



## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### BALEXERT 20KM DE GENÈVE 2025

#### **Article 1 – Organisation**

The 8th edition of the Balexert 20km de Genève will be held on 2 November 2025 (hereinafter the "Event"), by the OC Sport Outdoor Suisse Sàrl, in collaboration with Geneva Marathon Association (hereinafter the "Organisation").

#### **Article 2 – Race participation rules**

Any violation of the participation rules below will result in the participant's disqualification.

- The use of headphones is strongly discouraged. If participants nevertheless decide to wear them, they must ensure that they can hear all announcements and signals and that they can perceive their surroundings, including other participants.
- Bicycles, wheeled and/or motorised vehicles, pushchairs and animals are strictly forbidden on the course, except those belonging to the Organisation.

#### **Article 3 – Races on the programme**

Various distances, all open to women and men, are scheduled for the Event:

- 20km: open to licensed and non-licensed-holders born before 1st January 2009;
- 20km Relay: two people each run a portion of the course (11.6km and 8.4km in 2024, with the exact distances for 2025 to be announced later on our website: [www.balexert20kmgeneve.com/en](http://www.balexert20kmgeneve.com/en)). Open to licensed and non-licensed-holders born before 1st January 2012;

- 10km: open to licensed and non-licensed-holders born before 1st January 2012;
- 10km Relay: two people each run a portion of the course (4.3km and 5.7km in 2024, with the exact distances for 2025 to be announced later on our website: [www.balexert20kmgeneve.com/en](http://www.balexert20kmgeneve.com/en)). Open to licensed and non-licensed-holders born before 1st January 2012;
- 10km Walking/Nordic Walking: open to licensed and non-licensed-holders born before 1st January 2012;
- Mascot Run (400m): open to all mascots.

### **Relay with 2 participants**

For the 20km Relay and the 10km Relay, teams are made up of two participants.

Junior races :

- The 2km Écoliers/Écolières : open to children born between 2012 and 2015;
- The 2km Poussins/Poussines A: open to children born between 2016 and 2017;
- The 1km Poussins/Poussines B: open to children born between 2018 and 2019;
- The Parents/Children A (1km): open to children born between 2020 and 2021 and accompanied by a parent;
- The Parents/Children B (500m): open to children born in 2022 and accompanied by a parent.

## **Article 4 – Registration - Commitment**

### **4.1 Registration**

Anyone entering the race must be well trained and in good health. It is therefore strongly recommended that all participants undergo a medical check-up and seek medical advice before taking part.

Participants can register for the various races on the Event's website ([www.balexert20kmgeneve.com/en](http://www.balexert20kmgeneve.com/en)) until midday on 1st November 2025 (subject to availability). A team can register as follows:

- One of the two members of the team creates the team on the registration platform and enters his personal details and those of his team-mate. They then pay the registration fee for the team.

Participants are registered in order of receipt of payment. However, a maximum number of participants may be set by the Organisation. Once this maximum number is reached, registrations will no longer be considered. A waiting list will be set up, and we will contact those on the list as soon as spots become available.

If the number of participants has to be reduced, the rule applies on the order of priority of participants according to the date of registration.

#### **4.2 Fees**

Our prices change between the opening and closing of registrations through different price phases (Starter, Early Bird, Regular, Last chance).

Each phase is determined by a deadline and by the number of race bibs available. When one of these two criteria is reached (either the deadline or the number of race bibs), we automatically move on to the next pricing phase. The different prices are indicated on each race page.

Students can benefit from a preferential rate with a 15% discount on the registration fee. **Please note** that each participant wishing to benefit from the student discount must be able to present proof of schooling valid until november 2025. Otherwise, the difference in price will have to be paid in order to validate the registration.

Registrations are made online at: [www.balexert20kmgeneve.com/en](http://www.balexert20kmgeneve.com/en)

#### **4.3 Commitment**

All registrations are final, and no refunds (of race bib or any options taken) will be made in the event of an error in registration, unavailability for medical reasons or any other reason. In the event of non-participation, no reimbursement or transfer to another event will be made.

