

2023 Churchill's Half Marathon Runners Instructions

Packet Pickup

When: Thursday Nov 9th 5pm-6:30pm

Where: Dave's Performance Footgear in Sylvania 5700 Monroe St. Sylvania, OH 43560

When: Friday Nov 10th 12pm-6:30pm

Where: Dave's Performance Footgear in River Plaza 26567 N. Dixie Highway Perrysburg, OH 43551

Late Packet Pickup

When: Saturday Nov 11th 6:45am-7:55am

Where: Party tent by the finish line at the Shop at Fallen Timbers 3100 Main St Maumee, OH 43537

Race Start

When: Saturday Nov 11th 8:30am

Where: Perrysburg High School 13385 Roachton Rd Perrysburg, OH 43551

There will be no race packets at Perrysburg High School

A valued member of the running community and Toledo Roadrunner member John Klear passed away in a hiking accident at Yosemite Park on Friday, October 20th. John was scheduled to pace this year's event, and Churchill's was his first HM. There will be orange ribbons at Dave's Running Shop and will be available at PPU for the race. We will say a few words about John with a moment of silence before the race at 8:25 followed by the nation anthem and race instructions. Because of this, **we ask all runners to be on the start line at 8:20** so we can properly honor John.

Parking

There is plenty of parking available at the Shops at Fallen Timbers. We will have a few parking lots coned off for Medical and after race activities. We ask that runners do not park in the lots closest to JC Penny nor the hotel parking lot.

Staging Area

The half marathon is staged at Perrysburg High School 13385 Roachton Rd Perrysburg, OH 43551. Parking is available at the high school, but parking at the Shops at Fallen Timbers is encouraged. (There is no return bus service to the high school after the race.) The high school will have restroom facilities open and there will be porta-pots outside close to the starting area. The high school will be the only indoor facility available to runners before the race. It is highly encouraged to get there early as we have access to the commons area to relax and stretch before the race.

Busing

Plan to arrive early. Each bus is limited to a maximum of 48 runners. Expect a delay in your race day schedule as you may have to wait in line. Buses will start lining up at 6:45am near the finish line and will leave when full. The last bus will leave at 8:00. It is approximately a 20 minute ride to the start. Do not wait for the last bus as you will be scrambling to get your bag to bag drop and get to the start line. Again, the high school is the only warm indoor facility available before the race, so please take advantage of it.

If you are picking up your packet on Thursday or Friday, proceed to the buses when you get to Fallen Timbers.

If you are planning on picking up your race packet on Saturday morning, please allow extra time as you will probably need to wait in line. Once you have your packet, proceed directly to the buses.

We suggest you plan your morning so that you arrive at the high school by 7:45am

Bag Drop

Bag drop will be located on the west side of the high school (starting line side) starting at 7:45. Look for the black Toledo Roadrunners trailer. A 13-gallon garbage bag will be given to each runner at the bag drop area. Please write your bib number on the bag before giving it to our crew to store. If you choose to use your own athletic bag, you must label it with your race number.

Do not leave valuables in your bag. The Toledo Roadrunners are NOT responsible for lost or stolen items from drop bags. We will marshal the area as well as we can.

If you forget to pick up your clothing bag, it will be held for you for 30 days after which it will be donated to a local charity. You must contact the race director if you forget to retrieve your clothing bag. You will need to arrange to pick it up at a time of mutual convenience. Lost bags will NOT be mailed back to you.

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The black Toledo Roadrunners trailer will be located by the party tent near the finish line. Please show your bib number so we can get your bag.

Course

Runners will run with traffic (stay to the right) for the entire course- This is very important for safety and will be enforced. We have had issues with runners running against traffic on River Rd after the Waterville bridge. There are hills on this part of the course and oncoming cars cannot see over the hills nor are they expecting runners to be there.

There will be 20 police officers on the course but only three miles of the course are closed to traffic (River Road on the Perrysburg side). Please be aware of traffic, obey the rules of the road and treat the full course as open. The course will be marked by orange spray chalk and direction boards. Please review the course map and know the course before the race.

Water Stops

There are 5 water stops (miles 1.7, 4.8, 8.5, 11, 12.3) each will have water and Gatorade. Honey Stinger gel will be available at 4.8, 8.5, and 11. As with any race, be prepared, do not rely on the gel at these stations if gel is part of your race strategy. There will be a porta-pot at or nearby each water stop.

Medical

ProMedica will be staffing a medical tent near the finish line. If you need medical attention at any time after the race please find a race official to help you get to the medical tent. If you need medical attention on the course have someone dial 911. If it is a minor issue, each sag wagon will be staffed with medical personnel.

Timing Chips

We will be using the ChronoTrack B-tag system. Please pin all four corners of the bib to the front of the torso so it is clearly visible. Do not fold or wrinkle the bib and do not cover the bib with a jacket, runner belt, water bottle, etc.

Pacers

Dave's will be proving pacers for the half marathon. They will be wearing an orange pacer singlets as well as have a pace sign. Please locate your pace group before the start of the race so you know who your pacer is.

1:30 Mark Strause

1:35 Dan Lumbrezer

1:40 Emily Bonawitt

1:45 Peter Qumsiyeh

1:50 Joe McKown

1:55 Austin Hagemann

2:00 Donald Achey

2:10 Paul Egli

2:20 Sarah Pirolli

2:30 Kelly Banfield

Sweeper Carmen Rowlands

Train

Unfortunately we do have active train tracks to deal with during this race, but fortunately they are within the first half mile of the race. We will have train spotters a mile east and west of the course crossing. If we feel there is any danger to the runners we will delay the start of the race until the train has passed.

Spectators

If you are expecting spectators on the course please make them aware that west bound River Road will be closed during the race. This will make it difficult to get to the Waterville Bridge by car. If your spectator(s) needs to get to the finish line from Perrysburg, we suggest they travel via 475 to 24.

Party Tent

Only registered runners will be allowed in the party tent. Each runner will be served a 2 beer maximum, please keep your bib with you as you will need the drink tickets attached to your bib to receive your beverage. No one under 21 will be served alcohol! For those 21 and under we will also have a non-alcoholic root beer.