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Media Advisory

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New Announcements for the African Bank Soweto Marathon

The Soweto Marathon has formally thanked the City of Johannesburg for its continued partnership and support in hosting this major national event.

Two Official Cut-Off Times Introduced

For the safety of all participants, to prevent injuries, dehydration, and medical risks, the 2025 edition will enforce two cut-off times for the marathon. These measures will be in place for future editions:

- 1st Cut-Off:
3 hours 20 minutes (approx. 08:20 am)
- 2nd Cut-Off:
4 hours 25 minutes (approx. 09:25 am)

Prize Giving & Awards

- Prize-giving ceremony: 09h30
- First prize: R250,000

All participants and media are expected to be at the venue by 11h00.

SPECIAL PARTICIPANTS & COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

Julian Karp to Compete

This year's race will feature Julian Karp, set to become the first African athlete to reach 1,000 completed marathons, a historic milestone for the continent.

Soweto Volunteers Programme

The Soweto Marathon has recruited volunteers from within the Soweto community, who will receive stipends for their service, an initiative that supports local employment and skills development.

Participants are encouraged to secure their spots while entries remain available.

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