

2016 TUCSON MARATHON EVENTS – RACE INFORMATION

Yes, it's almost race day! Following are some important updates and reminders for this Saturday's events. This information, and any other updates, will also be posted on the **NEWS** link on the race website.



We would like to thank our amazing volunteers for donating their time; please be sure to show your support as you pass by the aid stations. And, the event would not happen without the support of our generous sponsors: Holualoa Companies, Damascus Bakeries, Clif Bar, Gatorade Endurance, Hilton El Conquistador Resort, Golder Ranch Fire District, Oro Valley AZ, Sole Sports Running Zone, Culligan Water and First American Traders.

START TIMES: All events start at 7am. Be sure to check the RACE BUSES link for updates on shuttles to the race starting line and please be on time. (NOTE: there is no parking at the start, or finish, of either event! All competitors must take an official race shuttle bus to their respective starting line; see below for more information on race morning shuttles.)

PACKET PICK-UP / RACE EXPO: The Hilton El Conquistador (10000 N. Oracle Rd., Tucson, AZ 85704) is the official race hotel. Participants can pick up their bib number (a timing chip will be attached to each bib number), race t-shirt and clothing drop bag (if needed) and also check out the great vendors at the Race Expo at the Hilton on Thursday, December 8 (Noon-7:30pm) or Friday, December 9 (8:30am – 7:30pm). Be sure to print out your maps, parking information and other items ahead of time. If you utilized the Military Discount, please remember to bring your valid military ID to packet pick-up or the volunteers will be unable to release your bib number.

****SPECIAL EARLY PACKET PICK-UP:** if you live in the Phoenix area, or are in town early, we will provide a special early pick up at Sole Sports Running Zone – Tempe (1006 E. Warner Road, Suite 104, Tempe, AZ 85248) on Sunday, December 4th (from Noon-5pm) and Monday, December 5th (from 10am-8pm). PARTICIPANTS MUST BE REGISTERED BY FRIDAY DECEMBER 2nd IN ORDER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OFFER.

THINKING ABOUT SWITCHING EVENTS? If you need to switch from one race to another the week prior to the race, please send an email directly to our timing company, Race Place Events: sfink2@mindspring.com

DROP BAGS: The goodie bag handed out at packet pick-up should be used as a 'drop-bag' on race morning. If needed, please use this bag to send extra clothing and personal items from the starting line of your race to the finish line at the Golder Ranch Fire Station. Signs will be posted on the appropriate "drop bag" bus at the starting line (usually the first three buses by the

starting line)! If you would rather discard old clothing once the race starts, please do so at the starting line, or at an aid station on the course. Those items will be donated to a local shelter. It will be chilly on race morning, but will warm up quickly, so dress accordingly. Do not leave valuables in your drop bags – the Tucson Marathon Events is not responsible for those items.

SHUTTLE BUSES TO STARTING LINE: Important: Parking is not allowed at either of the race starting lines. All race participants **must** board a shuttle bus for their respective race starting line, which will depart from the official race parking locations (see below) and the official race hotels (Hilton El Conquistador and Fairfield Inn & Suites on Oracle) between 4:40am to 5:20am. All competitors will be allowed to stay on their bus, near the starting line, in order to stay warm – be sure to take all of your personal belongings with you when leaving the bus as most do not go to the Finish Line! Again, it will be cold, so it's best to layer and utilize the race goodie bag, which we refer to as a drop bag. You can deposit clothing in this bag, place it on an "official drop bag bus" at the starting line and it will be returned to you at the finish line (if it is labeled clearly with your name and bib number). These bags should be handed off at least 20 minutes before the start of your race. Just to reiterate, participants may discard clothing at any aid station along the course, but please keep in mind that these clothing items will be donated to local shelters so it will not be returned. The Tucson Marathon is not responsible for items left on the buses, discarded along the course or left at aid stations.

SHUTTLES FOR THOSE STAYING AT THE HOST HOTELS – HILTON EL CONQUISTADOR & FAIRFIELD INN & SUTES: Participants staying at an official race hotel will need a bus ticket to board the shuttles parked out front of the lobby. These tickets will be provided when checking into the hotels. The buses will depart from both hotels, heading to the starting lines, from 4:40-5:20am. If you do not have a bus ticket you will not be allowed to board these shuttles! Be sure to get on the appropriate bus (for the Full or Half) on race morning!

PARKING FOR SHUTTLES TO THE STARTING LINES: Participants NOT staying at the Hilton El Conquistador or Fairfield Inn & Suites will need to drive to one of the satellite parking areas and take a shuttle to the respective race starting line. These buses will depart from both locations, heading to the starting lines, from 4:40-5:20am. (Maps are available for download from the race website.)

