

IMPORTANT RACE WEEKEND INFORMATION

RUN CLEVELAND RUNNER'S AGENDA



**Cleveland
Marathon**
Full • Half • 10K • 5K

MAY 16-17, 2026

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DATE

May 15-16 **2027**



University
Hospitals

**Cleveland
Marathon**
Full • Half • 10K • 5K



CITY OF CLEVELAND

Mayor Justin M. Bibb

Dear athletes, volunteers, and friends,

On behalf of the City of Cleveland, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to The Land for the 49th annual University Hospitals Cleveland Marathon! Whether you are a seasoned competitor, a first-time runner, a dedicated volunteer, or a cheering spectator, your energy and commitment make this event truly special.



For nearly five decades, the Cleveland Marathon has stood as a proud tradition, bringing together thousands of participants from across the country and around the world. More than just a race, it is a celebration of commitment, perseverance, and the powerful sense of community that defines our city.

As you take part in this exciting weekend, we invite you to experience all that Cleveland has to offer. From our vibrant neighborhoods and rich cultural institutions to historic landmarks and welcoming residents, there is something here for everyone. We hope you enjoy your time in our city as much as we enjoy hosting you.

This event would not be possible without the dedication of our volunteers, sponsors, organizers, and community partners. Your hard work and passion help create an unforgettable experience while supporting important local initiatives that make a real difference across our city. Thank you for all you do.

To all participants: your determination inspires us. Whether you are chasing a personal best, completing your first race, or supporting others along the course, your effort embodies the very spirit of this marathon.

Thank you for being part of this incredible tradition. We are honored to have you here and we will be cheering you on this weekend.

Sincerely,

Justin M. Bibb
Mayor of Cleveland

2026 RACE WEEKEND

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 15

HEALTH & FITNESS EXPO PRESENTED BY UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS

12 pm - 6 pm **LOCATION:** Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland, 300 Lakeside Ave. E, Hall A



- 50+ Booths Featuring Health and Fitness Products and Information
- Race Registration • Packet Pick-up • Official Race Merchandise Sales

SATURDAY, MAY 16

CLEVELAND 5K & INFINITI OF BEACHWOOD 10K

7:30 am **LOCATION:** Start and Finish Location: St. Clair Ave. NE and W. Mall Dr.



HEALTH & FITNESS EXPO PRESENTED BY UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS

9 am - 6 pm **LOCATION:** Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland, 300 Lakeside Ave. E, Hall A



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26.3 MILE AFTER PARTY PRESENTED BY MILLER LITE

8:00 am **LOCATION:** Just outside the runner recovery area on Mall B



- Open to the Public • DJ
- Beer Garden (opens at 8) Featuring Beer from Miller Lite (ID Required)
- Redeem your FREE Drink Ticket for a refreshing Miller Lite beer

DUNCAN TOYS KIDS' RUN PRESENTED BY UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS RAINBOW BABIES & CHILDREN'S



11:00 am **LOCATION:** St. Clair Avenue Northeast near Mall B

UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS CLEVELAND MARATHON SHAKE OUT RUN PRESENTED BY RISE & REIGN TRAINING + NUTRITION

12 pm at Mall B • Check in at Information Tent

2026 RACE WEEKEND

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 17

UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS CLEVELAND MARATHON

7:00 am **LOCATION:** Start and Finish Location: St. Clair Ave. NE
and W. Mall Drive

UH DRUSINSKY SPORTS MEDICINE INSTITUTE CLEVELAND HALF MARATHON



7:00 am **LOCATION:** Start and Finish Location: St. Clair Ave. NE
and W. Mall Drive

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HEALTH & FITNESS EXPO

The Health and Fitness Expo presented by University Hospitals, has something for everyone. You'll be able to shop for discounted running shoes, apparel and gear and pick up all of your race day materials.

We're expecting 50 vendors to participate in this year's Expo, and you'll have a chance to purchase their products at amazing discounts.



PACKET PICK-UP

All participants are required to pick up their packets and bibs on Friday or Saturday at the **Health and Fitness Expo**. Late registration will not be available on Saturday or Sunday morning. No race day pick up unless you pre-purchased Saturday pick up during registration or in the Marathon Store. No Sunday Pick up.

