



## POST OF SERBIA RELAY HALF MARATHON

**PARTICIPANT PACK COLLECTION** - "Running EXPO Belgrade Marathon - It's running time" - Hall 5 of the Belgrade Fair

Thursday (April 20, 2023) 12:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Friday (April 21, 2023) 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Saturday ( April 22, 2023) 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

This year, the collection of participant packs will take place at the running expo organized by the Belgrade Marathon in preparation for the 36th Belgrade Marathon, at the Post Serbia Relay Half Marathon booth.

The content of the expo is commercial, educational, and entertaining. On Saturday, April 22 (2 p.m. - 8 p.m.), the traditional "Pasta Party" will also be held, and for all details about the EXPO program, please follow the Belgrade Marathon website and social media.

Any team member may collect the participant pack with an identification document (passport/ID card). The pack must be collected in its entirety, and individual collection is not possible.

Participant packs cannot be collected on the day of the race.

**CONTENT OF PARTICIPANT PACK** - Each team receives one relay (paper as a starting number), which will be found in one of the four participant packs for each team. The relay has the team's participant number, and a chip is located on the back (do not remove it). The relay is attached to an elastic band, which is also included in the pack, and at the exchange point, it is passed to the next competitor in your team.

In addition to one relay, the participant pack also contains four participant numbers for each team member. These numbers have a position mark (1, 2, 3, and 4) next to the relay number. The competitor with the number 1 starts the race, the competitor with the number 2 runs the second section, the competitor with the number 3 runs the third section, and the one with the number 4 runs the last section to the finish line.

Each competitor should wear their participant number on their chest and carry the relay around their waist. We urge all competitors not to cover their participant number with the relay because it contains a QR code that is necessary for the Pica service, through which competitors can download their race photos.

There are chip readers along the course. All competitors must pass the checkpoints on the course. If a competitor is not recorded at any of these checkpoints for any reason, they lose their placement and result.

Participant packages will be packed into starter bags, which will also contain stickers with your team's start number (one for each participant). For those who plan to hand over their clothes to us for safekeeping, it is important to note that we will only accept clothes packed in these bags with the team's start number sticker (placed on the designated spot on the front). Clothes packed in a different way will not be accepted!

The participant package will also include T-shirts in the desired size, as well as promotional materials from our sponsors.

**PARTICIPATION OF MINOR COMPETITORS** - The Post of Serbia Relay Half Marathon is open to minors aged 14 to 18, but with prior consent signed by their parent/guardian. The consent form will be sent via email to teams that have a minor participant, and it must be signed and submitted during the pickup of the participant package. Otherwise, pickup will not be possible.

## RELAY RACE

Date: **Sunday, April 23, 2023**

Start of the race: **9 a.m.** at the intersection of Bulevar Kralja Aleksandra and Resavska Street. Relays will start in the **second wave, from zone B.**

The race will be run through **the streets of the half-marathon route:** Bulevar Kralja Aleksandra - Beogradska - Slavija - Nemanjina - Balkanska - Gavrića Principa - Brankova - Bulevar Nikole Tesle - Džona Kenedija - Bulevar Mihajla Pupina - Bulevar umetnosti - Bulevar Milutina Milankovića - Antifašističke borbe - Most na Adi - Antifašističke borbe - Bulevar Milutina Milankovića - Milentija Popovića - Bulevar Mihajla Pupina - Brankova - Kraljice Natalije - Kneza Miloša - Kralja Milana - Terazije - The finish line is in front of the Hotel "Moskva".

The map of the half-marathon route can be found on the Belgrade Marathon website, with black pins marking the locations of the relay exchange points.

### Exchange points:

1<sup>st</sup> EXCHANGE POINT - 5 km - Bulevar Nikole Tesle, near the Palace of Serbia

2<sup>nd</sup> EXCHANGE POINT - 10 km - Bulevar umetnosti, near the Faculty of Dramatic Arts

3<sup>rd</sup> EXCHANGE POINT - 16.1 km - Bulevar Milutina Milankovića, near the MediGroup General Hospital

Each exchange point will be clearly marked and will have a coordinator tent with refreshments, two dressing tents (for men and women), as well as toilets. Coordinators of the Post of Serbia Relay Half Marathon are available for all information, please listen to them and follow their instructions.

Runners starting their leg from the first, second, or third exchange point can go directly to those points. We urge runners who can do so to come **directly** to the exchange points. For those who cannot, bus transportation will be provided.

**Buses** will depart from Nikola Pašić Square, where the main Post of Serbia Relay Half Marathon tent is located. They will be located on Dečanska Street, next to the Borba building, and will depart for the exchange points **no later than 8:15**. Buses are clearly marked according to the exchange points they are driving to, so please pay attention!

Runners will have access to dressing tents at Nikola Pašić Square, and they will hand over their packed **clothes** in starting bags to our coordinators in yellow Post of Serbia vans, both at Nikola Pašić Square (only those in the first position) and at the exchange points (runners in second, third, and fourth positions). The same van will be waiting for them at the end of their leg, where they can refresh themselves and change, and then they will be transported **by bus** to the finish zone (as close as possible to the finish line, e.g. to the Faculty of Economics) and join the rest of their team. A larger number of departures is provided, and the last departure for each leg is defined and indicated in the following text.

