

2019 Four Days Marches Regulations for Civilian Groups

As adopted by the board on 12 November 2018

Article 1: General

It is possible to participate in the Four Days Marches as a member of a group. However, such participation is subject to specific terms and conditions.

All Regulations Governing the Four Days Marches apply in full to all participants walking as a group, with the exception of the 2019 Restriction Protocol.

Article 2: Conditions for group participation

At the start of the event on the first marching day, a group shall comprise at least eleven members registered by name. The right to participate shall expire if the group fails to meet the requirement of having at least eleven participants at the start. A maximum of 41 participants can be registered for a single group.

All members of the group must be recognisable as a group by wearing the same outfit, and walk the same distance together as a group in an orderly manner for the full duration of the Four Days Marches. This could result in some participants walking the extended distance instead of the regulation distance.

Civilian groups are not allowed to walk 40 kilometres with full kit instead of 50 kilometres. The 40-kilometre distance with full kit is only for military detachments of the Dutch armed forces or foreign armed forces¹.

Article 3: Registration period

Registration is possible from 10.00 hrs on Monday 4 February 2019 to 17.00 hrs Friday 22 March 2019.

Article 4: Registration

Groups are to register using the registration module at www.4daagse.nl. Details to be specified when registering include the name, initials, gender and date of birth of all participants in the group, as well as the intended reward. Registrations that do not include the name of the participant will not be accepted.

Article 5: Contact person and group leader

Each group must specify a contact person upon registration. He or she shall be the organisation's sole point of contact, through whom all correspondence shall run. He or she is also the person authorised to request changes. It is the responsibility of the contact person to properly notify the group participants of changes he or she makes to the group.

The contact person shall specify a group leader for each group, who will monitor and promote compliance with the regulations during the Four Days Marches on the part of the group and anyone who may affect the group, and who will be responsible for the group at all times.

Article 6: Changes and additions during the registration period

During the registration period, it is possible to change the names of existing group participants and/or add new participants to a registered group.

During the registration period the registration of a person registered as a group participant can be changed to an individual registration. Such individual registration will be subject to the 2019 Restriction Protocol. Alternatively, a registered individual participant can be added to a group.

The board of Stichting DE 4DAAGSE is authorised to verify the participant in question.

Article 7: Changes after the registration period

Once the registration period has closed, it will still be possible to add registered individual participants to the group until midnight at the end of 30 June 2019, unless the participant to be added is someone who was eliminated by the draw. Group-participant registrations can also be converted into individual registrations until midnight at the end of 30 June 2019. However, the latter conversion is not permitted for participants who would be subject to the draw if a draw has been held for individual registrations. The board of Stichting DE 4DAAGSE is authorised to verify the participant in question.

¹ The term military detachment is understood to refer to a group of servicemen or servicewomen who under the applicable military legislation and regulations belong to units of a Dutch or foreign military force.



Article 8: Payment for the Four Days Marches

The group registration fee payable will depend on the number of participants registered at 17.00 hrs on 22 March 2019.

The registration fee must be paid in accordance with the guidelines of the board of Stichting De 4DAAGSE. Failure to pay (in full and on time) shall render the registration null and void, in accordance with Dutch law.

Refunds are not possible for any reason whatsoever.

Article 9: Checking in on Sunday or Monday

Confirmation will be sent to the contact person as soon as possible once the registration has been accepted and payment of the registration fee received. The group leader is to report to the group registration desk at start and finish location De Wedren on either Sunday 14 July 2019 or Monday 15 July 2019 with this confirmation, to collect the bar code carriers and group documents.

In connection with checks to verify the identity of participants, the group leader should carry photocopies of documents proving the participants' identity.

No (more) changes of any kind whatsoever can be made on the check-in days.

Article 10: Walking behaviour

Groups will walk with two or three persons side by side, but with a maximum of two persons side by side when passing other groups, so as to minimise obstruction to other participants as far as possible.

Article 11: Entry

The procedure that groups should follow for starting and signing off is set out in the Regulations Governing Start and Sign-off. Groups start and sign off every day at the start and finish location. The finish on Friday is an exception to this rule, as the groups will receive their finish scan and rewards at sports park De Kluis. The subsequent entry along 'Via Gladiola' is part of the official route.

Article 12: Checkpoints

The group leader is responsible for ensuring that each group member is wearing the correct bar code carrier.

Checks will be made as to whether the group is complete at the start, at various intervals en route and at the finish. It should be noted that, as well as the planned checkpoints, there may also be additional, unexpected checkpoints. It is also emphasised that group participants should be able to prove their identity when requested to do so.

Article 13: Companion

Any groups wishing to be joined by companions (who walk the entire route with the group) will need to submit a written request to the Central Administration. This request must explain why a companion is needed by one or more members of the group. Participation of companions is subject to the Regulations Governing Dispensation, while companions are subject to the Regulations for companions for young persons.

Article 14: Rest and/or treatment area

Any rest and/or treatment areas along the walking route must be set up before the route is closed to traffic. Vehicles can only leave a rest and/or treatment area after the route has been reopened to traffic. The relevant council or landowner must grant permission for such a rest and/or treatment area to be set up. In exceptional cases, an access sticker can be requested from Stichting DE 4DAAGSE, which will enable a vehicle to access the route. The terms and conditions for requesting such stickers and the associated request form can be found at www.4daagse.nl.

Article 15: Final provision

Any cases not provided for by these rules and regulations shall be decided by the board of Stichting DE 4DAAGSE.

Article 16: Citation provision

These rules and regulations may be referred to as 2019 Four Days Marches Regulations for Civilian Groups.