FRIDAY, MAY 15

12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

SATURDAY, MAY 16

9:00 am – 6:00 pm

LOCATION

Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland
300 Lakeside Ave., Hall A
Cleveland, Ohio

**Saturday Pre-purchased Bib Pick Up:

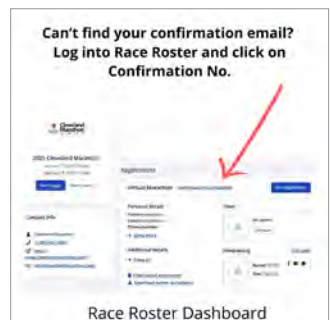
Please go to the Beer Garden on Saturday beginning at 6:00 am for your bib assignment. T-shirts and goody bags can be picked up at the Expo after your run.

BIBS

To collect your bib you will need to:

- At the Expo:
Find the booth with your distance and present your Race Roster registration receipt printout (mobile is fine) with bar code

Can't find your email? Go to your Race Roster dashboard and click on the confirmation link.



ONLINE REGISTRATION CHANGES

Prior to picking up your bib: you can change distances by following the instructions on our FAQ page here:

clevelandmarathon.com/faqs

Transfers to another person can be done online also, but the new person must claim the registration before picking up their bib at the expo.

EXPO (IN-PERSON) REGISTRATION CHANGES

You may change distances at the Solutions Desk at the Expo on Friday or Saturday, if your desired distance is not sold out.

Transfers from person-to-person are also only available at the Expo, and only if the event is not sold out. Please have the original participant's Race Roster print-out and go to Solutions to complete a new registration.

PLEASE NOTE: Runners will be charged a \$15 fee to switch events and a \$15 fee to transfer, and if upgrading, the difference in fees will also apply. If you run a race for which you are not officially registered, your results may be disqualified.

RACE NOTES

FULL MARATHON, HALF MARATHON, 10K & 5K

RUNNING NUMBERS/BIBS

Competitor numbers (bibs) should be pinned only to the front of your shirt. Do not remove the side tag.

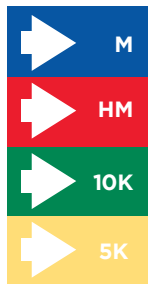
NOTE: Challenge Series participants will only receive one bib. Please save it for reuse on Sunday.



COLOR-CODED DIRECTIONAL SIGNS

In order to make course navigation more simple, mile markers, course directional signs and the course map all reflect a certain color for each specific race.

- Marathon information will be **BLUE**
- Half Marathon information will be **RED**
- 10K information will be **GREEN**
- 5K information will be **YELLOW**



START SEEDING/CORRAL

Runners should line up according to the corral according to the corral letter assigned to their bib. Each corral assignment is based on estimated finish time for the runner's specific race. Please look for the corral on your bib and find the corresponding signage identifying the location of your area within the start corral. Not all corrals will be monitored but compliance is based on the honor system.



Look for corral letter banners in start area to find the appropriate start location based on the letter on your bib.

TIMING SYSTEM

Runners will again be using the B-Tag disposable bib MyLaps Timing System for accurate timing and scoring for runners. The MYLAPS Timing System allows race organizers to print an integrated tag into the bib for each participant, encoding the runner's bib number into the tag's "chip." All you need to do is wear your bib appropriately and your time will be kept.

CHALLENGE SERIES MEDALS

Those participating in the Challenge Series will receive a total of three medals.

In order to receive their third medal, participants will need to go to the Challenge Medal tent on Mall B on Sunday. Please refer to the Start/Finish Map for the location of this tent.

WALKING DIVISIONS

There are walking divisions for the marathon, half marathon, 10K and 5K. In order to compete in the walking divisions, you will be expected to walk the entire distance; completion of the course is on the honor system.



COURSE TIME LIMIT

- Full Marathon: 7 hours
- Half Marathon: 4 hours
- 10K: 2.5 hours
- 5K: 1.5 hours

Due to city limitations, please be advised that runners must keep a 16 min/mile plus 15 minute buffer. 7-hour pace to maintain open access to the marathon course. For runner safety and to adhere to street closure ordinances worked out with communities along the course route, participants who fall behind this pace who wish to finish will be required to move to the sidewalks, where available. The finish line will remain open and be staffed beyond the 7-hour mark to allow for these participants to complete their race experience.

Attention full marathoners:

Please note these cut-off times and locations:

Runners for all distances are expected to maintain a 16 min/mile pace.

