

## **Registration**

### **When is the Ocala Marathon and when did registration open?**

The 2010 Ocala Marathon will be held Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Race registration opened February 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **How much does it cost to register?**

The 2010 registration fee is \$50 before October 1<sup>st</sup>; \$60 before December 1<sup>st</sup>; then \$90 through Race Day.

### **How many participants can register for the Ocala Marathon? 1,000.**

### **Do you expect the race to reach its full capacity?**

The 2010 Ocala Marathon has not reached its race capacity and we fully expect there to be Late Registration available.

### **I am injured and/or cannot run the event (friend's wedding, work obligation, etc.).**

#### **Can I get a refund, donate my entry or transfer my entry to someone else?**

No. Per our official event rules and guidelines: *All entry fees are non-refundable, and may not be deferred toward a future event.*

#### **If I provide medical documentation of my injury or pregnancy, will you give me a refund?**

No. Please refer to our official event rules and guidelines.

#### **Can I defer my entry to the next year if I am unable to run this year?**

No, participants cannot defer their entries to the next year in the event that they cannot run.

#### **How can I confirm my registration after I mail in my registration form or sign up online?**

You can confirm your entry online at [Ocalamarathon.com](http://Ocalamarathon.com). [Click here to confirm your registration](#). We will send all registered participants a Confirmation Ticket/Participant Guide in the mail and a Confirmation E-mail in January.

#### **How can I make a change of information to my registration (i.e. misspelling, address, e-mail, t-shirt size)?**

E-mail [info@drcsports.com](mailto:info@drcsports.com) with "Marathon Change of Information" in the subject line or call the Ocala Marathon office at 352-637-2475 and a member of our staff will assist you.

#### **Do I need a qualifying time to enter the Ocala Marathon?**

No. The Ocala Marathon is open to all participants.

#### **Is there a Course Cutoff Time for the Ocala Marathon?**

Yes, the course is open for 6 hours and 30 minutes.

**I didn't receive a confirmation e-mail after I registered online. Can I get a new one?**

Please note that we cannot resend confirmation emails once they have already been sent. If you tried to register online but did not receive a confirmation e-mail, then you need to do three things: 1) check your current credit card/bank statement to see if you were charged the registration fee; 2) check your spam and/or junk-mail folders to make sure the confirmation email did not go into of those, and check your email settings to make sure you allow e-mails from "active.com"; and 3) contact Active.com at 877.228.4881 to talk with one of their customer service representatives.

**I was sure that I registered, but my name is not showing up online and registration is now closed. What can I do?**

All participant applications received are current. If you tried to register online but your credit card was not charged the registration fee, then your transaction was not successful. If you submitted your registration application through the mail, please review your check or credit card statement to verify acceptance. Notify our office immediately if a payment was accepted, but your name does not appear on our confirmation page.

**Does the event offer a half-marathon option?**

Yes, there is a half-marathon. Please go to the Participant Information tab to register.

**Is the marathon walker-friendly?**

The marathon is open to all participants who wish to register; however, the marathon course closes after 6 hours and 30 minutes. Participants wishing to complete the 26.2-mile event within that timeframe will need to maintain a 15-minute/mile pace. After the 6:30:00 time limit has been reached, the traffic control and signage will be removed and participants still out on the race course will be asked to move to the sidewalks.

*Please note that participants who cross the finish line after 6:30:00 will not be recognized as official finishers.*

**Are Relay Teams allowed to participate in the marathon?**

No. We do not have a relay division. Each participant must individually run the full 26.2-mile distance.

**Weather and Event Alert System (EAS)**

**What are the average high/low temperatures on January 31?**

Average High: 70 Fahrenheit

Average Low: 47 Fahrenheit

**Ocala Marathon Health & Fitness Expo and Participant Bag**

**Where and when is the Health & Fitness Expo and Packet Pick-Up?**

The 2010 Ocala Marathon Health & Fitness Expo and Packet Pick-Up will be held at the Ocala Hilton Hotel - 3600 Southwest 36th Ave. Ocala, Florida USA 34474

*Date/Time*

Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**If I am a vendor interested in purchasing a booth at the Expo, or if I am interested in promoting my race, product, charity, etc. in the Participant Bag, who should I contact?**

Please e-mail [info@dresports.com](mailto:info@dresports.com).

**Do I have to pick up my T-shirt, Participant Packet and Participant Bag at the Expo?**

Yes. All participants must pick up their official race Bib Number, Technical T-shirt and Participant Bag at the Ocala Marathon Health & Fitness Expo. *We do not mail out participant packets, bags or T-shirts that were not picked up; no exceptions.*

**Can I pick up my Participant Packet, Participant Bag and T-shirt on the day of the race?**

No, There is no race day Participant Packet and Bag Pick-Up. All participants must pick up their bags/bib numbers/t-shirts prior to race day.

