

UWI SPEC INTERNATIONAL HALF-MARATHON & 5K 2023 RULES & REGULATIONS

1. The 17th edition of **The UWI SPEC International Half-Marathon** will take place on **Sunday 19th November, 2023**. The half-marathon will begin promptly at **5:00 a.m.** outside The University of the West Indies Sport & Physical Education Centre [UWI SPEC]. This year will feature a 5K race which will start at **5:15 a.m.** and also begin outside The UWI SPEC.
2. Registration for all participants will be online at <https://evolutiontiming.net/event-registration/?eid=201>. There are two categories of registration: Trinidad & Tobago Residents and Trinidad & Tobago Non-Residents. All athletes shall complete the medical waiver online. The registration deadline is Monday 13 November, 2023.

3. Registration rates are as follows:

Half-Marathon [All Eligible Ages]:

Trinidad & Tobago Residents: TTD \$185

Trinidad & Tobago Non- Residents: USD \$50

5K [All Eligible Ages]:

Trinidad & Tobago Residents: TTD \$160

Trinidad & Tobago Non- Residents: USD \$30

Participants will need a credit or international debit card to complete registration. If one does not have access to a credit or debit card, a voucher code can be purchased at The Sport & Physical Education Centre [SPEC], UWI. Voucher codes will also be available throughout the country at a select number of PayWise Agents. Please note that most of those agents charge a TTD \$5.00 transaction fee which is borne by the purchaser. In addition, please note that purchasing a code does not mean you are registered. After purchasing a voucher code, you now have to use the code to complete the registration online.

4. Registration will automatically close when we have received 2000 applicants for the event, even if this occurs before the stipulated deadline.
5. There will be no registration after the closing date, and there will be absolutely no package collection on race day.
6. Each race category will be open to both male and female competitors.
Prizes will be awarded for both male and female competitors in the respective categories, except team/club category which will receive one [1] award for the team. Prizes consist of cash, trophies and hampers.
7. The only exception to rule number six is in the team/club category, where it can comprise of both male and female athletes combined. A team/club shall have a minimum of fifteen [15] runners - **who must all be registered with that team/club for a minimum of 2 weeks before the race date**. The UWI can only enter this category as a campus i.e., St. Augustine, Mona, Cave Hill, Global or Five Islands Campus. Prizes will be awarded to teams/clubs and not by gender. The ten [10] fastest

athletes completing the race from any one team or club will determine the winner. If after selecting the ten fastest athletes there is a tie between two teams/clubs, the next fastest athlete[s] would determine the tie break. Team and club members can also compete under the individual categories. Please note you can double-check your Team/Club affiliation on the registration website <https://evolutiontiming.net/event-participants/?eid=201>. In keeping with Rule #7 above, no runner will be allowed to change their club affiliation for the race after **5 November, 2023**.

8. At the point of registration runners shall declare whether they are UWI students, UWI staff, UWI Alumni Association [T&T Chapter] financial members, physically challenged, wheelchair athletes or Special Olympics athletes. A UWI staff member who is also a student will only be eligible for the UWI Staff category. Only financial members of The UWI Alumni Association [T&T Chapter] are eligible to be awarded a prize in the UWI Alumni Association category – these persons must show proof of current membership to collect their prizes. The Association will also verify the status of these winners. Persons competing in the UWI categories will not be eligible for age group prizes. All other runners will be placed into age group categories and will automatically be placed into the Open/International category as one does not have to declare this category. Failure to provide accurate and complete information will render you ineligible for the relevant category prizes, and your entry will become null and void.
9. Students and staff of the University of the West Indies will be considered those currently registered as students, and staff currently employed at any of The UWI campuses in the region for the period that includes the race date. Student and staff identification cards must be produced upon request.
10. The prize categories for this year’s half-marathon are:

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| • Open/International | • 50 – 59 years |
| • UWI Student | • 60 – 69 years |
| • UWI Staff | • 70 – 79 years |
| • UWI Alumni Association [T&T Chapter] | • Over 80 years |
| • NAAATT National Championship | • Physically Challenged |
| • 15 – 19 years | • Special Olympics Athlete |
| • 20 – 29 years | • Wheelchair Athlete |
| • 30 – 39 years | • Team/Club |
| • 40 – 49 years | |

The prize categories for the 5K are:

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| • 1 st Place |
| • 2 nd Place |
| • 3 rd Place |
| • Oldest Finisher |
| • Youngest Finisher |
| • Last Finisher |
| • Secondary School with Most Finishers |

11. The age group categories exclude the top five [5] finishers in the Open/International category [male and female] and the top three [3] finishers in the UWI Student, UWI Staff, and UWI Alumni Association categories.
12. The NAAATT National Championship category, as well as the UWI St. Augustine Alumni Association category, are deemed special prizes.
13. This race is the official national Half-Marathon Championship of the NAAATT. Only those persons verified as members of the NAAATT are eligible for prizes. This category is exclusive to NAAATT athletes ONLY.
14. An athlete's age is the age that he or she is on race day. **The minimum age for participation in the half-marathon is fifteen [15] years. The minimum age for the 5K is ten [10] years.** The race management will not be responsible for any person in breach of this rule.
15. The top five [5] male and female athletes in the Open/International category will receive cash prizes. In all other categories, the top three [3] male and female finishers will receive trophies and/or hampers.
16. The races will be electronically timed. Therefore, only athletes who wear their timing mechanism across the turnaround point and the Finish Line will be considered as completing the course and would be eligible for a prize. **No external supporters will be allowed on the race course – this includes but is not limited to supporters on bicycles.** Any participant found in breach of this will be disqualified. In addition, any person found cheating to gain an advantage in the race will also be disqualified.
17. Runners will have four [4] hours to complete the race. The race course will be closed at 9:30 a.m. Runners who are on the route after this time will be notified by route officials that the course is closed. The race management will not be responsible for any person who wishes to remain on the course after this time.
18. Sponsors' logos on running shirts, vests and shorts [especially in the case of teams, clubs and groups] should not exceed 2.25 inches or 1.5" x 1.5."
19. The UWI race organisers are not responsible for inaccurate or insufficient supporting information given during the registration process, and the impact of such results.
20. The decisions of the race officials will be final.