For participants who so wish, "cancellation" insurance is offered at the time of registration up to and including 29 October 2025. See article 12 for more details. This insurance cannot be taken out after registration has been confirmed.

No transfer of registration between participants is allowed under any circumstances. Any person transferring their bib to another will be held responsible for any accidents caused by the latter during the Event. The Organisation declines all responsibility in such cases.

*Exception: To encourage the participation of women in the Event, pregnant women who are unable to take part in the 2025 edition of the Event may defer their registration for the 2026 edition, upon presentation of a pregnancy certificate. This also applies to their spouse/partner.*

## **Article 5 - Bibs collection**

Each participant is allocated a bib by the Organisation before the race.

Bib numbers will be collected from Thursday, October 30 to Saturday, November 1, 2025 at the Balexert Shopping Centre. Race numbers cannot be collected on race day. No race numbers will be sent by post.

Bibs can only be collected on presentation of an identity document and the collection voucher provided by the organisation. This collection voucher will be sent a few days before the event, exclusively by e-mail, to the address provided by the runner when registering.

For Junior Races, the bib number must be collected by an adult. For Relay formats, one person from the team must collect the bib belt with the team bib and the envelope containing the bib of each relay runner. This belt is loaned by the Organisation for the duration of the race and must be returned at the end of the race. A tray will be provided for this purpose at the finish.

If the participant cannot collect his bib personally between Thursday, October 30 and Saturday, November 1, 2025, a third person can do so. This person must have a copy of the runner's identity card and the collection voucher sent by email one week before the Event.

## **Article 6 - Running time**

The time limits for each race are as follows:

- For the 10km, 10km Walking, 10km Nordic Walking and 10km Relay: 2 hours;
- For the 20km and 20km Relay: 3 hours;
- For the Mascot Run: 10 minutes;
- For the 2km Écoliers/Écolières and 2km Poussins/Poussines A: 20 minutes;
- For the 1km Poussins/Poussines B, the Parents/Children A (1km) and the Parents/Children B (500m): 10 minutes.

Runners who are caught by the broom wagon will have their bibs and will no longer be part of the race. The security device will be progressively lifted and the competitors will have to respect the usual road signs and use the pavements to finish the race. Furthermore, after this time, the organisation will no longer provide food supplies and medical assistance.

## **Article 7 – Timing**

The timing is manned by a timekeeper using an electronic timing system.

All participants will be given an electronic chip (attached to the back of the bib and which must not be removed, cut out or modified). It will automatically be activated at the start line and will serve as a control of the regularity of the race at various points of the course. A competitor who does not follow the entire route of the event cannot be classified at the finish.

The bib must be fully visible and worn at the front during the race.

The data of the chips are collected and processed by the timekeeper, who will transmit to the Organisation the results for the classification.

Results will be published on the timekeeper's website, on the federation's website if the race is affiliated, and on the [www.balexert20kmgeneve.com/en](http://www.balexert20kmgeneve.com/en) website. If the participant wishes to oppose or withdraw this publication, he/she must send his/her request to the organizer at the following address: [rgpd-suisse@ocgroup.com](mailto:rgpd-suisse@ocgroup.com).

All complaints can be made until 5 days after the date of the Event to the Organisation, after this period, no modifications will be made. Complaints will only be processed if a gpx track is valid. The timekeeper may not accept the time change request if it does not seem valid.

## **Article 8 – Courses**

### **8.1. Start of participants and routes**

The routes are measured according to the standards in force.

The routes of the various races can be consulted on [www.balexert20kmgeneve.com/en](http://www.balexert20kmgeneve.com/en).

The Organisation reserves the right to modify the timetable and/or the route until the day before the Event. In the event of a change, participants will be informed by email individually and on the communication channels of the Event (social networks, website...).

