

Summary of the Security and Safety plan covering the IAAF World Half Marathon Championships, Copenhagen.

Overall situation

Danish Athletic Association is hosting the IAAF World Half Marathon Championships in Copenhagen, Denmark, on Saturday March 29, 2014. The event will have around 300 professional runners taking part in the World Championships and approximately 30,000 runners have registered for the public part of the event.

All participants; both athletes, officials and official guests for the IAAF Championships - is accommodated at two centrally located hotels.

During the Championships all facilities for the athletes taking part in the IAAF Championships is located in the Old Stock Exchange Building next to the start and finish line. This includes facilities for doping control as described in the IAAF manual.

VIP and Media will during the Half Marathon find service-facilities in an access restricted area in the start and finish area as well as in the old Stock Exchange Building. The two access restricted areas are connected with a pedestrian bridge.

The service level for this event is partly decided by the IAAF recommendations, partly by Danish LOC and the official permission from the local authorities.

Risk assessment

The event is rated as a medium risk event based on an analysis of the following main parameters

1. Registered participants safety including health and special sport related risks,
2. General public safety including crowd behavior,
3. Security for participants, officials and official guests,
4. Security for the general public.

There is not known general or specific threats towards security for participants, officials or official guests.

Based on statistics from similar events the most important risk factor will be the potential high number of health related incidents. Furthermore special attention is required because of the large number of participating runners as well as expected spectators - especially at the start and finish-line.

The route will be closed for traffic and access restricted areas will be cordoned off prior to the championships, and until the event is finalized, to minimize the risk of traffic related incidents involving athletes, and further secure the required space for the runners.

The risk assessment will be subject to re assessment and is done in cooperation with the national police and other relevant authorities.

Specific arrangements

This is a short summary of the planned interventions regarding safety and security.

Safety and Security at official hotels

During the entire duration of the Championships dedicated safety volunteers will be present at the hotel. Through this person it's possible to contact the safety and security function. Furthermore it's possible to request medical assistance, at all times during the Championships, for official participants.

Coordination and Management

During the entire duration of the event a Safety and Security Management Function will be established and manned with incident command trained professionals, who have been hired to assist the Danish Athletic Federation. This function will also lease with the authorities and all other functions in the organization including media relations. From Saturday 06h00 the Safety and Security Management Function and the Common Command Center for all authorities is co-located at the start and finish-line.

Health

Physicians will be available for teams at team hotel according to agreement with IAAF competition delegates and in the team area on race day. The LOC doctor and the anti-doping team will be responsible for the 12 anti-doping chaperones assisting Friday and on race day.

During the Half Marathon a robust first response preparedness is established both on the route and in the start and finish/line area. This is,

- A. Stationary First-Aid-Posts every 5 km on the route
- B. Mobile First-Aid Teams in cars and on bikes.
- C. A high capacity First-Aid-Station at the Finish Line with physicians.

Crowd Management and Public Safety

In a close cooperation with the Danish National Police and the Municipal Fire and Rescue services the public safety have been planned prior to the event and will be managed during the event from the Common Command Centre. The responsibility for public safety and security outside the specific marked route and cordoned areas lies with the authorities. On the closed route - during the duration of the championships - and inside the cordoned area at the start and finish-line, as well as in the access-restricted-areas, it's a shared responsibility.

Access control

Access will be administrated accordingly to the access plan provided and the accreditation card will be controlled before access is granted. Persons without proper accreditation will not be given access to access-restricted-areas.

Incident Management

In case of a safety or security incident this incident will be coordinated from the Common Incident Command Centre as described under coordination. A senior Safety and Security Manager representing the organizer will, if needed, together with the relevant Incident Commander from Police, Fire, Health or other partners manage the incident.

A plan for crisis communication will be established. Further a plan for coordination with IAAF will be established.

Communication

A closed radio network will be established linking relevant functions. Further a radio room will be operational from Saturday 06h00 and until 19h00. The radio room is located in the Common Command Centre.

A public enquiry line will be operational during the event. This service will be operated in cooperation with the municipality of Copenhagen and the Police of Copenhagen.

An Event Safety Management Web Service will be used during the event. Among other facilities the service provides a mass-SMS-service and GEO-location of volunteers.