



PRESENTATION OF THE INVITED ELITE ATHLETES 2026

No.	FIRST AND LAST NAME	YEAR OF BIRTH	COUNTRY	PERSONAL BEST	LABEL	ACHIEVEMENTS
MEN						
1	Haftamu Abadi Gebresilase	2004	ETH	2h05'58"	GOLD	1st place, Ljubljana Marathon 2025 8th place, Seoul Marathon 2026 (PB) 6th place, 10 km (27:38), Herzogenaurach 2025 Half marathon PB: 59:56 (2025)
2	Hillary Kipkoech	1998	KEN	2h04'45"	GOLD	7th place, London Marathon 2025 8th place, Valencia Marathon 2024 1st place, Castellón 10 km 2023 (27:23 – PB) 9th place, Valencia Half Marathon 2023 (59:22 – PB)

3	Shifera Tamru Aredo	1998	ETH	2h05'18"	ELITE	10th place, Tokyo Marathon 2026 3rd place, Dubai Marathon 2025 2nd place, Seoul Marathon 2023 Half marathon PB: 60:47 (2022)
4	Enock Onchari	1999	KEN	2h05'20"	GOLD	3rd place, Barcelona Marathon 2025 (PB) 9th place, Berlin Marathon 2024 6th place, Seville Marathon 2023
5	Belay Tilahun Bezabh	1995	ETH	2h05'22"	ELITE	8th place, Hamburg Marathon 2026 (PB) 7th place, Seville Marathon 2025 Half marathon PB: 60:32 (2026)
6	Oqbe Kibrom Ruesom	1998	ERI	2h05'37"	GOLD	2nd place, Vienna Marathon 2026 4th place, Daegu Marathon 2025 8th place, Berlin Marathon 2024 Half marathon PB: 61:01 (2023)
7	Collins Kipkurui Kipkorir	2001	KEN	2h06'44"	GOLD	2nd place, Barcelona Marathon 2024 (PB) 2nd place, Ljubljana Marathon 2025 Half marathon PB: 1:00:23 (2024)
8	Bethwell Kipkemboi Rutto	1993	KEN	2h07'08"	GOLD	4th place, Paris Marathon 2024 (PB) 10th place, Prague Marathon 2026

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9	Aron Kifle Teklu	1998	ERI	2h07'12"	ELITE	8th place, Amsterdam Marathon 2025 (PB) 4th place, Milan Marathon 2025 Half marathon PB: 59:51 (2018) 10,000 m PB: 27:09.74
10	Gada Gemesisa Gudeta	2004	ETH	2h09'11"	ELITE	1st place, Belgrade Marathon 2026 (PB) 4th place, Mumbai Marathon 2026
11	Reuben Kiptoo Rono - debut	2000	KEN	62'05"	-	8th place, New Delhi Half Marathon 2025 (PB)
12 (pace)	Dawit Fikadu Admasu	1995	BRN	60'01'	ELITE	5th place, Manama Half Marathon 2019 (PB) 10 km PB: 27:48 (2023)
13 (pace)	Nathan Kipkoech	1996	KEN	60'41"	ELITE	1st place, Wachau Half Marathon 2026 10th place, Venlo Half Marathon 2026

14 (pace)	Rodgers Kipchirchir Murei	2002	KEN	61'27"	ELITE	2nd place, Trento Half Marathon 2025 (PB) 10 km PB: 28:05 (2025)
15 (pace)	Levente Szemerei	2000	HUN	2h10'43"	ELITE	1st place, Warsaw Marathon 2024 (PB) 10th place, Vienna Marathon 2026 Half marathon PB: 1:03:25 (2024)
16 (pace)	Derrick Chege Njoroge	1998	KEN	2h10'55"	ELITE	1st place, Kraków Marathon 2026 (PB) 1st place, Radenci Marathon 2026 Half marathon PB: 1:01:37 (2026)
17	Primož Kobe	1981	SLO	2h13'36"	-	6th place, Ljubljana Marathon 2025 52nd place, European Half Marathon Championships, Rome 2024 37th place, Siena Marathon 2021 (PB) Half marathon PB: 1:04:55 (2010)
19	Jan Kokalj - debut	1997	SLO	1h01'57"	-	42nd place, World Half Marathon Championships, Copenhagen 2026 (PB – NR) 10 km PB: 28:45 (2025) – NR

	WOMEN					
21	Tigist Gezahagn Menigstu	2000	ETH	2h20'06"	GOLD	1st place, Vienna Marathon 2026 (PB) 1st place, Ljubljana Marathon 2025 5th place, Seville Marathon 2025 Half marathon PB: 66:20 (2023)
22	Haftanmesh Tesfay Haylu	1994	ETH	2h20'13"	ELITE	2nd place, Vienna Marathon 2026 5th place, Dubai Marathon 2018 Half marathon PB: 69:02 (2018)
23	Catherine Cherotich	1994	KEN	2h21'40"	GOLD	4th place, Frankfurt Marathon 2025 (PB) 7th place, Rio de Janeiro Marathon 2026 Half marathon PB: 68:09 (2024)
25	Esther Chemtai Kipkech	1993	KEN	2h22'04"	ELITE	2nd place, Osaka Marathon 2026 (PB) 4th place, Cardiff Half Marathon 2025 (68:09 – PB)
26	Tsige Haileslase Abreha	2000	ETH	2h22'10"	GOLD	3rd place, Houston Marathon 2025 10th place, London Marathon 2024 4th place, Hamburg Marathon 2023 Half marathon PB: 68:30 (2021)
27	Muluhabt Tsega Chekol	1997	ETH	2h22'21"	GOLD	3rd place, Doha Marathon 2026 2nd place, Stockholm Marathon 2025 Half marathon PB: 68:34 (2025)

29	Genet Tadesse Robi	2000	ETH	2h24'55"	ELITE	2nd place, Rome Marathon 2026 2nd place, Mersin Marathon 2025
30 (pace)	Andrew Kipruto Kosgei	1984	KEN	-	-	Pacer
31 (pace)	Guta Abiyot Duguma	1985	ETH	-	-	Pacer

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