### **8.2. Format Relais: Specificities**

The Organisation does not need to know which runner will run which section. Beforehand, make arrangements with your running partner to get to the relay. The belt bib (relay indicator) must be worn by the first rider at the start of the race, and then passed on and worn throughout the course so that the performance is recorded in full. The first runner can pass on the belt bib and continue the race alongside his teammate to complete the entire distance if he/she so wishes.

### **8.3. Medical services**

Mobile and fixed medical teams will be located at various points along the race route. The medical service and first-aiders are empowered to disqualify any participant who appears unfit to continue the race. His or her number will be withdrawn, signifying that he or she is out of the race.

### **8.4. Supply**

One or several refreshment points will be provided depending on the race format. The position of fixed refreshment points will be communicated to participants prior to the Event on the course maps and in the runners' guide (Event guide containing essential information).

## **Article 9 – Withdrawal**

Participants wishing to abandon the race must present himself to a member of the Organisation or a volunteer in order to give him his bib and chip. If the participant does not come across a member of the Organisation or a volunteer, he/she should notify the Organisation by email.

## **Article 10 – Ranking and categories**

The official race time will be the time between crossing the start line and crossing the finish line. Participants will be ranked according to their official time, except for the first 10 finishers, who will be ranked according to their order of finish.

These times will be used to establish the rankings for all categories ("scratch" rankings). A classification by age category will also be drawn up. Please note that checks will be carried out during the event to ensure that the race runs smoothly.

## **20km**

A prize will be awarded to the first three men and women in the overall ranking and will be rewarded on the podium on Sunday 2 November 2025. The time of the podium will be communicated in the run-up to the Event on the [www.balexert20kmgeneve.com/en](http://www.balexert20kmgeneve.com/en) website.

The first three men and women in each age category will be awarded a digital prize, which will be sent exclusively by e-mail to the e-mail address given at the time of registration. This email will be sent to them approximately one week after the Event, after the end of the complaints period. There is no podium for the age categories.

A ranking will be given for the following categories :

- Men/Women H/F17 : from 17 to 29 years old
- Men/Women H/F30 : from 30 to 39 years old
- Men/Women H/F40 : from 40 to 49 years old
- Men/Women H/F50 : from 50 to 59 years old
- Men/Women H/F60 : from 60 to 69 years old
- Men/Women H/F70 : 70 years old and +

### **10km**

A prize will be awarded to the first three men and women in the overall ranking and will be rewarded on the podium on Sunday 2 November 2025. The time of the podium will be communicated in the run-up to the Event on the [www.balexert20kmgeneve.com/en](http://www.balexert20kmgeneve.com/en) website.

The first three men and women in each age category will be awarded a digital prize, which will be sent exclusively by e-mail to the e-mail address given at the time of registration. This email will be sent to them approximately one week after the Event, after the end of the complaints period. There is no podium for the age categories.

A ranking will be given for the following categories :

- Men/Women H/F15 : from 15 to 29 years old
- Men/Women H/F30 : from 30 to 39 years old
- Men/Women H/F40 : from 40 to 49 years old
- Men/Women H/F50 : from 50 to 59 years
- Men/Women H/F60 : from 60 to 69 years old
- Men/Women H/F70 : 70 years old and +

### **20km Relay / 10km Relay**

The first three teams in each category (men's teams, women's teams, and mixed teams) will be awarded on the podium on Sunday, November 2, 2025. The time of the podium will be communicated in the run-up to the Event on the [www.balexert20kmgeneve.com/en](http://www.balexert20kmgeneve.com/en) website.

### **10km Walking et Nordic Walking**

No prizes will be awarded for these two events as there is no ranking.

### **The Mascot Run**

The first three mascots in the overall ranking will be rewarded on the podium on Sunday 2 November 2025. The time of the podium will be communicated in the run-up to the Event on the [www.balexert20kmgeneve.com/en](http://www.balexert20kmgeneve.com/en) website.

### **Junior races**

A prize will be awarded to the first three men and women in the overall ranking and will be rewarded on the podium on Sunday 2 November 2025. The time of the podium will be communicated in the run-up to the Event on the [www.balexert20kmgeneve.com/en](http://www.balexert20kmgeneve.com/en) website.

