

PNC BANK CHARLESTON HALF MARATHON

2024 Athlete Guide

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Race Rules and Regulations

Can I wear headphones?

It is unsafe to wear headphones while running. Event organizers will not restrict headphone use and leave it up to the athlete on their ability to follow direction while wearing headphone devices. If you choose to wear headphones, please keep the volume down so you can hear and follow the direction of course volunteers.

Can someone else run in my place?

No, transfers of bib numbers from person to person is prohibited.

Anyone racing with another runner's bib will be disqualified.

Can I register on race day?

No, registration will close the evening before the race.

Is there a gear check this year?

Yes, there will be gear check.

Where do I get my race bib?

If you did not pay for bib mailing, you will need to attend packet pick-up.

Where and when is packet pick-up?

- RiverDogs Stadium | 360 Fishburne St, Charleston, SC 29403
- Friday, January 19 | 9:00 AM -7:00 PM

Can someone else pick up my race packet for me?

Yes, someone else can pick up your packet. They will need a copy of your ID (a photo is sufficient).

Is there race day packet pick-up?

No, there is not race day packet pick-up.

Are strollers allowed on the course?

Strollers are not allowed on the course.

Are pets allowed on the course?

Pets are not allowed on the course.

Is the race USATF certified?

Yes, certification numbers are as follows:

5K: SC23010JK

Half: SC23013JK

Is this race a Boston qualifier?

No, the race is not a Boston Qualifier.

What is the weather policy?

Races are held, rain or shine, unless we determine that conditions are too dangerous. This will be based on a prudent decision made on race weekend or race day by race officials and local law enforcement officials. If the race is cancelled due to inclement weather, there will be neither refunds nor transfers. This position is consistent with USA Track & Field recommendations and with the protocol of sharing the risks associated with the sport of running. In the event of inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances, Capstone Event Group reserves the right to alter, cancel or eliminate any/all portions of the race.

If there is inclement weather during the race, it is your responsibility as a race participant to follow instruction from race officials and law enforcement in regards to inclement weather. If you disregard instructions from race officials and/or law enforcement, you are doing so at your own risk.

What is the time limit?

The time limit for the half marathon is 3 hours and 15 minutes, which is a 15-minute mile pace. The time limit for the 5K 0:50, which is a 16-minute mile pace. The cutoff time is determined by our event permit, which permits us to use the roads, police support and other city resources for a specified period of time. After the permitted period ends, roads will reopen and we will no longer be able to provide participants with critical course support, including road closures, police and medical coverage, hydrations stations and course markings.

When the course closes at the cutoff time, any remaining participants must move off of the roads and onto a sidewalk. Anyone who decides to utilize the course route before or after the permitted time will not be considered an active participant and must follow pedestrian laws. Participants who do not meet the cutoff time will not receive an official time.



WHAT'S NEW THIS YEAR!



At the PNC Bank Charleston Half Marathon, we believe in getting better year after year, and this year we've made some incredible changes in an effort to make the 2024 PNC Bank Charleston Half Marathon the best one yet!

New Course!

For the first time ever since the inception of this race, the new routes for the 2024 PNC Bank Charleston Half Marathon & 5K will exclusively be run within the City of Charleston!

New Finish Line & Post-Race Party Location!

Finish your race outside the RiverDogs Stadium, just a short walk from the start, and then hop inside the stadium to celebrate your accomplishment at the RiverDogs stadium! Make sure to stick around to watch the Youth Marathon taking place on the field at the RiverDogs stadium at 10:30 AM!

HalfMarathon Start Line Corrals!

In an effort to make your race experience smooth, safe, and fun, we're using corrals this year to help alleviate crowding on the course. All half marathon participants will be divided into three corrals based on their expected pace per mile which you provided at registration. The corral assignment will be noted on your bib.

Mailing Awards!

Overall awards for each distance will be announced at the post-race party. If you're unable to stay for the awards ceremony, we will mail your overall award after the race.

In an effort to ensure the accuracy of age group awards, they will be mailed to all age group recipients approximately two weeks after the race. They will not be available for pick-up on race day.

ACCESSIBILITY GUIDE

HANDICAP PARKING



- If you need handicap parking for packet pick-up or race morning, please contact us at info@charlestonhalfmarathon.com, and we will assist you!

