

2020 ADNOC ABU DHABI MARATHON ANNOUNCES POSTPONEMENT TO 2021

ADNOC Abu Dhabi Marathon will now take place in 2021

- Organisers have made the decision to postpone in the interest of health and safety following the Covid-19 global pandemic
- Runners who have already registered will automatically be rolled over to the new date

[Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates –2020] ADNOC Abu Dhabi Marathon announces the postponement of the 2020 ADNOC Abu Dhabi Marathon, which was scheduled to take place on Friday, 11 December.

Following lengthy discussions with the organizer, Abu Dhabi Sports Council (ADSC) and race title sponsor ADNOC, the third edition of the ADNOC Abu Dhabi Marathon will now take place in 2021, due to coronavirus-related health and safety concerns for runners, spectators, volunteers, staff and the many partners and communities that support the event.

His Excellency Aref Hamad Al Awani, Secretary General of ADSC, said implementing safety standards and precautionary measures in every event staged in the capital city was their utmost priority.

He also insisted the Sports Council is keen on preserving the gains of the first two ADNOC Abu Dhabi Marathons in 2019 and 2020, as it has become one of the most important international events held in Abu Dhabi, and considering it attracted thousands of participants.

“With such an overwhelming response, both within the UAE and the region, the Sports Council is looking forward to organising this event on the popularity of this event on another date during next year,” he said.

“We are deeply committed to implement the highest safety standards and precautionary measures in all global and community sporting events held in Abu Dhabi.

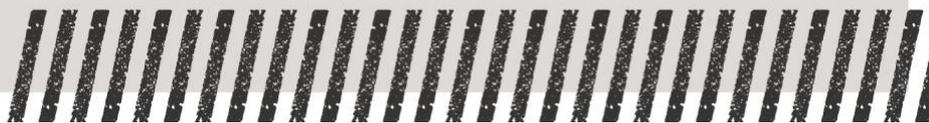
“This is based on the instructions of the competent government agencies emphasising great attention to the safety and health of everyone.

“Under its exceptional efforts in managing the optimal handling of the crisis and with the joint coordination with all concerned parties led us to postpone the third edition of the ADNOC Abu Dhabi Marathon from December 2020 to 2021, in the context of ensuring the safety of everyone.”

“We now look forward to welcoming all participants and unite with the solidarity and support of each other in overcoming these unfavourable times.

Thousands of runners have already signed up to compete in the UAE’s capital sporting event but due to the evolving situation relating to the global pandemic of Covid-19, the public’s health and safety remains the number one priority of the organisers.





The organisers are currently working through a detailed planning process to deliver the marathon on a new scheduled date. All registered runners will receive updates via email and all announcements will be communicated via the official website www.adnocabudhabimarathon.com and social media channels.

Information for athletes registered in the 2020 ADNOC Abu Dhabi Marathon

Please note: No action is required by runners at this stage.

- **2021 participation:** Every runner registered in the 2020 ADNOC Abu Dhabi Marathon will be able to use their place in the rescheduled event in 2021 without any further payment.
- **Refund:** All runners who have a place for the 2020 event and who choose not to take part (or are unable to do so) in the rescheduled event in 2021 will receive a refund of their 2020 entry fee. Please note that a nominal administration fee applies.

For more information visit: www.adnocabudhabimarathon.com

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About Abu Dhabi Sports Council

Abu Dhabi Sports Council (ADSC) was established in 2006 by His Highness Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces.

ADSC is aligned to the emirate's leadership vision to develop sport and youth activities. The Council promotes an effective, emirate-wide sports calendar that stimulates the desire to participate in quality sports among all Abu Dhabi residents and helps the talented and motivated reach their sporting potential.

The Council also hosts and supports the staging of international world-class sporting events. These include: the annual Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship presented by EGA; the Formula 1™ Etihad Airways Abu Dhabi Grand Prix; the ITU World Triathlon Series; both the Abu Dhabi and Gary Player Invitationals; the Fatima Bint Mubarak Ladies Open on the Ladies European Tour, the Red Bull Air Race; the Mubadala World Tennis Championship; the 2017 and 2018 FIFA Club World Cups; the 2019 AFC Asian Cup UAE, the UCI WorldTour event, and the UAE Tour.

We at ADSC firmly believe that sporting events deliver a host of benefits for the emirate and its residents. These span improved health and wellness, the building of community spirit, the discovering





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of local talent and the delivery of international exposure of the emirate as a world-class sporting events hub.

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