1. (Mile 9.2) @ 9:40am - W 14th St and Clark Ave - Runners must be on the SIDEWALK going north until Starkweather
2. (Mile 13.0) @ 10:40am Superior and Huron/W 9th - Half Full Split - All runners must do Half
3. Starting at Mile 16 (West Blvd and Clifton Blvd) - Runners must maintain a 16 minute mile pace plus a 15 minute buffer to allow for runners in back of corrals to start. If a runner falls behind the 16 minute/mile pace, we will turn them around on the out-and-back section (Miles 16 to 22.5) to ensure they can complete the Shoreway section within the 7 hour cut off.

RUNNER TRACKING

Runner tracking is available through the Cleveland Marathon App. Download the app for race weekend information, maps and to track your friends and family!



RESTROOMS

100 porta-johns will be strategically located at various points along the course near water stops. There will be additional 100 restrooms near the start and finish of the race on East Mall Drive.

Note bathroom locations in map below at E. Mall Drive and on Mall A



START/FINISH LINE MAP

Saturday & Sunday | May 16-17, 2026








- 1 Announcers
- 2 Timing
- 3 Elite/Pace Team Tent
- 4 UH Recovery Tent
- 5 Ice Tent
- 6 Fleet Feet - Merchandise
- 7 Miller Lite
- 8 DJ
- 9 Information and Volunteer Check-in
- 10 Challenge Series Medal Pick-Up
- 11 Gear Check (drop-off / pick-up)
- 12 Charity Village
- 13 Ryl Tea
- 14 INFINITI Car Display
- 15 PR Bell by K & D Group
- 16 Cleveland Water Buggy
- 17 The Agency Cleveland
- 18 Medal Engravers
- 19 Prayers from Maria Ice Cream Truck
- 20 Results Tent
- 21 Floral Fox Cuffie
- 22 SJSU Sevens / Cold Plunge
- 23 Moving Ahead Services Shoe Drive



WEATHER CONDITION FLAG SYSTEM

Weather conditions can have a significant effect on your safety as a race participant. The UH Drusinsky Sports Medicine Institute team would like you to be aware of the following colored flag system that will be in effect on race day. Please be aware and look out for the colored flags posted throughout the course and at water stops.

Alert Level	Event Conditions	Recommended Actions
	Event Canceled / Extreme and Dangerous Conditions	Participation Stopped - Follow Cleveland Marathon Official's Instructions
	Potentially Dangerous Conditions	Slow Down - Observe Course Changes/ Follow Cleveland Marathon Official's Instructions/Consider Stopping
	Less than Ideal Conditions	Slow Down - Be Prepared for Worsening Conditions
	Low Risk, Good Conditions	Enjoy the Event - Be Alert
	No Risk	Enjoy the Event

5K, 10K & KID'S RUN

5K & 10K START TIMES

SATURDAY, MAY 16
7:30 AM

5K & INFINITI OF BEACHWOOD 10K START

St. Clair Ave. NW at Mall B



WATER/AID STATIONS

1. E. 9th and Erieside @ Rock Hall
Mile 1.3
2. Cleveland State Lot 21
Mile 3.4/4.5
3. Superior and Public Square
Mile 5.4

University Hospitals
Drusinsky Sports Medicine Institute

**First Aid Stations available
at each Water Stop**

KID'S RUN START TIME

SATURDAY, MAY 16
11 AM

KID'S RUN START

St. Clair Ave. NW at Mall B

Kids will have a 15 minute warm up before run starts.



Distances:

- 2 & under (50 yards)
- 3 - 6 year olds (50 - 100 yards)
- 7 - 8 year olds (1/4 mile)
- 9 - 12 year olds (1/2 mile)

All participants will receive a finisher's medal, t-shirt, free yo-yo, and refreshments. Not to mention fresh air, exercise and loads of fun!



MARATHON / HALF MARATHON

START TIMES

SUNDAY, MAY 17

7:00 AM

MARATHON/HALF MARATHON START

St. Clair Ave. NE at Mall B

PACE TEAMS

The Cleveland Marathon offers Pace Teams to all runners in the marathon and half marathon. Running with a pace group is a great way to reach your goal time and have some support and guidance while out on the course.

You do not need to sign up for a pace team but can visit the booth at the expo to meet the pacers and get a pace team wrist band. Pacers will be lined up at the start of the race wearing pace shirts and carrying signs indicating their pace group time.