RACE START TIMES



- Half-Marathon Wheelchair & Handcycles Start: 6:55 AM
- 5k Wheelchair & Handcycles Start: 7:55 AM

ACCESSIBLE PORTABLE TOILETS



- Portable toilets, including a limited number of ADA toilets, will be available at the **Start/Finish** line.
- On the course, ADA Portable toilets will be available at the following hydration stations:
 - 5k // Mile 2
 - Half Marathon // Miles 3 & 11

CONTACT US

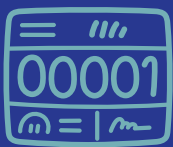


If you have a question about race weekend accessibility, please contact us at info@charlestonhalfmarathon.com!



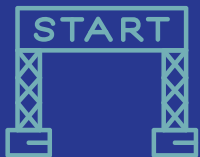
A QUICK GUIDE TO RACE DAY TERMS

RACE BIB



- Your race bib has a timing chip on the back of it which records your time from the point you cross the start line to when you cross the finish line.
- Wear your bib on race day with the number facing out.
- Please do not bend the bib or remove the timing chip.

START/FINISH LINE CHUTE



- The start line chute is where runners line up before the start of the race.
- The finish line chute is where runners receive their medal, water, and sometimes post-race snacks after crossing the finish line.

START LINE CORRALS



- New for 2024, we will be dividing the start line chute into three corrals (groups) based on the pace per mile you designated when you registered.
 - More information about the new corrals for this year is available [here](#).

HYDRATION STATION



- Hydration stations will be offered on the course.
- Runners can get water and/or a sports drink at the hydration station.
- Portable toilets are available at each hydration station.

COURSE MILE MARKERS



Mile markers are posted for each mile on the course. Please note that your GPS device may not sync perfectly with the mile markers on the course.

RACE DAY ETIQUETTE

It is our goal that every runner has an enjoyable, safe race experience!
To support this goal, we ask that all participants follow the running etiquette below!
Thank you for your cooperation!



Half marathon participants are required to line up in the correct corral, which will be printed on your bib. Within your corral, please be mindful of where you are lining up. Participants who plan to walk or do a walk-run combination should line-up toward the back of the corral.



If you will be using a walk-run method, please signal verbally or by raising your hand to other participants around you when you will be switching from running to walking.



For the safety of all participants, faster runners should stay on the left of the course and walkers stay on the right.



If you're running as a group, please only run 2 abreast to ensure there is enough space for other runners.



If possible, pass on your left and alert the runner by saying, "On Your Left."



At a Hydration Station, try to keep moving while grabbing your hydration. If you need to stop, look behind you before stopping or move to the side.



To help keep the course clean, please dispose of your cup/trash in the dedicated waste cans near the hydration stations.



For your safety and the safety of others, please keep moving through the finish line.

Charity Partner - Engaging Creative Minds

The PNC Bank Charleston Half Marathon is proud to continue its longstanding support of Engaging Creative Minds!

Engaging Creative Minds (ECM) mission is to spark creativity and curiosity in all learners through innovative learning experiences.

ECM is an Arts Integration educational nonprofit based in Charleston, South Carolina. ECM works with school districts, principals, teachers and the local workforce to identify specific knowledge and skill sets all students should master before graduating high school. ECM hires and trains local artists, STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) professionals and cultural organizations, called ECM Instructors, to work with grade level teams of teachers to support learning through the Arts.

For more information, check out the Engaging Creative Minds [website](#)!

Learn More! Be sure to stop by the ECM tent at Packet Pick-Up or the Post-Race Party to learn more about how ECM is positively contributing to education in the Lowcountry!

At packet pick-up, ECM will also have a sign making station, so while you're learning about all they do, make a sign for race day!

Donate! Free Parking at the Hagood Lot on race day will be courtesy of ECM! Extend your gratitude by [donating](#) to their incredible mission!



Race Deadlines

Category	Deadline	Form	Details
Change Distance	Friday, January 19th, 2024 at 6:00 PM	Click here to change your distance.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. You must fill out the change distance form online.2. Bib Mailers, if you changed your distance after noon on Friday, December 15th, you will need to attend PPU to receive a new bib.
Bib Mailing	Friday, December 15th, 2024 at Noon	Bib mailing is closed!	Bibs and safety pins were mailed the week of January 8th. Please pick up your race swag at the post-race party.
Deferral Deadline	Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 11:59 PM	Click here to defer your entry.	You will be issued a race credit for the amount you paid at registration excluding handling fees that can be applied toward registration for next year's PNC Bank Charleston Half Marathon or another <u>Capstone race.</u>

Please Note:

- Anyone who runs a distance with the incorrect distance timing chip will be disqualified from the race.
- You are not allowed to transfer your bib to another runner.