**The last competitor in the relay passes through the finish line and receives their medal** and refreshments. After that, they must come to **Nikola Pašić Square** and return the relay to the coordinators at the main Post of Serbia Relay Half Marathon tent and **collect medals** for the remaining three members of their team. So, they will receive their medal at the finish line, and the **remaining three** at Nikola Pašić Square.

Next to the main tent of the Post of Serbia Relay Half Marathon, there is a stage where the **trophy ceremony** will be organized. A total of 18 teams will receive trophies - the first three among male, female, and mixed teams, within the corporate and open categories.

We would like to note that mainly recreational runners participate in the relay half marathon, and all teams have a chance to stand on the podium. Our coordinators will inform in a timely manner the teams that have achieved good results when they receive their medals, and ask them to patiently wait for the trophy ceremony. **The approximate time for announcing the winners of the Serbian Post Relay Half Marathon is 11:30.**

### **ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR RUNNERS IN THE FIRST POSITION**

The meeting point is the main tent of the Post of Serbia Relay Half Marathon on **Nikole Pašića Square** at 7:00 a.m. For any questions, you can contact our coordinators in the tent.

You can use the changing tents at Nikole Pašića Square and hand over **your clothes in the participant bags** on which you have previously put the **sticker** with your team's start number to our coordinators in the yellow Post of Serbia van. The same van will be waiting for you with your clothes at the first exchange point at the end of your section.

Your **van will have the label 'Runner No. 1'**.

The Post van will be located near the tent at **8:00 a.m.**, and it must leave Nikole Pašića Square **no later than 8:25 a.m.** So please change before 8:00 a.m., so that there is enough time to collect and sort the clothes in the van.

After handing over your clothes, walk to the Start Zone, where you must be no later than **8:45 a.m.** The race starts at **9:00 a.m.**, and you will start **in the second wave from Zone B.**

You are supposed to run the following route: Bulevar Kralja Aleksandra - Beogradska - Slavija - Nemanjina - Balkanska - Gavrila Principa - Brankova - Bulevar Nikole Tesle (Palace of Serbia).

**At the first exchange point** (5 km), hand over the baton to the second runner in your team, and your race will end there.

At the exchange point, you will receive refreshments, and changing tents and toilets are available. You can pick up your clothes from the Post van with the 'Runner No. 1' label. For any questions, please contact our coordinators at the exchange point.

If you want to return to the finish line and meet the rest of your team, you will patiently wait for **the bus** to take you as close as possible to the Finish Zone (e.g., to the Faculty of Economics). In cooperation with GSP, there will be a larger number of departures, and the last departure is at **10:30 a.m.**

You will receive the Post of Serbia Relay Half Marathon **medal** when the last runner from your team passes through the finish line and returns the baton to the coordinators in the main tent on Nikole Pašića Square.

The event ends precisely at Nikole Pašića Square with the announcement of the winners in all categories and the awarding of **trophies**.

### **ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR RUNNERS FROM THE SECOND POSITION**

We appeal to runners to come directly to the exchange point, i.e. the beginning of their leg, if possible.

If you are not able to do so, you can use the **bus transport** that we have provided in cooperation with GSP. The buses will be stationed at Nikola Pasic Square in Decanska Street at 7:15 am and will leave for the exchange points **no later than 8:15 am**, before the closing of the track. Runners from the second position board buses **labeled 'Relay Exchange 1'**.

The leg of the runner from the second position starts at the first exchange point, i.e. at the 5th km of the half marathon route on Bulevar Nikola Tesla, near the Palace of Serbia (see the map on the Belgrade Marathon website).

At the first exchange point, you will have access to dressing tents and toilets, and relay race coordinators will be available to answer any questions.

You can hand over your clothing to the coordinators at the exchange point in **the yellow Post van labeled 'Runner no. 2'**. We only accept clothing packed in starting bags labeled with the relay participant number (sticker). We will not accept clothing packed differently.

The clothing van will be stationed at the 5th km at 8:00 am and will leave for the next exchange point **no later than 8:45 am**. Expect possible crowds in the dressing tent and when handing over your clothing in front of the van, so please appear at the exchange point as early as possible and finish everything before the arrival of those runners who will use the bus transport from Nikola Pasic Square.

You will run the following **route**: Bulevar Nikole Tesle – Džona Kenedija - Bulevar Mihajla Pupina - Bulevar Umetnosti (FDU).

At the second exchange point (10 km), you hand over the relay baton to the third-position runner in your team, and your race ends there.

You will receive refreshments at the exchange point, and dressing tents and toilets will be available to you. You will retrieve your clothing from the Post van labeled 'Runner no. 2'. For any questions, please contact our coordinators at the exchange point.

If you want to return to the finish line and meet up with the rest of your team, you will patiently wait for **the bus** that will take you as close as possible to the Finish Zone (e.g., to the Faculty of Economics). There are a larger number of departures, and the last departure is at **11:15 am**.