On Pace will be at the *Health and Fitness Expo* to answer all of your questions.



WATER/AID STATIONS

Water, Gatorade (Lemon Lime Endurance), petroleum jelly, and band-aids will be available at aid stations along the marathon route.



GU gels will be provided at water stops #4, #9 and #11. GU flavors will be Salted Caramel, Vanilla Bean, Chocolate Outrage, Tri Berry, Strawberry Banana, and Raspberry Lemonade.



There will be a University Hospitals first aid station at each water stop.

1. **Cleveland State Lot 21** Mile 1.7
2. **St Clair and 18th** Mile 3.8
3. **W 4th and Lakeside** Mile 5.3
4. **Scranton Rd** Mile 6.8
5. **W 14th & Mentor Double Stop**
Miles 8.3 / 9.2
6. **Abbey Ave CLE Sign** Mile 10.7
7. **Carnegie and Ontario** Mile 12.3
8. **Detroit Ave and W 25th**
Miles 13.6 / 25.4
9. **Detroit Ave & W 73rd** Mile 15.3
10. **Lake Ave & West Blvd** Miles 16.4 / 22.7
11. **Lake Ave & Cove** Miles 17.7 / 21.3
12. **Lake Ave & Old Stone House**
Miles 18.9 / 20.1
13. **Shoreway & Westinghouse Bldg**
Mile 24.2

Finish Line



University Hospitals
Drusinsky Sports Medicine Institute

**First Aid Stations available
at each Water Stop and
Full Medical Tent available
at Finish Line**

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- B** Playhouse Square
- C** Cleveland State
- D** Progressive Field
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- F** First Energy Stadium
- G** Great Lakes Science Center
- H** Rock & Roll Hall of Fame
- I** Convention Center

LEGEND

- Start/Finish
- 5K Course
- 10K Course
- Fluid Station
- 5K Mile Marker
- 10K Mile Marker
- Medical Station
- Restrooms

5K Saturday, May 16, 2026

TURN-BY-TURN DIRECTIONS

START	St. Clair Ave. Northwest at Mall B
Right on	West 9th Street
Right on	Lakeside Avenue
Left on	West 3rd Street
Right on	Alfred Lerner Way
Right on	East 9th Street
Right on	Lakeside Avenue
U turn on	Lakeside Avenue
Right on	East 9th Street
Right on	Superior Avenue East
Right on	East Roadway
Left on	Rockwell Ave
Left on	West Roadway
Right on	West Superior Avenue
Right on	West 9th Street
Right on	West Saint Clair Avenue
FINISH:	St. Clair Ave. Northwest at Mall B

10K Saturday, May 16, 2026

TURN-BY-TURN DIRECTIONS

START	St. Clair Ave. Northwest at Mall B
Right on	West 9th Street
Right on	West Lakeside Ave
Left on	West 3rd Street
Right on	Alfred Lerner Way
Right on	East 9th Street
Left on	Saint Clair Avenue
Right on	East 12th Street
Left on	Euclid Avenue
Left on	East 17th Street
Right on	Superior Avenue
Right on	East 18th Street
Left on	Euclid Avenue
Left on	East 21st Street
Left on	Chester Avenue
U turn on	Chester Avenue
Left on	East 21st Street
Right on	Superior Avenue East
Right on	East 22nd Street
Right on	Euclid Avenue
Right on	East 9th Street
Left on	Superior Avenue
Left on	East Roadway
Right on	South Roadway
Left on	Superior Avenue
Right on	West 9th Street
Right on	West 9th Street
Right on	West Saint Clair Avenue
FINISH:	St. Clair Ave. Northwest at Mall B



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5K Saturday, May 16, 2026

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Right on	Lakeside Avenue
U turn on	Lakeside Avenue
Right on	East 9th Street
Right on	Superior Avenue East
Right on	East Roadway
Left on	Rockwell Ave
Left on	West Roadway
Right on	West Superior Avenue
Right on	West 9th Street
Right on	West Saint Clair Avenue
FINISH:	St. Clair Ave. Northwest at Mall B