Bib Mailing

Runners who elected to have their bib mailed to them should receive their bib by Thursday, January 18th. Bibs and safety pins were mailed the week of January 8th.

If you do not receive your bib by Thursday, January 18th, please come to packet pick-up and head straight to customer service to be assigned a new bib.

Runners with bib mailing, if you changed your distance **after noon on Friday, December 15th**, you will need to attend packet pick-up to receive the bib for the correct distance. Please head straight to customer service, so we can assist you!

Check out the chart below to see what you will receive in the mail and what you will pick up after the race!

If you plan to use gear check on race morning, you can pick up a gear check bag on race morning.

Race Item	Will Receive in the Mail	Will Pick Up AFTER the Race
Bib	✓	
Safety Pins	✓	
Participant Shirt		✓
Participant Gift		✓



Packet Pick-Up

All participants who did NOT have their bib mailed to them need to attend packet pick-up to get their race bib. We use a reservation system to allow us to serve you more efficiently. If you haven't reserved your spot, do so [here](#)!

If you are unable to attend, you can have someone else pick up your bib for you. They will need a copy of your ID (a picture is sufficient). There will be no race day bib pick up!



When

- Friday, January 19 // 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM



Where

- RiverDogs Stadium
- [360 Fishburne St, Charleston, SC 29403](#)



What You'll Receive

- Bib
- Safety Pins
- Participant Shirt
- Finisher Gift
- Gear check bag (optional)



Free Parking

There is limited free parking available on a **first come, first served basis** at the RiverDogs Stadium.



Paid Parking

There is a paid parking garage .2 miles from the RiverDogs Stadium at [99 West Edge](#). It is \$1.00 per half hour (credit card only).

Race Day Information - Race Day Timeline



6:00 AM GEAR CHECK DROP-OFF OPENS AT THE START LINE



6:45 AM GEAR CHECK DROP-OFF CLOSSES AT THE START LINE



7:00 AM HALF MARATHON STARTS



6:55 AM HALF WHEELCHAIR/HANDCYCLISTS START



8:00 AM 5K STARTS



7:55 AM 5K WHEELCHAIR/HANDCYCLISTS START



8:00 AM GEAR CHECK PICK-UP OPENS AT RIVERDOGS



9:00AM OVERALL HALF & 5K AWARDS ANNOUNCED

*TIME SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON THE FINALIZATION OF RESULTS



10:30 AM HALF MARATHON COURSE CLOSES



10:30AM YOUTH MARATHON STARTS AT RIVERDOGS STADIUM



12:00 PM POST-RACE PARTY ENDS

Race Day Information - Parking

We have identified great parking options below that are within a short walk to both the start and finish lines. The start and finish lines are only .5 miles apart. All parking is on a **first come, first served basis**, so we recommend leaving sufficient time on race morning to allow time to park and walk to the start line. We recommend that half marathoners plan to **arrive at least one hour** before the race starts. With over 5000 participants in this year race, we ask that runners be prepared for traffic around the parking areas on race morning as everyone makes their way to the start line.

If possible, we encourage runners to carpool, use ride share options, or walk from their accommodation if staying within the City of Charleston.

5k Participants, please be aware that the half marathon starts an hour before the 5k, so half-marathon participants will be parked before you. We recommend leaving additional time on race morning in case your first parking choice is full when you arrive, and you need to navigate to a different location. Please also note that gear check will close at 6:45 AM for **all participants**, so if you are planning to use gear check, you should arrive in time to park and walk to gear check located at the start line.

Parking Location	Address	Cost	Estimated Parking Spots	Distance to Start /Finish
Hagood Lot	333 Fishburne St, Charleston, SC	Free parking compliments of Engaging Creative Minds , the race beneficiary!	1100	Start: 0.4 miles Finish: 0.1 Miles
99 West Edge Garage	99 West Edge, Charleston, SC	\$1.00 per half hour/\$18.00 daily max Card Preferred	500	Start: 0.5 miles Finish: 0.2 Miles
Bee Street Garage	122 Bee St, Charleston, SC	\$6.00/car Cash Preferred	800 Spots	Start: 0.6 Miles Finish: 0.7 Miles

Race Day Information - Parking

Ride-Share/Drop-Off Suggested Locations:

Runners are **encouraged** to utilize ride share apps. Recommended drop-off locations are at the intersections of Line St. & President St. OR Fishburne St. & Ashley St.

