



# Race Week Is Here! Everything You Need to Know

### It's race week — and we're ready to go! ♀ ♂

First stop: pick up your race bib on Friday or Saturday! If you missed the Health and Fitness Expo email, no worries — you can find it, along with all our e-newsletters, right here:

https://www.clevelandmarathon.com/runners/e-newsletters.aspx

Plus, your <u>2025 Runner's Agenda</u> is now available to view or print — everything you need for race week is right at your fingertips!

Let's make it a great week, Cleveland!

## Start/Finish Line

The start and finish lines are located in the same spot — on St. Clair Avenue at West Mall Drive in downtown Cleveland.

Parking is available at nearby <u>downtown garages and surface lots</u> — plan to arrive early to allow time to park and walk to the start area. You can also use RTA public transportation to avoid traffic and parking delays.

Arrive an hour before start time to allow for extra time to park, drop off gear check items, use the restrooms and get into your corral. Also, plan ahead for ROAD CLOSURES.

#### **Event Start Times:**

- 10K/5K Saturday, May 17 at 7:30 a.m.
- Kids' Run Saturday, May 17 at 11:00 a.m.
- Shake Out Run, May 17 at 12:00 p.m.
- Full Marathon/Half Marathon, May 18 at 7:00 a.m.

Any questions on race morning? Go to the Information Tent on Mall B!

# **Corral Assignment**

#### **Mandatory Corral Loading Instructions**

All runners **must** line up in the corral assigned to them at bib pickup — no exceptions. Proper corral placement is required for the safety and flow of all participants.

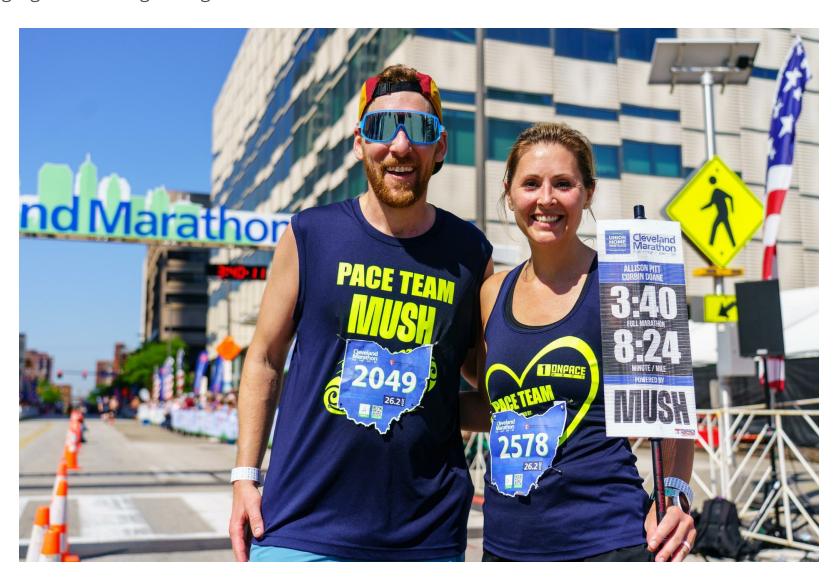
Please enter your assigned corral from either the **north or south side of the street**. Volunteers will be onsite to assist. **Please be courteous!** 

## **Pace Team**

#### On Pace Race — Our Official Pace Team

Our official pace team is available to all runners in the marathon and half marathon! Running with a pace group is a great way to reach your goal time while getting support and guidance out on the course.

You do not need to sign up in advance — just visit the Pace Team booth at the Expo to meet the pacers and pick up a pace team wristband. On race day, pacers will be lined up at the start wearing pace shirts and carrying signs indicating their goal finish times.



## **Post-Race Activities on Mall B**

After crossing the finish line, get ready to recharge with a variety of refreshments, Gatorade, Borden Chocolate Milk, Herr's chips, plus the **Meijer Refuel Zone**. And don't forget to grab your medal before exiting the finish corral to celebrate your amazing achievement!

But that's just the beginning – there's so much more to explore! To help you make the most of your experience, here's a quick guide to key spots:

- Celebrate at the 26.3 Mile After Party presented by **Fat Head's** in the Beer Garden
- Grab a bite at Yoked Jerky and ring the PR Bell
- Enjoy a refreshing sample at **Ryl Tea**
- Get your Medal Engraved with **Finish Line Engravers.** Pre-orders just report to the Finish Line Engravers truck!
- Shop the **Fleet Feet Merchandise Store**

- Visit some of your favorite Official Charity Partners at Charity Village
- Relax at **Sisu Saunas**
- Pick up your Challenge Medal for Challenge Series Participants!
- Plus, don't miss the **University Hospitals Drusinsky Sports Medicine Institute Recovery Tent** to iron out the kinks.
- Check out our mural near the beer garden by For Art's Sake Don't miss it!
- Make a cheer sign and grab some snacks at **The Agency Cleveland Northcoast** tent.
- Say hi to some of our favorite Run Clubs Run With the Winners and Cleveland Road Runners Club!

For all the details and locations, be sure to check out the map below!



# 26.3 Mile After Party presented by Fat Head's Brewery!



The celebration kicks off as soon as you arrive! **Redeem your FREE DRINK ticket** for an ice-cold Fat Head's beer and join the fun! Your drink ticket is attached to your bib - don't forget! Here are the selections that will be available: Bumble Berry, Leaf Man Lager, Goggle Fogger, Head Hunter, Jungle Juice Head Hunter, and Best Day Non-Alcoholic Kölsch.