10K Saturday, May 16, 2026

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Right on	West Lakeside Ave
Left on	West 3rd Street
Right on	Alfred Lerner Way
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Left on	Saint Clair Avenue
Right on	East 12th Street
Left on	Euclid Avenue
Left on	East 17th Street
Right on	Superior Avenue
Right on	East 18th Street
Left on	Euclid Avenue
Left on	East 21st Street
Left on	Chester Avenue
U turn on	Chester Avenue
Left on	East 21st Street
Right on	Superior Avenue East
Right on	East 22nd Street
Right on	Euclid Avenue
Right on	East 9th Street
Left on	Superior Avenue
Left on	East Roadway
Right on	South Roadway
Left on	Superior Avenue
Right on	West 9th Street
Right on	West 9th Street
Right on	West Saint Clair Avenue
FINISH:	St. Clair Ave. Northwest at Mall B



Sunday, May 17, 2026 • 7:00 am

**RUNNERS NEED TO ARRIVE
AT START AREA BY 6:00AM**

Location: Downtown Cleveland at Mall B
300 St. Clair Ave. NE

TURN-BY-TURN DIRECTIONS

START: HALF MARATHON

WEST	Starting at Mall B head West on St Clair
Left	Turn left onto West 9th Street
Left	Turn left onto West Superior Avenue
Right	Turn right onto West Roadway
Slight Right	Keep right onto Euclid Avenue
Left	Turn left onto East 22nd Street
Left	Turn left onto Payne Avenue
Right	Turn right onto East 13th Street
Right	Turn right onto Superior Avenue
Left	Turn left onto East 24th Street
Left	Turn left onto Saint Clair Avenue
Right	Turn right onto East 18th Street
Left	Turn left onto Lakeside Avenue
Right	Turn right onto East 9th Street
Left	Turn left onto Erieside Avenue
Left	Turn left onto West 3rd Street
Right	Turn right onto West Lakeside Avenue
Right	Turn right onto West 9th Street
Left	Turn left onto Front Avenue
Left	Turn left through roundabout to Old River Rd
Right	Turn right through roundabout to stay on Old River Rd
Right	Turn right onto Robert Lockwood Drive
Slight Left	Keep slight left onto Carter Road Bridge
Left	Turn left onto Carter Road
Sharp Right	Turn sharp right onto Scranton Road
Left	Turn left onto Starkweather Avenue

Right	Turn right onto West 14th Street
Left	Turn left onto Buhner Ave
Left	Turn left onto West 11th Street
Left	Turn left onto Clark Avenue
Right	Turn right onto West 14th Street
Right	Turn right onto Starkweather Avenue
Slight Left	Turn slight left onto Jefferson Ave
Left	Turn left onto Professor Avenue
Slight Left	Keep slight left onto Fairfield Avenue
Right	Turn right onto West 11th Street
Left	Turn left onto Abbey Avenue
Right	Turn right onto West 19th Street
Right	Turn right onto Smith Court
Left	Left on West 18th St
Left	Turn left onto Old Lorain Avenue
Left	Turn left onto West 20th Street
Sharp Left	Turn sharp left onto Lorain Avenue
Left	Turn left onto Ontario Street
Left	Turn left onto West Huron Road
Slight Right	Keep slight right onto West 9th St
Right	Turn right onto West Saint Clair Avenue
EAST	Finish route at Mall B











FULL MARATHON

Sunday, May 17, 2026



LEGEND

-  Start/Finish
-  Full Marathon Course
-  Fluid Station
-  Gel Station
-  Full Marathon Mile Marker
-  Medical Station
-  Restrooms
-  U-Turn

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| A Public Square | F Great Lakes Science Center |
| B Quicken Loans Arena | G First Energy Stadium |
| C Progressive Field | H Ohio City |
| D Convention Center | I West Side Market |
| E Rock and Roll Hall of Fame | |

Sunday, May 17, 2026 - 7:00 am

RUNNERS NEED TO ARRIVE

LOCATION: DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND AT MALL B
300 St. Clair Ave. NE

