

95<sup>th</sup> Comrades Marathon  
Campaign and Race  
Media Launch – Race Plans

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191 Days to Race Day



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SUNDAY, 28 AUGUST 2022



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## 2022 Comrades Marathon Plans and Announcements

- **Race Day - Sunday 28th August 2022** (future races will also be held in the month of August, going forward).
- It's a Down Run (47<sup>th</sup>)
- Start - 05h30 Pietermaritzburg City Hall
- Finish - 17h30 Durban – Moses Mabhida Stadium (2<sup>nd</sup> time)
- 12-hour cut-off (6 on-route cut-offs)
- Same route as 2018 (distance – 90,2km)



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- Entries capped at 15,000 (due to National Legislation)
- Entries open @ 10am on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022
- Entries close Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 (or once the entry cap of 15,000 is achieved – whichever is reached first)
- This will be the 1<sup>st</sup> entry window period and is only for those athletes who successfully entered in 2020 (regardless of entry type)
- This ruling honours the commitment made by the CMA to entrants when the race was cancelled in 2020



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- The **2<sup>nd</sup> entry window period** is from 20 April to 16 May 2022, and all other athletes will be allowed to enter.
- **This 2<sup>nd</sup> entry window period will not apply should the entry cap have been reached during the **first** entry window period**
- **All entrants need to be fully vaccinated** in order to participate and must upload their vaccination certificate by 12<sup>th</sup> July
- No vaccination certificate = no race!
- Race will have batch wave starts and be timed **“mat-to-mat”**



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➤ Entry fee structure is as follows

Entry Type	Entry fee
South Africa 2020 Entrants (Discounted)	R 1 000
South Africa 2022 Entrants	R 1 200
Rest of Africa 2020 Entrants	R 0
Rest of Africa 2022 Entrants	R 2 000
International 2020 Entrants	R 0
International 2022 Entrants	R 4 500



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- The entry fee for South African athletes will be discounted from R1200 to R1000 in the first entry window period, as per the CMA commitment when the 2020 race was cancelled. Rest of Africa and International entrants in the 2020 Comrades Marathon had their entries deferred to either the 2022 or 2023 race; and will therefore not pay an entry fee.
- The contracted online entry service providers transaction fee will be paid directly by the entrant (over and above the applicable entry fee) – as per other major races who apply the same model.



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- Entry fee is waived for holders of 25 or more Comrades medals.
- Only online entries permissible (ASA Directive)
- Enter at [www.comrades.com](http://www.comrades.com) and/or via the Comrades App
- Entries by post or hand delivery NOT acceptable
- Qualifying period – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 – 12 July 2022
- Minimum qualifier remains a 42.2 km marathon in sub 4h50m



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- Substitution process during the whole month of June
- Window period to withdraw – 1<sup>st</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June
- Window period to secure (the sub) entry 17<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June
- Substitution open to all (Local & Foreign) An Admin Fee of 15% of the entry fee will be deducted by the CMA from the withdrawing athlete. The CMA will then refund the withdrawing athlete 85% of their entry fee. **There will be no money or voucher exchange between athletes.**

The (normal) Substitution Admin Fee of R200 will **NOT** apply this year and the sub athlete will pay the 2022 entry fee price.



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# 2022 Comrades Marathon Plans and Announcements - **Prize Money**

## PRIZE MONEY

POSITION	MEN	WOMEN
Position 1	R 260 000,00	R 260 000,00
Position 2	R 130 000,00	R 130 000,00
Position 3	R 90 000,00	R 90 000,00
Position 4	R 45 000,00	R 45 000,00
Position 5	R 35 000,00	R 35 000,00
Position 6	R 20 000,00	R 20 000,00
Position 7	R 18 000,00	R 18 000,00
Position 8	R 15 000,00	R 15 000,00
Position 9	R 13 000,00	R 13 000,00
Position 10	R 12 000,00	R 12 000,00



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- 1<sup>st</sup> KZN Athlete (M & W) – R 50,000 each
- 1<sup>st</sup> South African Citizen (M & W) R 100,000 each
- Cat. Prizes – Veteran, Master & Grand Master (M & W) – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Team Prizes (M & W) – 20 – 39 (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>), Over 40 years (1<sup>st</sup>)
- Team Prize (Professional Clubs) – Open (M & W) – 1<sup>st</sup> – R 32,000
- Total prize money purse = R 2,272,000-00



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### ➤ **BEST “DOWN RUN” TIME**

Should the winners (M & W) of the 2022 Comrades Marathon break the best time previously recorded for the “Down Run” they will each receive a cash payment of

➤ **R 260,000.00**

➤ 5:18:19 by David Gatebe in 2016

➤ 5:54:43 by Frith van der Merwe in 1989



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## 2022 Comrades Marathon Plans and Announcements

- Special (once off) 95<sup>th</sup> larger than normal commemorative medal
- New Trophy to be introduced to the 20 – 39 years women's 2<sup>nd</sup> place team prize
- New App – goes “Live” at the end of the month
- Seeding upgrades & qualifier details until 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022
- License No. & Club detail updates/changes until 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022



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