- **HALF MARATHON SHUTTLES** will depart from the Canyon Del Oro High School Parking Lot (25 W. Calle Concordia, Oro Valley, AZ 85704).
- **MARATHON & MARATHON RELAY (1st Runner) SHUTTLES** will depart from the Ventana Medical Parking Lot (1910 E Innovation Park Dr., Oro Valley, AZ 85755), off Tangerine Rd.

SAFETY: Please note, participants must follow the instructions of law enforcement officers, race volunteers and medical staff, and run inside the safety cones at all times, while on the course. Competitors who do not follow instructions provided by race officials and/or run "outside" of the cones will be **DISQUALIFIED**. For your safety, extra security will be provided at each starting line, on-course and at the Finish Line. Baby joggers, strollers, bicycles, etc. are not permitted on the course during the race. The course closes promptly at 1:30pm. If you are on

the course at this time, or if it looks like will not be able to meet the cut-off times, a race official will ask you to leave the course. If you are injured, sick or don't feel you can continue on the course, please alert a safety official or aid station volunteer.

PACE GROUPS: *Beast Pacing* will be providing pacers for the Full and Half Marathon races again this year. Please look for the Pace Group Signs at each starting line and be sure to thank the group leaders who assist with this service! Current pace times (which are always subject to change), are also posted on the **NEWS** page, and are as follows:

MARATHON: 3:15 / 3:30 / 3:40 / 3:55 / 4:10 / 4:25 / 4:40 / 4:55 / 5:30

HALF: 1:30 / 1:40 / 1:50 / 2:00 / 2:10 / 2:20 / 2:30 / 2:45 / 3:00

GATORADE / CLIF SHOT ENERGY GEL: Gatorade Endurance is the official drink of the Holualoa Tucson Marathon/Relay & Damascus Bakeries Tucson Half Marathon (lemon-line flavor); it will be provided, along with water, at every Aid Station on course. Be sure to hydrate properly for your race. Additionally, Clif Shot energy gel (Citrus and Mocha) will be offered at miles 13.2 and 18.9 on the Marathon course and Mile 7.3 on the Half Marathon course. Toilets are available at the race starting lines, at the aid stations along the course and at the Finish Line.

COURSE PHOTOGRAPHERS: photographers will be out on the course so please be sure to flash a smile when you see them! You'll receive an email with proofs soon after the race.

LIVE TRACKING: Want friends and family to follow your progress during the 2016 Tucson Marathon or Half-Marathon? Register before race day, via the following link, to receive free text messages and Facebook updates with live progress reports from split points on the course and at the finish: <https://register.chronotrack.com/event/tracking/eventID/25726>

SPECTATORS: Due to strict traffic control, and some road construction projects, spectator viewing points are, once again, limited. There are two locations where friends and family can see runners on course and maps are posted on the website. NOTE: Spectator vehicles are not allowed north of Oracle Junction (the intersection of Hwy 77 & 79) on the course.

FINISH LINE PARKING: Parking is not available at the Finish Line location at the Golder Ranch Fire Station (on Golder Ranch Drive). Any vehicles parked overnight at the Fire Station, or on Golder Ranch Drive on race day, will be ticketed and towed. The road in front of the Fire Station will be closed to traffic, so please plan accordingly. Free shuttles will run from the Coronado Middle School (our old race finish line location, at 4547 E. Wilds Road, just off Oracle Rd/Hwy 77) to the Finish Line beginning at 8am, with the last shuttle returning to the school around 1:35pm. (The travel time is about 5 minutes from the Coronado Middle School to the Finish Line.) Alternatively, friends and family can park in the Basha's Supermarket parking lot (on the corner of Oracle Rd and Golder Ranch Drive) and walk approximately one half mile east on Golder Ranch Drive to the finish line. Runners pass behind Bashas so please be alert and give them the right of way if parking here. Please do not park in the neighborhoods or block driveways around the Finish Line; vehicles parked there will be ticketed and towed.

RETURN SHUTTLES: Buses will provide return transportation for participants from the Finish Line area to the official race hotels (Hilton El Conquistador or Fairfield Inn) or the Official Parking areas starting at 8:30am. The last shuttle will depart from the Finish Line at 1:40pm. The buses will be located just beyond the Drop Bag return area, between the Fire Department buildings.

FINISH LINE FOOD TENT: Food and drinks, for race participants only, will be available just past the finish line. Please be considerate of other participants and take only enough for yourself (and not friends and family members). We ask that you use the dedicated trash and recycling bins for any recyclable material.

RESULTS / AWARDS: Results will be available on-site just past the finish line chute and on race day via a link on the TucsonMarathon.com RESULTS & NEWS pages. Awards should be picked up on-site (Half Marathon after 10am; Full Marathon after 11am). Due to the fragile nature of some finisher awards, we are unable to mail certain prizes after the event so be sure to check the Results Kiosk before leaving the finish line area.

Again, please keep an eye on the **NEWS** and Facebook pages for any last-minute updates on the events. We look forward to seeing you this weekend!

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