START: FULL MARATHON

	Starting at Mall B head West on St Clair		
Left	Turn left onto West 9th Street	Sharp Left	Turn sharp left onto Lorain Avenue
Left	Turn left onto Superior Avenue	Left	Turn left onto Ontario Street
Right	Turn right onto West Roadway	Left	Turn left onto West Huron Road
Slight Right	Keep right onto Euclid Avenue	Left	Turn left onto Detroit Avenue
Left	Turn left onto East 22nd Street	Slight Right	Keep right onto Lake Avenue
Left	Turn left onto Payne Avenue	Slight Left	Keep left onto Clifton Boulevard
Right	Turn right onto East 13th Street	Right	Turn right onto West Boulevard
Right	Turn right onto Superior Avenue	Slight Left	Turn slight left onto Cliff Dr
Left	Turn left onto East 24th Street	Right	Turn right onto Edgewater Drive
Left	Turn left onto Saint Clair Avenue	Left	Turn left onto West 115th Street
Right	Turn right onto East 18th Street	Right	Turn right onto Lake Avenue
Left	Turn left onto Lakeside Avenue	U Turn	U Turn in Lakewood on Lake Avenue
Right	Turn right onto East 9th Street	Left	Turn left onto West 115th Street
Left	Turn left onto Erieside Avenue	Right	Turn right onto Edgewater Drive
Left	Turn left onto West 3rd Street	Left	Turn left onto Cliff Dr
Right	Turn right onto Lakeside Avenue	Straight	Keep straight onto West Boulevard
Right	Turn right onto West 9th Street	Left	Turn left onto eastbound Shoreway Ramp
Left	Turn left onto Front Avenue	Slight Right	Exit Shoreway at West 45th Street
Left	Turn left through roundabout to Old River Rd	Left	Turn left on Detroit Avenue
Right	Turn right through roundabout onto Old River Road	Left	Turn left onto West 9th Street
Right	Turn right onto Robert Lockwood Drive	Right	Turn right onto West Saint Clair Avenue
Slight Left	Turn slight left onto Carter Road Bridge	EAST	Finish route at Mall B
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Right	Turn right onto West 14th Street		
Left	Turn left onto Buhner Ave		
Left	Turn left onto West 11th Street		
Left	Turn left onto Clark Avenue		
Right	Turn right onto West 14th Street		
Right	Turn right onto Starkweather Avenue		
Slight Left	Turn slight left onto Jefferson Avenue		
Left	Turn left onto Professor Avenue		
Slight Left	Keep slight left onto Fairfield Avenue		
Right	Turn right onto West 11th Street		
Left	Turn left onto Abbey Avenue		
Right	Turn right onto West 19th Street		
Right	Turn right onto Smith Court		
Left	Turn left onto W 18th St		
Left	Turn left onto Old Lorain Avenue		
Left	Turn left onto West 20th Street		



SECURITY AND GEAR CHECK

SECURITY

See it. Say it. As with any large public gathering, this statement is crucial advice to maintaining the well-being of all participants, spectators and volunteers. If you see something suspicious, report it to the nearest uniformed officer or Cleveland Marathon official. Any unattended bags are subject to search and removal from the premises. Please take advantage of the secured gear check area located at Mall B.

LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found will be located at the Information Tent on Mall B.

MERCHANDISE ON SALE

Cleveland Marathon merchandise is on sale at the Expo and at the finish line on race day. Choose from a variety of special race merchandise from Asics, brought to you by Fleet Feet Sports.

GEAR CHECK - IMPORTANT

Runners will be able to store their gear

at a gear check drop-off area located near the finish line at Mall B, please refer to the Start/Finish Line Map in this document. Every participant will be provided with a Goodie Bag at the Expo that should also be used for the gear check. Only these bags will be permitted. There will also be pins for your bib within the bag. Please do not toss. Runners are responsible for labeling their gear with their name and race number. The Cleveland Marathon is not responsible for any lost or stolen items. Runners who store their gear will do so at their own risk.

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 when you pick up your bib if needed.

2. Preparing Your Bag

- On race day, please have your bag fully prepared before approaching the gear check tent.
- Gear check will be located at Mall B, off St. Clair Avenue, near the start and finish lines.

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.



Gear Check Bag Example

SPECTATORS AND CHEER GROUP GUIDE

Looking for the best spots to cheer—and experience the excitement of race day?

The course comes alive with energy all weekend long, featuring local run clubs, live bands, neighborhood businesses, DJs, dancers and spirited cheer zones all along the route. From high-energy entertainment to hometown support, there are countless places to gather with family and friends, cheer on runners and be part of the celebration. Bring your signs, bring the noise and join the fun—every mile has something special to experience. Plan to arrive early to beat road closures, find a great spot and take in all the excitement along the course.

SATURDAY, MAY 16

5K and 10K

Browns Stadium – Mile 1

Feel the game-day energy as runners pass one of Cleveland's most iconic sports landmarks with enthusiastic fan support.