The 500m Parents/Children's race and the 1km Parents/Children's race will not be timed, so there will be no classification at all.

**All prizes not awarded on the day of the event will be kept by the organisation, no prizes will be sent by post.**

### **Article 11 – Cancellation of the Event in the case of force majeure**

The Organization reserves the right to change the race schedule up until the day of the Event.

The Organisation may not be held liable to participants for any cancellation or partial or definitive interruption of the Event in the case of force majeure. Participants' registration fees cannot be reimbursed, and participants hereby waive any claim or request for reimbursement in the event of cancellation or partial or definitive interruption of the Event.

Cases of force majeure include any external, extraordinary, unforeseeable and insurmountable events, such as earthquakes, wars, states of emergency, fires, floods, storms, deteriorating weather conditions, epidemics and pandemics declared as such by the WHO, blocking of means of transport for any reason whatsoever, total or partial strikes external to the Organisation, total or partial regional, national or international blocking of telecommunications or computer networks, decisions, measures and acts emanating from any governmental or administrative authorities.

### **Article 12 – Civil liability and Insurance**

Individual accident: the Organisation strongly recommends that all participants who do not have personal insurance covering their physical injuries, in particular those who are not licensed in a sports federation, take out individual accident insurance as part of their participation in the Event.

The Organisation declines all responsibility in case of an accident. The Organisation can in no way be held responsible for accidents or failure to perform due to poor health or inadequate preparation.

Material damage: the Organisation declines all responsibility in the case of damage (theft, breakage, loss, etc.) to participants' personal property, including vehicles, even if they are in



his custody. Participants will not be able to claim against the Organisation for any damage caused to their equipment. It is the responsibility of each participant to take out insurance to cover these risks.

#### ASSUR CONNECT cancellation insurance

- The participant has the possibility to take out cancellation insurance at the time of registration offered by ASSUR CONNECT until October 29, 2025, 11:59 p.m. The insurance must be taken out at the time of registration and payment and cannot be taken out afterwards. This option allows the participant, under certain conditions established by the insurer, to be reimbursed for 80% of the registration fees paid.
- To make a claim, the participant must click on the link in the confirmation email received from BEticketing or on his/her personal participant area. Requests can be made up to 72 hours after the Event. No late declarations or declarations made outside the dedicated interface will be accepted.
- For any complaint or question concerning the BEticketing cancellation insurance, the participant must contact BEticketing directly via the link provided in the confirmation email of the insurance or at [beticketing@assur-connect.com](mailto:beticketing@assur-connect.com).
- Cancellation via the BEticketing insurance immediately results in the complete cancellation of your registration. The participant will therefore no longer be able to enjoy any of the services offered by the Event Organisation. The subscription to the BEticketing insurance creates an insurance contract between the participant and the BEticketing insurance, but does not commit the Organisation.

#### Find out more about cancellation conditions

- <https://claimticketing.assur-connect.com/conditions>
- <https://assur-connect.com/beticketing-faq/>

#### **Article 13 - General behaviour**

- Demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times;
- Be responsible for your own safety and the safety of others;
- Do not use abusive language.

## **Article 14 - Doping**

The Swiss Olympic regulations on doping apply to the Event. Tests may be carried out. Participants can consult the information concerning doping on the website: [www.antidoping.ch](http://www.antidoping.ch)

## **Article 15 - Penalties**

In the event of transgression of any of the rules of the present regulations, the following sanctions may be applied to participants by the Organisation depending on the seriousness of the transgression:

- Warning;
- Time penalty;
- Disqualification.

Sanctions will be applied at the Organisation's discretion.

## **Article 16 - Respect for the environment**

Participants are required to have an attitude of preservation of the environment, natural areas, and biodiversity before, during and after the race and to use the areas provided for waste separation. Any dumping of cans, rubbish, various types of packaging or any other type of waste outside the designated clean-up areas is prohibited and will be penalised.