You will receive the Post of Serbia Relay Half Marathon **medal** when the last runner from your team passes through the finish line and returns the baton to the coordinators at the main tent at Nikola Pasic Square.

We will end the event with the announcement of winners in all categories and the presentation of **trophies** at Nikola Pasic Square.

### **ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR RUNNERS IN THE THIRD POSITION**

We appeal to runners to come directly to the exchange point, i.e. the beginning of their leg, if possible.

If you are unable to do so, you can use the **bus service** we have provided in cooperation with GSP. Buses will be located at Nikola Pašić Square on Dečanska Street at 7:15 a.m. and will depart for the exchange points **no later than 8:15 a.m.** before the course is closed. Runners in the third position will board buses **marked 'Relay Exchange 2'**.

The leg of the runner in the third position starts at the second exchange point, i.e. at the 10th km of the half-marathon route on Bulevar umetnosti, near the Faculty of Dramatic Arts (see the map on the Belgrade Marathon website).

At the second exchange point, you will have access to changing tents and toilets, and coordinators of the relay race will be available to answer any questions you may have.

You can hand over your clothing to the coordinators in the **yellow Post van marked 'Runner No. 3'** at the exchange point. We only accept clothing packed in starting bags with the sticker of your relay participant number. Clothing packed differently will not be accepted.

The clothing van will be located at the 10th km at 8:00 a.m. and will depart for the next exchange point **no later than 9:05 a.m.** Expect possible crowds in the changing tent and when handing over your clothing in front of the van, so please arrive at the exchange point as early as possible and finish everything before the arrival of those runners who will use the bus service from Nikola Pašić Square.

You will run the following **route**: Bulevar umetnosti - Bulevar Milutina Milankovića - Antifašističke borbe - Most na Adi - Antifašističke borbe - Bulevar Milutina Milankovića.

**At the third exchange point** (16.1 km), you will hand over the relay baton to the runner in the fourth position on your team, and your race will end there.

You will receive refreshments and have access to changing tents and toilets at the exchange point, and you will pick up your clothing from the Post van marked 'Runner No. 3'. For any questions, please contact our coordinators at the exchange point.

If you want to return to the finish line and meet up with the rest of your team, you will patiently wait for **the bus** that will take you as close as possible to the Finish Zone (e.g. to the Faculty of Economics). There are several departures available, and the last departure is at **12:00 p.m.**

You will receive the Post of Serbia Relay Half Marathon **medal** when the last participant from your team passes through the finish line and returns the baton to the coordinators at the main tent on Nikola Pašić Square.

The event will end with the announcement of winners in all categories and the presentation of **trophies** at Nikola Pašić Square.

#### ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR RUNNERS FROM THE FOURTH POSITION

We urge runners, if possible, to come directly to the exchange point, i.e. at the beginning of their leg.

If this is not possible, you can use the **bus service** that we have provided in cooperation with GSP. Buses will be stationed at Nikola Pašić Square on Dečanska Street at 7:15am and will depart for the exchange points no later than **8:15am**, before the route is closed. Runners from position four board the buses **marked 'Relay exchange 3'**.

The leg for runners from the fourth position starts at the third exchange point, i.e. at the 16.1 km mark of the half marathon route on Milutin Milanković Bulevar, near the MediGroup General Hospital (see map on the Belgrade Marathon website).

At the third exchange point, changing rooms and toilets are available, and relay coordinators are there to answer any questions.

You can hand over your clothing to the coordinators in the **yellow Post van marked 'Runner no. 4'** at the exchange point. We only accept clothing packed in the starting bags, with the sticker with the relay participant number. Clothing packed differently will not be accepted.

The clothing van will be stationed at the 16.1 km mark at 8:00 am and will depart for the next exchange point **no later than 9:25 am**. Expect possible crowds in the changing rooms and when handing over your clothing in front of the van, so please arrive at the exchange point as early as possible and complete everything before the arrival of those runners who will use the bus service from Nikola Pašić Square.

You are supposed to run the following **route**: Bulevar Milutina Milankovića - Milentija Popovića – Bulevar Mihajla Pupina- Brankova - Kraljice Natalije - Kneza Miloša - Kralja Milana - Terazije - The finish line is in front of the "Moskva" hotel.

After crossing the **finish** line, like all other participants, take **one relay medal** and refreshments from the volunteers and walk to the Post Serbia Relay Half Marathon tent at Nikola Pašić Square, where you hand over the relay to the coordinators and receive medals for the remaining three members of your team.

At Nikola Pašić Square, on the street next to the fountain, the van marked **'Runner no. 4'** will be waiting for you, where you previously left your clothing. Changing rooms are available on-site.

We will conclude the event with the announcement of the winners in all categories and the presentation of **trophies** at Nikola Pašić Square.

If you have won one of the first three places in your category and subcategory, you will receive this information from the coordinator when handing over your medal, so please be patient and wait for the awards ceremony (estimated time is 11:30am).