**What do I need to bring with me in order to pick up my Participant Packet and Bag?**

You need to bring your Confirmation Ticket or Confirmation E-mail and your Photo ID.

**When should I receive the Confirmation E-mail and Confirmation Ticket?**

Mid to late January.

**What should I do if I never received the Confirmation E-mail or Ticket?**

If you do not have a Confirmation Ticket or Confirmation E-mail, go to the Participant Services Desk at the Health & Fitness Expo and a staff member will print a Confirmation Ticket for you. You must show your Photo ID in order to receive a copy of your Confirmation Ticket.

**If I do not receive the Confirmation E-mail and/or Confirmation Ticket in the mail, can you resend them to me?**

No, we cannot resend Confirmation Tickets or E-mails once they have been sent.

**Can a friend pick up my packet if I cannot make it to the Expo?**

Yes. Your friend can pick up your packet. Your friend will need to show a staff member *his or her* Photo ID (not your Photo ID) and *your* Confirmation Ticket or E-mail.

*Please note that we will not print out lost or forgotten Confirmation Tickets for friends; we will only re-issue lost or forgotten Confirmation Tickets for marathon participants with a valid Photo ID. Your friend MUST have your Confirmation Ticket (e-ticket or mailed ticket) in order to pick up your participant packet and Part. No exceptions.*

**So my friend needs *his or her* photo ID and not *my* photo ID in order to pick up *my* packet?**

Yes, that is correct. In addition, your friend needs either your Confirmation E-mail or

your Confirmation Ticket. If your friend forgets your Confirmation, we will *not* re-issue a copy for him/her at the Expo.

**Can I exchange my shirt for a smaller/larger size at the Expo?**

No. T-shirt sizes are determined at the point of registration and cannot be exchanged at the Expo for a different size.

**I cannot run the race. Will you mail my Participant Packet, Participant Bag and T-shirt to me?**

No. We are unable to mail out Participant Packets, Bags and T-shirts if they are not picked up. No exceptions.

**If I offer to pay postage for my Participant Bag and T-shirt, will you mail it to me?**

Yes. You will need to contact us within seven days of the event in order to arrange for mailing. *After seven days T-shirts will be donated and bags will be destroyed.*

**Course**

**Where can I find a course map?**

[Click here](#) for a course map. The Ocala Marathon course is a fast and flat course that is home to four World Records, several national records and countless personal bests. There is only one slight incline in the final mile of the course on Roosevelt Rd.

**How many Aid Stations are on the course?**

There are 20 Aid Stations on the race course.

**What flavor Gatorade do you offer on the course?**

Lemon-Lime Gatorade Endurance Formula.

**Is there food available on the course?**

Yes. PowerGel and Bananas are available in the later miles of the race course.

**What flavor PowerGel will be offered?**

There will be a variety of flavors offered, not just one particular flavor.

**How long is the course open?**

The course is open for 6 hours, 30 minutes. Registrants must be capable of completing the full distance, start line to finish line, within the event time requirement of 6 hours, 30 minutes (or approx. 15 minutes/mile). Participants running slower than 15 minutes/mile will not be guaranteed Aid Station or Medical support once the 6:30 time limit has been reached. Participants still out on the race course will be asked to move onto the sidewalk as the streets will be re-opened to traffic.

*Participant chip or net times greater than the event time requirement (6 hours, 30 minutes) will not be recognized as official. Times over 6:30 will not be printed in the official results book or the Ocala Tribune Commemorative Edition.*

**Is the Ocala Marathon a Boston Qualifier?**

Yes. The Ocala Marathon is a great course for participants hoping to qualify for the 2010 or 2011 Boston Marathon.

**Can I run with an iPod/headphones?**

Yes. USATF, the national governing body of the sport, recently amended its ban on headphones, iPods and similar devices. Only athletes competing in Championship races for awards, medals or prize money may not use electronic devices such as headphones and ear pieces.

**Can I run with my Garmin GPS or my Nike Plus device?**

Yes, participants may wear their Garmin GPS watches and/or Nike Plus devices. However, these items do not count as "second timing devices" and will not be recognized by the event as official times or distances.

**What is NOT allowed on the course?**

The use of video devices, cell phones, computers, cameras or any similar devices by participants in the event is prohibited. The use of wheeled devices by participants or any other person authorized to be on the course shall be strictly limited to: (a) authorized and registered competitive wheelchair participants and (b) authorized course marshals on bicycles. Baby joggers, baby strollers, skateboards, rollerblades, unauthorized bicycles or any other wheeled device will not be permitted.

**Do you have a Lost & Found in case I lose something at the Expo or on the race course?**

Yes. We will have a Lost & Found for items that were lost and found at the Expo and on race day. If you are missing a personal item, please call the event office at 312.904.9800.

**I live along the race course. Where can I find out about race day street closures?**

For important information on street closures, visit [Ocalamarathon.com](http://Ocalamarathon.com). Street Closure information will be available as we get closer to race day.

