Race	Family Run	Baby Lake Run
Participation	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE

The Participation Package includes for the 5, 10 & 30 km races:

1. Running T-shirt for the race
2. Electronic timer chip.
3. Runner Number
4. Collectible Commemorative Finish Medal
5. Commemorative certificate of participation
6. Commemorative bracelet
7. Route energy supply
8. Medical services

9. Photos

- **In case of non-participation, it is possible to send the registration number and the material included in the registration package at the end of the race, at the expense of those who have registered.**

Refunds – CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations of participations and requests for changes to data of valid registered runners, are accepted only upon written request or by e-mail and only until **August 30, 2026**. After this date, no requests for cancellation of entries will be accepted. In case of cancellation, the entry fee will be refunded to the applicant, with a 2 euros deduction (bank transaction fee).

The matches take place on the date set, regardless of weather conditions. Only in case of exceptional circumstances or forces beyond control the Organizing Committee of Ioannina Lake Run has the right to decide to postpone the start or cancel the race. In such a case, after consulting the official state agencies, safety and health authorities, the race entry fee is not refunded to the registered runners, but the entry package will be sent to the participants.

7. Runners' Pick Up - Personal Belongings

7.1 Runners' Pick Up 30 km.

A car of the organization with volunteer Samaritans will follow the last runners, in order to collect those who, drop out. Those who do not need medical assistance can also wait at the aid stations until the event's car returns them to the finish.

7.2 Personal Belongings Management

Competing participants will drop off and collect their personal belongings at the storage area located at the 9th Primary School Soufari Sarai, 31 Glykidon Street, which is 400 meters from the starting point. **Athletes are kindly asked not to place valuable items in their bags. The organizers are not responsible for any loss of belongings.**

8. Privacy policy

1. Participants acknowledge that their personal data (full name, age and gender, contact phone number, e-mail, address) will be used exclusively for purposes related to the organization and execution of the race (registrations, timing, preparation, and publication of results). For these purposes, the data may be shared with strictly necessary partners of the event acting as data processors (e.g., timing companies). The data are stored and will not be further processed or transferred to third parties for other purposes. Participants have the right to access, correct, and delete their data by contacting info@ioanninalakerun.gr or calling +30 2651 607404. Any other processing of personal data is carried out only with the explicit consent of the data subject.

2. Participants consent to the use of their image (photos and videos) captured during the race by the organizers or partners of the event, for purposes of promotion, communication, and publicity of the race, without any financial compensation.
3. Participants accept that the event may be photographed, filmed, or otherwise visually recorded, and that such material may be used, including in combination with their name.
4. Photos and videos of participants may be posted on the official website and communication channels of the race and may remain available as archival material, for purposes of promotion and historical documentation of the event, with the possibility of removal upon request by the participant.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to change the schedule of the games, the terms and conditions of participation without prior notice, by posting on the website of Ioannina Lake Run.

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**The Organizing Committee of
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