The Organisation will set up designated 'clean zones' near the feed stations. The waste sorting system must be respected by all competitors.

## **Article 17 - Image rights**

The participant is informed and accepts that during the race, his or her image may be captured by the Organisation or its service provider.

Participants expressly authorize the Organisation, as well as its beneficiaries, such as partners, service providers, sponsors and the media, to use animated images (videos) or still images (photographs) in which participants appear.

These moving or still images are taken during their participation in the Event.

These moving or still images may be used on all existing or future media, including all promotional and/or advertising and/or institutional media, worldwide and for an unlimited

period.

The participant acknowledges and accepts that the Organisation may record these still and moving images (photographs and videos) and accepts their use as described above.

### **Article 18 - Aerial photography**

All participants in the Event certify that they have been informed that remote-controlled aircraft (drones) may be used on the day of the Event for the purpose of capturing moving images. The aforementioned aircraft may fly at a distance of less than 30 meters from the participants during their participation in the Event.

All participants in the Event also certify that they have been informed that the areas previously defined by the Organisation's video service provider piloting the remotely piloted aircraft, identified by multicoloured dots and access to which is formally forbidden to the public and to participants, will be set up by the said video service provider to enable a landing in the event of an in-flight incident.

### **Article 19 - Data protection**

Personal data concerning Swiss citizens is governed by the new federal law on data protection (nLPD) which came into force on September 1, 2023. The persons concerned have rights over their personal data and these can be exercised at the following email address: [rgpd-suisse@ocgroup.com](mailto:rgpd-suisse@ocgroup.com).

Personal data concerning European citizens is governed by the General Data Protection Regulation (RGPD) dated April 27, 2016, and entered into force on May 25, 2018. OC SPORT OUTDOOR SUISSE Sàrl process personal data for the following purposes:

- Registration and management of participants in the Event (execution of the present conditions). This includes in particular :
  - o Management, verification and validation of registrations;
  - o Verification of parental authorisations, where applicable ;
  - o Payment of registration fees;
  - o Sending practical information by e-mail to ensure the smooth running of the event.
- Printing and delivery of race numbers (fulfilment of these conditions);
- Printing and delivery of personalised medals (fulfilment of these conditions);

- Timing and publication of results (execution of these conditions and opt-out\* consent);
- Emailing (newsletter) about the present Event and similar events offered by the organizer (opt-out\* consent);
- Transmission of results to the Swiss Athletics Federation (fulfilment of these conditions);
- Transmission of your surname, first name and email address to the Event's partners for commercial mailing purposes (opt-in\* consent);

Within the framework of the execution of the present conditions, the data collected will be communicated to the following recipients:

- OC Sport Outdoor Suisse Sàrl;
- CIMALP (timekeeper);
- Arenametrix (CRM provider);
- Njuko (registration management service provider);
- Photo/video service providers;
- Swiss Athletics Federation;
- Event partners ([www.balexert20kmgeneve.com/en/partners](http://www.balexert20kmgeneve.com/en/partners)).

Personal data is kept for the duration of the Event, plus any additional retention periods required by law.

Individuals may access their data, rectify them, request their deletion or exercise the right to limit the processing of their data. To exercise these rights or for any questions about the processing of your data in this device, individuals can contact [rgpd-suisse@ocgroup.com](mailto:rgpd-suisse@ocgroup.com).

For more information on their rights or if they wish to make a complaint because they feel that their rights have not been respected after contacting us, they can contact the competent supervisory authority in their country.

\*NB: an opt-out consent consists of considering the participant's consent by default when the participant has not objected to it. The participant may object at any time.

\*NB: Opt-in consent consists of obtaining the participant's consent.

## **Article 20 - Applicable law - Jurisdiction**

The present rules are governed by Swiss law. In the event of a dispute, it will be submitted to the competent jurisdiction under the conditions of ordinary law.

## **Article 21 - Acceptance of the Regulation**

Participation in Balexert 20km de Genève implies the express acceptance by each participant of these rules.