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame – Mile 1.2

A signature Cleveland highlight where music, energy and lakefront views create a memorable race moment.

Public Square – Mile 2.4

The heart of downtown comes alive with spectators, city energy and a big boost of hometown encouragement.

10K Only

Cleveland State University (Euclid & E. 22nd) – Mile 3.4

Campus spirit and neighborhood support energize runners through this lively mid-race stretch.

SUNDAY, MAY 17

Half & Full Marathon

Moss Band – Mile 0.5 W. 9th and Superior

The Moss Band gets race day rolling with live music, big energy and a spirited sendoff right out of the gate.

Public Square – Mile 0.8

Downtown spectators pack the streets early, giving runners a huge hometown welcome and plenty of encouragement.

Run With The Winners & Something Good Cleveland – Mile 1.5 1302 Euclid Avenue /Playhouse Square Something Good Soul Kitchen 7am – 1pm

Bright lights, big cheers, and Cleveland pride fill this iconic stretch of the course as Run With The Winners and Something Good Cleveland bring nonstop encouragement and community energy to runners early in the race, alongside the Random Acts of Kindness Everywhere (RAKE), an official charity partner, spreading positivity and uplifting support every step of the way.

Cleveland State University – Mile 2

Students and supporters bring campus spirit and uplifting energy as runners settle into their rhythm.

Run With The Winners and Rock and Roll Hall Half - Mile 4.5 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame 8am – 1pm

Join Greater Cleveland XC—the team behind the Rock Hall Half—for a true Cleveland moment where the spirit of rock meets the rhythm of the race. Expect big energy, loud cheers, and a crowd that knows how to put on an event as runners cruise past one of the city's most iconic landmarks.

Browns Stadium – Mile 5

Football-style fan energy makes this stretch feel like game day, with loud support lining the course.

Flats East Bank – Mile 5.3

A lively waterfront party atmosphere with spectators bringing nonstop energy and excitement.

Run With The Winners and Cocky's Bagels – Mile 5.8
1127 Old River Road
7am - 1pm

Great vibes, loud cheers and a fun neighborhood boost from passionate supporters, led by the Run With The Winners crew bringing runner-to-runner encouragement.

Good Work Gang Cheer Group – Mile 6.7 – 1801 Carter Road, near fire station #21

The official GWG Cheer Zone will carry you up the toughest climb – Scranton Hill. High energy, and non-stop support.

St. Eds Trash Talkers – Mile 7.0
Scranton Hill and Train Avenue

Their famous playful banter, humor and spirited support always give runners a memorable lift.

Lincoln Park Cheer Party – Mile 9.7

In the heart of Tremont, this cheer zone brings together families, friends, and a whole lot of energy to support runners along the course.

Studio 82 Dancers – Mile 11.1
W. 19th and Abbey

High-energy performances and crowd interaction keep runners smiling and moving strong.

Roger Davis Cheer Group – Mile 11.4
Lorain Avenue and W. 20th

A welcoming, heartfelt cheer zone built around community support and uplifting encouragement.

Rising Star Coffee – Mile 13.7

Neighborhood supporters bring warm encouragement and local energy right when runners need a boost.

Saucy Brew Works – Mile 14/25.1

A fan-favorite cheer zone with great energy, lively spectators and strong support on both passes.

Harness Cycle – Mile 14/25.1

Fitness-minded fans bring motivating, upbeat energy and encouragement to this key stretch.

The Alley Katz – Mile 14.3

Live music and neighborhood spirit make this a fun and memorable lift along the course.

Brewnuts – Mile 15

A sweet spot on the course with spirited spectators, local flavor and lots of neighborhood love.

Egan Irish Dancers – Mile 16.3
West Blvd. and entrance to Shoreway

Traditional dancers and lively performances bring rhythm, culture and excitement to the course.

Canton Drumline – Mile 18.8
Lakewood Park

The beat of the drumline helps power runners through the late miles with incredible energy.

Tri CLE Cheer Zone – Lakewood U-turn
Mile 19.5

A signature wall of noise where the endurance community shows up big when runners need it most.

Luna Bakery – Mile 25

Warm neighborhood encouragement welcomes runners as the finish line draws near.

St. Malachai – Mile 25.3

One of the course's beloved traditions, with incredible crowd support helping bring runners home.

