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Press release 2019.001

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Participation limit 47,000; registration to open on 4 February

## More chances for the youngest participants

**From 16 to 19 July 2019, tens of thousands of walkers can again try to earn the much-coveted Four Days Marches Cross. Registration for the 103<sup>rd</sup> International Four Days Marches Nijmegen will open at 10.00 hrs CET on Monday 4 February.**

### **47,000 participants**

As in 2017 and 2018, the registration limit for the 103<sup>rd</sup> Four Days Marches has been set at 47,000. If this registration limit is exceeded, a draw will be held among individual participants who have not previously earned a Four Days Marches medal.

Alongside participants registered for reward 2 or higher, three other groups will be exempt from the draw - those born between 2004 and 2007, those who were excluded by the draw from taking part in the 101<sup>st</sup> and 102<sup>nd</sup> Four Days Marches and those who register through the Via Vierdaagse training and preparation programme. The full version of the Restriction Protocol is available on the Four Days Marches website ([www.4daagse.nl/en](http://www.4daagse.nl/en)).

### **More chances for the youngest participants**

For several years now, 12-year-old first-time entrants have been guaranteed participation in the Four Days Marches. However, due to the different school holiday periods in the Netherlands, there always used to be a considerable group of young walkers who would be unable to take advantage of their guaranteed starting place for the Four Days Marches. Given Stichting DE 4DAAGSE's commitment to promoting the sport of walking among young people, we have decided to broaden the age group for this scheme. In 2019, all participants born in 2004, 2005, 2006 or 2007 will be exempt from the draw.

### **First year with new main sponsor LOWA**

As of 2019, walking shoes maker Lowa will be the Four Days Marches' main sponsor for at least four years. This sponsorship deal will allow both top brands to draw on each other's walking expertise and further develop services during and relating to the Four Days Marches.

### **Also in 2019: a single registration period and reregistration**

In 2018, the organisation made a few changes to the registration process that proved their worth and will therefore also be implemented in 2019. There will again be one single registration period for everyone who is interested in walking the Four Days Marches. This year, the registration period will open at 10am on Monday 4 February and close at 5pm on Friday 22 March. The time at which you register will have no influence on the outcome of any draw that may take place. If it turns out that the

total number of participants left after the cancellation period has ended is significantly below the permitted number of 47,000, registration will reopen. The reregistration period gives participants who were excluded by the draw another chance to get their hands on a starting ticket for the 103<sup>rd</sup> Four Days Marches. For more information about the registration procedure and the associated terms and conditions, visit [www.4daagse.nl/en](http://www.4daagse.nl/en).

**Registration fee**

On 1 January 2019, the Netherlands' reduced VAT rate was raised from 6% to 9%. Factoring in this new VAT rate and a small inflation adjustment, Stichting DE 4DAAGSE has set the registration fee for participation in the 103<sup>rd</sup> Four Days Marches at €84. Members of the Dutch walking association KWBN who have a 'Wandelloopdeelpas' for 2019 will get €5 off.

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An exciting day for 12,142 candidates

## **52,330 registrations for 103<sup>rd</sup> Four Days Marches**

**52,330 people from all over the world have registered for the 103<sup>rd</sup> Four Days Marches. Of these people, 40,188 walkers were immediately guaranteed a starting place. A maximum of 47,000 starting tickets are available, so the remaining 6,812 starting places will be divided in the draw on Friday 29 March. This means that 5,330 people will get the unfortunate message that they will not be able to participate this year.**

### **Duplicate registrations**

Before the draw under supervision of the notary takes place, all duplicate and other incorrect registrations were removed from Stichting DE 4DAAGSE's registration file. The results of the draw will be announced on [www.4daagse.nl/en](http://www.4daagse.nl/en) after the draw has taken place and all participants will be informed personally of the outcome per e-mail or letter.

### **Possible reregistration for those who were excluded by the draw**

This year the option of reregistration may be open to anyone who has been excluded by the draw from participating in the 103<sup>rd</sup> Four Days Marches. The Four Days Marches Board can decide to provide this option if it turns out that, after the payment and cancellation deadline of 12 April, the number of registrations has dropped significantly below the permitted 47,000, due to non-payment or cancellation. People who have been excluded by the draw will receive an email on Monday 16 April telling them whether reregistration is possible, and if so, how this will work.

### **History**

Since 2013 onwards, the number of registrations has exceeded 50,000 registrations every year. In 2005, 53,336 people registered for the Four Days Marches and this record was broken for the second time in 2016 when 54,325 walkers registered to participate in 'The Walk of the World'. The record for the highest number of people starting now belongs to the 2016 jubilee edition, when 47,166 walkers turned up for the first day of the Four Days Marches.

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## Facts and figures for the 103<sup>rd</sup> Four Days Marches

Participant numbers, including military participants, as of 2 July 2019

### 1. Barometerdata

	2019		2018	
	Participants	% withdrawals	Participants	% withdrawals
Registration limit	<b>47.000</b>		<b>47.000</b>	
Number of registrations as of 1-7	<b>47.236</b>		<b>47.431</b>	
No shows			2.951	6,22%
Signed in			<b>44.480</b>	
Non-starters/withdrawals on 1 <sup>st</sup> day			607	1,36%
Completed 1 <sup>st</sup> day			43.873	
Non-starters/withdrawals on 2 <sup>nd</sup> day			1.344	3,06%
Completed 2 <sup>nd</sup> day			42.529	
Non-starters/ withdrawals on 3 <sup>rd</sup> day			1.225	2,88%
Completed 3 <sup>rd</sup> day			41.304	
Non-starters/withdrawals on 4 <sup>th</sup> day			298	0,72%
Completed the Four Days Marches			41.006	
Withdrawals versus registrations			3.474	7,81%

\* Since 2016 the barometer shows the number of registrations as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of July.

