

## THE SITTARD KENNEDY MARCH – 19 April 2025

1. The Sittard Kennedy March came into existence in 1963 when the American president John F. Kennedy said "I think most American people are so weak, they can't even walk fifty miles within 20 hours". In many places people tried to prove him wrong. In Sittard, in the South of the Netherlands, four high school students and some of their friends started the first Sittard Kennedy March on April 20th 1963. After 19 hours, 10 participants reached the finish line tired but satisfied. The event developed into a tradition. In 2024 the number of walkers was 2425.
2. The distance to be covered is 80 km. It must be completed within 20 hours.
3. The start is between 5 and 7 am on Saturday, 19 April 2025. Both start and finish will be at the Market Square in Sittard.
4. Only walking, marching or speed-walking are permitted. Running or jogging is not allowed. Rules can be adapted to disabled participants.
5. Registration is possible:
  - Online at [www.kennedymars.org](http://www.kennedymars.org) till 07-04-2025. You can pay by iDeal, Creditcard, Bancontact/Mister Cash or SOFORT.
  - At Mulders de Buitensportspecialist, Koningstraat 1, Born, between 1 January and 7 April 2025, (except Saturday afternoon).
  - On the day of the walk (19 April) from 04.15 hours a.m.
6. Participants will receive commemorative pins as follows:
  - a bronze pin for first time completion.
  - a silver pin for the second time.
  - a medal for the third time.
  - a number of subsequent completions.
7. Participants must organize their own luggage and beverages.
8. At the five resting places, participants receive free fruit and sandwiches. Stopping is not compulsory.
9. All roads are hard-surfaced. The route is marked by arrows.
10. For hotel reservations please call the Tourist Office at 0031-43-6098500
11. Competition Class:
  - Participants who reached the age of 21 before the 1<sup>st</sup> of January of this year and are capable of walking the march within 12 hours may compete in the Competition Class.
  - Royal Netherlands Athletics Union (K.N.A.U.) rules will be applied.



- Competitors receive special support during the walk.
- The three male winners and first female will receive commemorative medals. There are no prizes.
- Registration for the Competition Class is only possible online: [www.kennedymars.org](http://www.kennedymars.org).
- The registration fee for the Competition Class is € 30 to be paid online by iDeal, Creditcard, Bancontact/Mister Cash or SOFORT, before 7 April 2025.

12. For further information, please call Thea van der Loo 0031-46-4520810. Internet: [www.kennedymars.org](http://www.kennedymars.org)