



RACE INFORMATION SHEET

Saturday, December 8, 2018

Thank you for choosing to participate in the **2018 Holualoa Tucson Marathon Events!** We hope you have a wonderful running experience in the desert southwest. The following information provides a quick overview that should make race day easier to navigate. Be sure to check the **NEWS** page on the race website (and Facebook page) for important information and any last-minute updates.

RACE START TIMES: **MARATHON & MARATHON RELAY: 7:00AM**
 HALF-MARATHON: 7:30AM

PACKET PICK-UP & RACE EXPO: Race numbers and goodie (drop) bags will be available for pick-up at the Hilton El Conquistador Resort (10000 Oracle Road, Tucson, AZ 85704) on Friday, December 7, from 9am – 7:00pm. (Need a friend to pick-up your bib? Please print and sign a copy of the Bib Number Authorization Form, available on the **NEWS** page). The great folks from **Athlon Physical Therapy** will be on hand during the race Expo at the Hilton to answer any injury related questions and assist with pre-race Kinesio taping for race day injury prevention and recovery. They will also be available at the Finish Line to assist with any tweaks that may have occurred during your run!

PARKING FOR STARTING LINE SHUTTLES: Parking is not allowed at either race starting line - all race participants must take an official race shuttle bus to their respective race starting line on race morning. Participants who did not use the official race booking code to reserve a room at the Hilton El Conquistador will need to find their way to one of the satellite parking areas and take a shuttle to the respective race starting line. Race shuttles will depart from the following locations, at the times listed, on Saturday morning:

- **FULL MARATHON & MARATHON RELAY SHUTTLES (4:40am-5:20am)** Full Marathon shuttle buses depart from the Ventana Medical Parking Lot (1910 E. Innovation Park Dr., Oro Valley, AZ 85755, off Tangerine Rd.).
- **HALF MARATHON SHUTTLES (5:15am-5:40am*)** Half Marathon shuttles depart from the Canyon Del Oro High School Parking Lot (25 W. Calle Concordia, Oro Valley, AZ 85704), just off Oracle Rd (south of the Hilton El Conquistador). *This is a new (later) time window.

As a reminder, race morning can be cold, so it's helpful to wear layers and utilize the race goodie bag, which we refer to as a drop bag. Clothing can be deposited in this bag, placed on an "official drop bag bus" at the starting line and the bag will be returned to you at the Finish Line (if it is labeled clearly with your name and bib number). Participants may discard unwanted clothing at the starting lines and/or any aid station along the course, but please keep in mind that those items will be donated to local shelters and will not be returned. **Note:** the Tucson Marathon Events is not responsible for lost items or valuables left in drop bags.

SHUTTLE BUSES TO STARTING LINE FOR GUESTS AT THE HILTON EL CONQUISTADOR: Shuttles for those participants who reserved a room using the official race booking code (TUC) at the Hilton El Conquistador can board buses in front of the hotel at the following times (but it's best not to wait for the last bus). A bus ticket, for your specific race start, will be provided by race staff at packet pick-up – look for the Hilton Bus Ticket sign.

- **FULL MARATHON & RELAY:** shuttles depart from 4:40am - 5:20am
- **HALF MARATHON:** shuttles depart from 5:15am – 5:40am

Participants staying at the Hilton El Conquistador who **DID NOT** reserve a room using the official race booking code can purchase a bus ticket at packet pick-up, or via PayPal by requesting a link via email. Please send a message to tucsonmarathonevents@gmail.com for payment information.

RETURN SHUTTLES TO OFFICIAL PARKING LOCATIONS & HILTON EL CONQUISTADOR: shuttle buses will provide return transportation to the Hilton El Conquistador Resort, as well as the Official Race Satellite Parking lots, on race day from 8:45am until 1:30pm.

SWITCHING RACES / REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION: Information about changing race distance and/or confirming registration can be found on the **NEWS** page. It is possible to make changes at packet pick-up.

RUNNER TRACKING: Information about runner tracking is posted on the **NEWS** page on the website, and on Facebook. Be sure to register for the service if you wish to follow a participant on race day!

AID STATIONS: all aid stations will be stocked with water and Gatorade Endurance (Lemon-lime). CLIF Shot gels (Mocha, Razz, Citrus or Vanilla) will be available at Mile 5.8 on the Half Marathon course, and Miles 12.9 and 18.9 on the Full Marathon course.

BEAST PACING: Beast Pacing will once again offer pace group for the Full and Half Marathon races! Unfortunately, they are not able to provide as many pacers as expected but have 13 dedicated individuals ready to help on race day! Following are the groups confirmed (as of 12/4/18): **FULL MARATHON:** 3:15, 3:30, 3:40, 3:55, 4:00; 4:40 and 5:00 and **HALF MARATHON:** 1:40, 1:50, 2:00, 2:10, 2:20, 2:30, 2:45 and 3:00. We apologize if a group leader is not available for your anticipated goal time.

RESULTS: Race results will be posted to the website. If you wish to confirm your time after crossing the finish line, look for the monitors at the Results Kiosk after exiting the finish line chute.

AWARDS: Overall Award times are based on the “gun start” and age group awards are based on “chip time” so please plan accordingly on race morning and take your place in an appropriate location. Please remember to run inside the cones and thank the many volunteers on course!!! Awards will be available for pick-up at the Award Table (next to the Food Tent) on race day. Awards are not mailed, so please confirm your placement before leaving the finish area.

RACE DAY PHOTOS: Action Media will be taking participant photos on race day and the images will be posted 1-2 days after the race. Information will be posted on the race website once the photos are available.

SPECTATOR VIEWPOINTS - Please adhere to these or you could be ticketed by police – *There is no spectator parking on roads north of Oracle Junction (intersection of Hwy 77 & Hwy 79) at any time on race day!*

1/ **Oracle Junction** – This is mile 18.9 for the Marathoners and mile 5.8 for the Half-marathoners. Head north on Oracle Rd/Hwy77; and park in the strip mall lot on the west (left) side of the Highway, just before Mile Post 91 (and the junction with Hwy 79). Police officers will assist with crossing the street. Please give the runners enough space to pass by safely.

2/ **Eagle Crest Ranch Blvd.** – from Oracle Junction, head south on Oracle Rd/Hwy 77, passing by Saddlebrooke Blvd., until you come to the traffic light at Eagle Crest Ranch Blvd. Parking is available just after the traffic light, on either side of the road, along the dirt frontage roads. (NOTE: We encourage folks not to park here, but if you park in the lot for 77 North Artwork or Camp Bow Wow, please be advised that the gate to their parking lot will be locked promptly at 10am (and will not reopen until 4pm). To view the runners, walk east to the aid station near Eagle Crest Ranch Blvd. Runners will pass by here on their way to the Finish Line!

FINISH LINE PARKING: The Finish Line is located at the Golder Ranch Fire Station on Golder Ranch Dr. (Spectator parking for the Finish Line is available at the Coronado Middle School (3401 E. Wilds Rd. Tucson, AZ 85739 – the traffic light just south of Golder Ranch Rd.) - shuttle buses will run between the school and the finish line. **Parking is not allowed on Golder Ranch Drive, between Twin Lakes and Coronado Forest Rd., OR in the Basha’s shopping center parking lot. Vehicles parked on Golder Ranch Rd., in the Basha’s Plaza or in the surrounding neighborhoods, will be ticketed and towed. Please be considerate of the local residents!**

Have a great race!