#### The first beer's on us! After that, beers are just \$5 each — cash only.

There will be delicious iced tea available from our sponsor - Ryl Tea!

The party is open to the public and will be buzzing with energy starting at 8:00 a.m. on both Saturday, May 17, and Sunday, May 18 – rain or shine! Located just steps away from the finish line, the 26.3 Mile Party is in Mall B at St. Clair and W. Mall Drive, right outside the runner recovery area.

This FREE event features:

**Beer Garden** (I.D. required) opening at 8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 17 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 18

#### Live DJ - Christian Dela Vega

Come for the beer, stay for the fun! Bring a parka, handheld fan, and an umbrella just in case! This is Cleveland Baby!

# !! Important -- New Restroom Locations

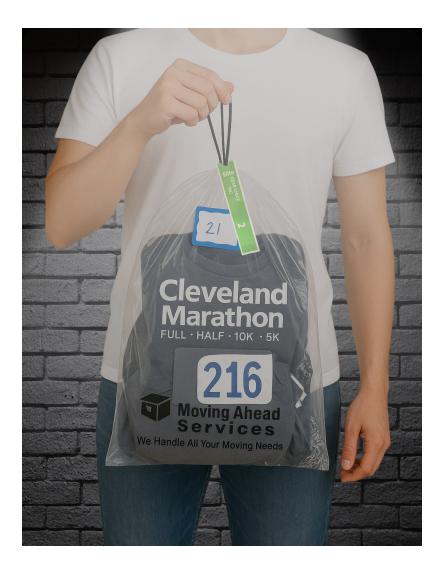
#### **Important Update: New Restroom Locations**

This year, all restrooms are located on **E. Mall Drive** (on the street, not the sidewalk - just outside of the start/finish corral) and along **E. 6th Street**.

Runners, please take note of these new locations so you can plan accordingly after you finish!



# **Gear Check Instructions**



## **↑** Gear Check Bag Example

If you are using gear check, please read carefully:

#### 1. Approved Bag

- FOR SECURITY REASONS, you MUST use the clear bag provided at the expo NO EXCEPTIONS.
  Extra clear bags will be available at the Gear Check tent.

#### 2. Preparing Your Bag

On race day, please have your bag fully prepared before approaching the gear check tent according to your distance and bib number range.

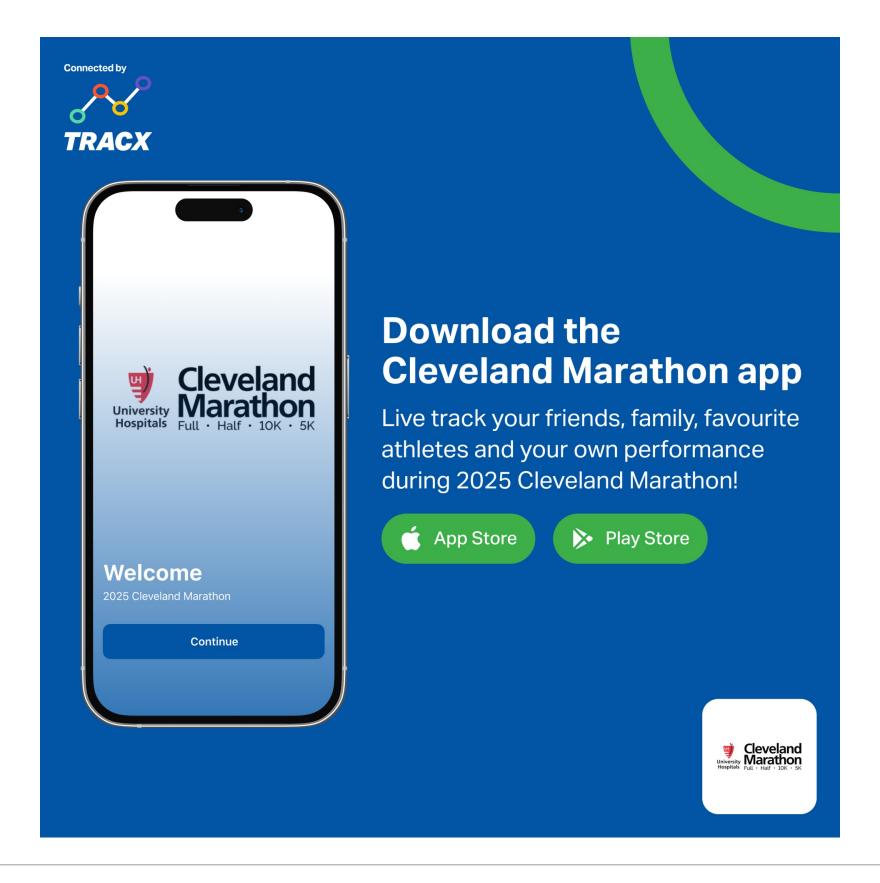
#### 3. Labeling Your Bag

ALL bags MUST be labeled with:

- The pull tab from your race bib
- A label with your bib number clearly written

#### 4. Items NOT Allowed

Personal backpacks, duffel bags, or any non-clear bags are NOT permitted. These items must be left with a family member or secured in your vehicle.





<u>UH Drusinsky Sports Medicine Institute</u> is proud to be the official medical provider of the Cleveland Marathon. For nearly ten years, the team of experts at University Hospitals has worked strategically to develop safety protocols and provide on-site medical care throughout the race. For more information or to make an appointment with a UH Drusinsky Sports Medicine Institute specialist, visit the UH website.

We'd love to know!

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