

The most significant sports event in Hungary's history to date, the World Athletics Championships will be held in Budapest between 19-27 August 2023. The celebration of the founding of the Hungary also falls at the time of the sports event. During the two occasions a total of almost two hundred road traffic restrictions will come into effect on the city's roads. Traffic is coordinated by the Budapest Police Headquarters (BRFK).



The venue of the sports event will be the National Athletic Center in the southern part of the city, besides the street running competitions will be held in downtown Budapest. 2.000 athletes from 200 countries, 8.000 sports diplomats, and hundreds of thousands of guests and sports fans are expected to attend this worldwide event. Apart from that, around 1 million participants are expected at the fireworks display on the 20th of August.

It is important to know that the closures and diversions already started on the 3rd of August, 2023 for transport companies operating with tourist buses in the capital, as well for small goods vehicles and trucks. The restrictions will last until 15 September, by which time traffic will return to normal.

Truck traffic in South Pest and Csepel Island:

The National Athletic Center is located to the south of the bridge Rákóczi, between Soroksári street and the Danube, where for many years, heavy goods vehicle traffic has had purposeful, permit-free traffic in practice. Mostly through the nearby industrial areas and due to the service of logistics parks and facilities on the northern tip of Csepel Island. As this part of the city will be particularly affected during the competition, truckers in the southern part of the capital should also expect bans and traffic disruptions, especially in the vicinity of Soroksári street, Weiss Manfréd street, Jenő Kvassay street, Közvágóhíd square, Rákóczi-bridge.

During the weekend of the national holiday, the ban for trucks will be following:

From 3:00 PM on 19 August (Saturday) to 10:00 PM on 20 August (Sunday). The ban applies to all trucks with a maximum permissible total weight of 7.5 t.

Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport (BUD):

Heavy passenger traffic is also expected on the road leading to Ferihegy airport, as well as on the M0 ring road and the roads leaving from the airport (roads of M3, M4, M5).

Important for drivers of tour buses:

For ten days, a parking ban will come into effect on 21 August 2023 from 00:00 until 31 August 24:00 at the bus parking place of Dózsa György tér (under Buda Castle). It will also be extremely difficult for buses to drive in the city center, Városliget and Hősök tere will be the scene of continuous restrictions too. On the national holiday of 20th of August, the entire city center and all the downtown Danube bridges will be closed according to the practice of previous years.

[the list of BRFK \(Police\) with entry and parking prohibitions \(WITH MAP\) »](#)

[official website of the World Athletics Championships »](#)

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