Road Closure Reminder:

Roads utilized for the race course will be closed and reopened on a rolling basis as runners pass through the course. For more information, please take a look at the road closure list on our [website](#).

Runners will NOT be able to access Lockwood Drive or Fishburne St (West of Hagood) on race morning beginning at 6:30 AM. **All half-marathon and 5k runners should arrive before 6:30 AM** to avoid road closures.



Race Day Information - Start Line Info

Start Line Location

Burke High School // [244 President St, Charleston, SC 29403](#)

Start Times

Half-Marathon: 7:00 AM // Wheelchair Division 6:55 AM

5k: 8:00 AM // Wheelchair Division 7:55 AM

Youth Marathon: 10:30 AM

Finish Line Location & Post-Race Party

RiverDogs Stadium // [360 Fishburne St, Charleston, SC 29403](#)

Customer Service

Pre-Race: Location - In front of Burke High School // 6:00 AM - 8:00 AM

Post-Race: Location - Left side of the concourse at RiverDogs Stadium // 8:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Gear Check

We strongly encourage runners leave personal items at home/hotel or in their cars. However, runners may check a bag at the gear check area located in front of Burke High School adjacent to the half marathon and 5k start line.

Clear drawstring bags will be available at packet pick-up on Friday. **If you opted for bib mailing, you can pick up your gear check bag at gear check on race morning.**

Drop-Off (Before the Race)

- Adjacent to the Start Line // 6:00 AM - 6:45 AM
 - Please attach the gear check tag from your bib to your bag before going to gear check on race morning.
 - Gear check will **close at the start line promptly at 6:45 AM** to transport the checked bags to the finish line before the roads are inaccessible due to the race.
- **5k participants**, if you are planning to use gear check, you will need to drop your bag by 6:45 AM. We will not be able to accept any checked bags after 6:45 AM.

Pick-Up (After the Race)

- **RiverDogs Stadium // 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**
- Gear check will be located on the right side of the concourse upon entering.
- Please look for the Gear Check signs.



Race Day Information - Start Line Info

Portable Toilets

There will be portable toilets available near the start line on race day.

Start Line Corrals (Half Marathon Only)

Runners will be divided into 3 corrals (A, B, C) based on the estimated pace selected at registration.

There will be five minutes between the start of each corral.

- Corral A: 7:00 AM
- Corral B: 7:05 AM
- Corral C: 7:10 AM

Start Corral Guidelines:

- Corral assignments will be printed on your race bib.
- Each participant will be **required** to start in the corral that is printed on the bib.
- Bibs will be checked for correct corral placement upon entering the chute. You will only be allowed to start in the corral that is listed on your bib.
- Please have your bib fastened to you and visible before you enter the corral.

To improve safety, crowding, and the overall race experience, we ask that you follow these instructions when lining up in the starting chute.

The 5k will not use corrals, but for the safety and overall race experience of all participants, we kindly ask that participants who plan to walk or do a walk/run combination, line-up toward the back of the start line chute. Thank you for your cooperation!

Medical Support

We will have medical professionals on-site throughout the race, including at the start/finish area.