### 2. Number of military participants

The number of military participants registered is 5.900 in 2019.

### 3. Nationalities

The number of different nationalities among civilian participants in the 103<sup>rd</sup> Four Days Marches is:  
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Afghanistan, Algeria, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbeidzjan, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, East Timor, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Netherlands, Nepal, Nigeria,

Norway, Oman, Palestine, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South-Africa, South-Korea, South-Sudan, Spain, Surinam, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Vietnam, Zimbabwe.

The number of different nationalities among military participants is: 31

Austria, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mauritius, Nepal, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Sierra Leone, Spain, United Kingdom, United States, Sweden, Switzerland.

The number of different nationalities among all participants in the 103<sup>rd</sup> Four Days Marches is: 77

Afghanistan, Algeria, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbeidzjan, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, East Timor, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Netherlands, Nepal, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Palestine, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, South-Sudan, Spain, Surinam, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Vietnam, Zimbabwe.

#### 4. Number of participants who are going for reward

Reward	Men	Women	Total
1	7865	6332	14197
2	3385	3058	6443
5	999	829	1828
10	914	551	1465
25	178	65	243
40	33	13	46
50	10	2	12
51	6	2	8
52	6	1	7
53	6	0	6
54	7	0	7
55	4	1	5
56	3	1	4
57	3	1	4
58	3	1	4
59	1	0	1
60	0	0	0
61	1	0	1
62	0	0	0
63	0	0	0
64	0	0	0
65	0	0	0
66	0	0	0
67	0	0	0
68	0	0	0
69	0	0	0
70	1	0	1
71	0	0	0

72	1	0	1
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## 5. Gender spread

Of all 47.236 participants currently registered, 27.538 (=58,30%) are male and 19.698 (=41.70%) are female.

## 6. Age distribution

Age category (by year of birth)	Men	Women	Total
11 to 15 yrs (born 2004 to 2007)	755	662	1417
16 to 20 yrs (born 1999 t/m 2003)	1020	632	1652
21 to 30 yrs (born in 1989 to 1998)	4094	3242	7336
31 to 40 yrs (born in 1979 to 1988)	2899	2021	4920
41 to 50 yrs (born in 1969 to 1978)	2719	2804	5523
51 to 60 yrs (born in 1959 to 1968)	6123	4932	11055
61 to 70 yrs (born in 1949 to 1958)	6764	4234	10998
71 to 80 yrs (born in 1939 to 1948)	2902	1109	4011
81 to 85 yrs (born in 1934 to 1938)	234	57	291
86 to 90 yrs (born in 1929 to 1933)	26	5	31
91 yrs and older (born before 1929)	2	0	2
Total	27538	19698	47236

## 7. Participant numbers per distance

Individual civilian registrations: 41.353

30km (Blue) individual walkers = 11.884 (= 28,74% of individual civilian registrations)  
40km (Yellow) individual walkers = 19.630 (= 47,47% of individual civilian registrations)  
50km (Red) individual walkers = 8.794 (= 21,27% of individual civilian registrations)  
40km (Green) individual walkers = 1.045 (= 2,53% of the individual civilian registrations)

Civilian registrations in a total of civilian groups: 1.444

30km (Blue) walkers in civilian groups = 138 (= 9,56% of civilian group registrations)  
40km (Yellow) walkers in civilian groups = 834 (= 57,76% of civilian group registrations)  
50km (Red) walkers in civilian groups = 472 (= 32,69 % of civilian group registrations)

Military registrations in a detachment: 4.439 participants

40km (Green) walkers in detachments = 4.439

## 8. Number of non-Dutch participants

In total, 14,21% (=6.711) of the registered participants are not Dutch. Of the men, 18,67 % (=5.140 out of 27.538) are not Dutch, while 7,98% (= 1.571 out of 19.698) of the women are not Dutch.

## 9. Number of participants born in 2007

For the 103<sup>rd</sup> Four Days Marches 413 registered participants were born in 2007, of which 224 men and 189 women (54,24% male and 45,76% female).

## 10. Number of first-time participants

The number of civilian participants registered for reward 1 is 14.197 (=30,06% of all participants).

**11. Draw by lot**

The limit for the 103<sup>rd</sup> Four Days Marches is 47.000. The total number of registered participants upon conclusion of the registration is 52.330. The number of persons who were eliminated by the draws for the 103<sup>rd</sup> Four Days Marches is 5.330.

**12. Number of participants who registered and successfully completed the Four Days Marches up to and including the 103<sup>rd</sup> edition**

Barometers up to and including 2019 put the total number of people ever to have registered for the Four Days Marches at 1.894.536. The total number of people to have completed the Four Days Marches up to and including 2018 is 1.652.282.

**13. Number of registered participants in a wheelchair**

There will be 25 participants in a wheelchair in 2019.

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