Run With The Winners & GCXC Racing – Mile 26.3 – W. 9th & St. Clair
8am – 1pm

A high-energy finish line cheer squad led by the Run With The Winners run club, bringing powerful encouragement, community spirit, and a final surge of motivation to carry runners home. Joined by Greater Cleveland XC, this is the place to feel the full force of Cleveland at the finish.

Prophecy DJ – Mile 26.3
W. 9th and St. Clair Avenue

Music pumping and finish-line excitement building as runners make their final push.

26.3 MILE AFTER PARTY PRESENTED BY MILLER LITE

The finish line party for runners and spectators on Mall B starts at 8:00 am on Saturday and Sunday. Admission to the finish line party is free and open to public and will include a DJ, refreshments and beer. Runners or general public who wish to purchase beer will need to present valid identification. Sunday runners: Your free drink ticket must be redeemed at 26.3 mile finish line party outside of the finish line. See you at the finish line!

RESULTS, PHOTOS & AWARDS

RACE RESULTS

You may check your race results on our website at: clevelandmarathon.com.

AGE GROUP AWARDS

Awards will be mailed to the following:

The first place male and female finisher in each age group/distance

The overall top three male, female and non-binary finishers in the 5k, 10k, half marathon and full marathon.

The overall top three male and female finishers in the WALKING DIVISION for all four distances.

Age Groups:

- 14 & Under (5K and 10K ONLY)
- 15 - 19
- 20 - 24
- 25 - 29
- 30 - 34
- 35 - 39
- 40 - 44
- 45 - 49
- 50 - 54
- 55 - 59
- 60 - 64
- 65 - 69
- 70 - 74
- 75 - 79
- 80 - 84
- 85+

Events:

- Marathon
- Half Marathon
- 10K
- 5K

FINISH LINE ENGRAVERS

If you pre-purchased your medal engraving when you registered head over to the Finish Line Engravers truck on Mall B. They will have your name already, so just bring your medal.

You can also purchase engraving on the spot to commemorate your experience!

RACE PHOTOS

MarathonPhotos is here taking your photos and finisher video! They will be providing an exciting number of photos along the course and high DEF video clips for every finisher. Stay tuned for information on where to find your photos and get ready to enjoy a lifetime of memories less than 24 hours after you finish.

FREE FINISHER CERTIFICATES WILL BE AVAILABLE TOO!

**If you pre-purchased photos and/or an upgrade during registration, please wait until you receive an email after the race from Marathon Photos to claim your photos. Please do not purchase photos again!*



MEDICAL ADVICE

By James E. Voos, M.D., Co-Medical Director



Race Day Preparation and Routine:

1. Maintain your usual routine. Race day is not the ideal time to make a significant change in diet, shoe wear or warm-up routine.
2. There is no need to eat excessive amounts of carbohydrates the night before the race as it could lead to stomach upset. A moderate meal is typically all that is needed.
3. Avoid fatty foods and stick to foods you are familiar with.
4. Ingesting carbohydrate gels or drinks during a race may improve performance.
5. Pay attention to the weather forecast. Dress appropriately for race day to prevent heat-related illness or dress in layers that can be removed for rainy or colder weather race conditions.
6. Hydrate throughout the race. Drink to thirst with water or electrolyte drinks. Avoid excessive water intake to prevent hyponatremia (or low blood sodium), which can be dangerous.
7. Warm up before the race with a light jog and stop during the race to stretch if you feel muscle tightness starting to develop.

8. Maintain your desired race pace to avoid overexertion. Medical tents and medical personnel will be visible throughout the race course.
9. Ask for help from any official marathon or medical personnel if you have questions.
10. Enjoy the race!

Warning signs to be aware of:

If you experience these symptoms or any other health issues concerning to you, please stop at the closest aid station (located at every water stop) for evaluation and assistance.

1. Chest pain or shortness of breath.
2. Nausea, vomiting, excessive fatigue, feeling faint, muscle cramps or severe headache.
3. Blisters or chafing.
4. If stretching does not relieve cramps, stop at the aid stations.
5. Cramping or muscle tightness.

THE FINISH!

When you finish the run, keep walking as you cool down; it prevents painful cramping.

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*Gently Worn Shoes Needed
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*Donate Locally. Impact Directly.
Shoes Stay in Our Community*

*Benefiting United Way
and Local Partner Organizations*



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*Moving Ahead Services Booth
Cleveland Marathon Fitness Expo
Finish Line Collection Truck*

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