**Running for a Charity****What does it mean to run for a charity?**

The 2010 Charity Program has more than 100 affiliated charities. While each charity has its own guidelines, typically Marathon participants who are a part of a charity team agree to fundraise for that charity. Your fundraising goes directly to the charity itself to support its initiatives. Every charitable organization allows its team of runners the unique opportunity to make more of their Marathon experience by not only accomplishing a personal goal on race day, but by contributing to a larger goal and giving back to a worthy cause.

In return for a runner's fundraising efforts, the charities commit to providing support in a number of areas which can include reimbursement of registration fee, team apparel, free training programs, race day hospitality, pre-race events and other benefits.

**Once open registration closes, are entries available through charities?**

Yes. Official, Partner, Participating and Associate level charities have a limited number of entries available until June 30, 2010 (or until a charity exhausts its supply) which will allow runners who did not register prior to the close of open registration the opportunity to register for the Ocala Marathon. For additional information and to contact any of the charities offering these entries, [click here](#). *(Select Charities have post-close entries available until September 1).*

**How can I get more information about a particular charity?**

Most charities have built their own Web sites specific to their charity runner program. Please refer to the Web site (see above link) for links to specific charities. If you have further questions, please contact the charity directly through the contact information provided on its Web site.

**How do I sign up to run for a charity?**

Contact the charity you are interested in joining and they will provide you with the details of their program such as fundraising, training, etc. [Click here](#) to access links to specific charities.

**What is the minimum amount that I have to fundraise in order to be a charity runner?**

Each charity sets its own fundraising amounts. Please contact the charity you are interested in for more information.

**If I have already registered for the Ocala Marathon, is it too late to join a charity team?**

It is never too late to become a charity runner. Please contact the charity directly to find out how you can become a member of their team.

**If I join a charity team, can I still run the Ocala Marathon with a friend who is not a charity runner?**

Yes, while participants may start in different Corrals based on submitted qualifying times, there is no distinction between charity runners and other runners.

**May I run for a charity that is not a part of the Official Charity Program?**

Yes. If you have already registered, please e-mail our office at [office@ocalamarathon.com](mailto:office@ocalamarathon.com) and we will add that charity name to your registration information. *(Please note that this information will not appear on the online confirmation page - only the names of charities affiliated with the Ocala Marathon will show on the online confirmation page).*

**I committed to raise money for a specific charity, but the name of my charity isn't showing up when I confirm my registration. How can I make sure that it shows up?**

Your charity will provide our office with your name. Once we receive that information from your charity, we will update your registration record with the name of the charity you have committed to raise funds for.

**I work for a specific charity organization and we would like to be affiliated with the Ocala Marathon. How does that work?**

Charities that wish to partner with the Ocala Marathon will need to fill out a detailed Charity Application and apply to become affiliated with the event. The charity application for the 2010 Ocala Marathon will be available online in late 2010. We are no longer accepting applications for the 2010 Ocala Marathon.

**Hotels and Travel**

**Do you work with an official Travel and Housing partner that offers special rates for marathon participants?**

Experient is the Official Travel and Housing Partner of the Ocala Marathon, offering official rates at the city's most desirable hotels. [Click here](#) to view hotels and rates.

**What is the Official Headquarters Hotel for the Ocala Marathon?**

The Hilton Ocala is the Official Headquarters Hotel of the Ocala Marathon. Located just across the street from Grant Park, the Hilton Ocala is a hub of activity on race weekend.

**Do you have a list of hotels near the start/finish?**

For an extensive list of hotels located near the start and finish, [click here](#) (PDF).

**E-Newsletters**

**I am signed up for the race and I want to receive e-mails. How can I sign up for your e-newsletter?**

We offer two e-newsletters that participants can sign up for:

- **Mile-by-Mile:** a general event newsletter aimed at runners, spectators and fans to keep track of important event information, deadlines and special offers.
- **Nike Debut Marathoner:** a targeted newsletter that covers the basics of marathon running, including training tips and expert advice, for those who will tackle the marathon distance for the first time in Ocala.

**How can I subscribe to the e-newsletters?**

To subscribe, go to [Ocalamarathon.com](http://Ocalamarathon.com), see "Gain Inspiration" and follow the link the "e-newsletters."

**General/Miscellaneous**

**I am looking for results prior to 1996. Is it possible to get them?**

Our office has a results archive that extends back to 1977. If you are interested in a result prior to 1996, contact the marathon office at 312.904.9800 or [office@Ocalamarathon.com](mailto:office@Ocalamarathon.com). Please note that we cannot make copies of our entire results archives for researches/grad students interested in obtaining them. We can only look up individual times.

**Where can I purchase my photos following the race?**

MarathonFoto is the official race photographer. Visit [marathonfoto.com](http://marathonfoto.com) to find and purchase your photos.