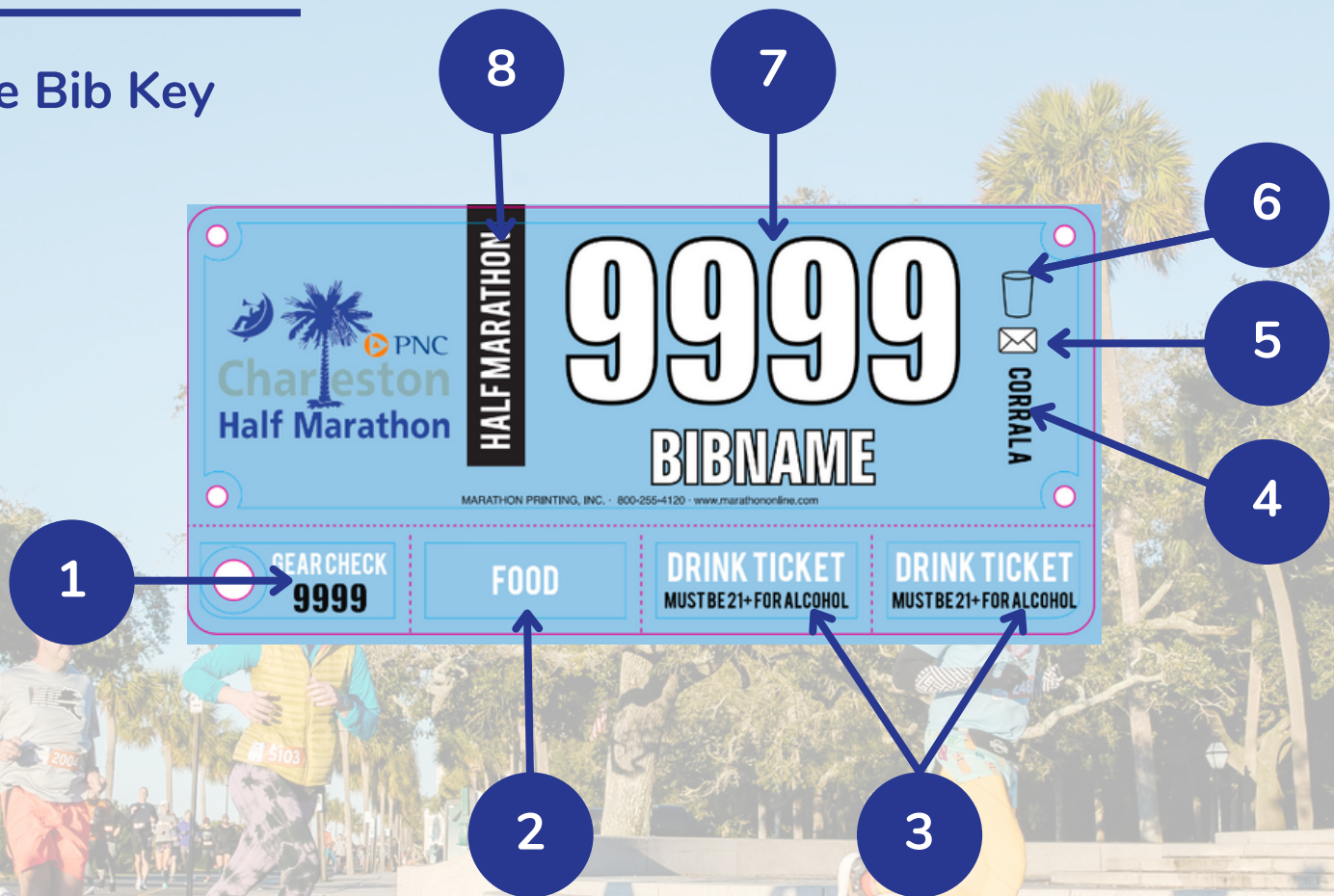


Race Day Information - Bibs

Race Bibs

Please wear your race bib on the front of your shirt or the front of your shorts with the numbers facing out. **Please do not bend or fold the timing chip**, which is on the back of your bib!

Race Bib Key



- 1. Gear Check Tag:** Attach this gear check tag to your gear check bag.
- 2. Post-Race Party Food Tag:** Participants can use this ticket to redeem one food item from the options provided within the RiverDogs stadium after the race.
- 3. Post-Race Party Drink Tags:** Participants can use these tickets to redeem two beverages from the options provided within the RiverDogs Stadium after the race. Must be 21 and over (photo ID required) to redeem the ticket for alcohol.
- 4. Start Corral Letter:** This letter identifies your corral assignment (A, B, C). Corrals will only be used for the half marathon.
- 5. Bib Mailing Icon:** The envelope icon indicates that you received your bib in the mail and will be able to pick up your race shirt and finisher gift after the race.
- 6. Over/Under 21 Icon:** The cup icon or U21 icon indicate whether the participant is 21 and over. Participants will still need to show their ID to confirm if trying to redeem drink tickets for alcohol.
- 7. Race Number:** The large number in the center of your bib is your unique race number and identifier. You can use this number to look up your race results.
- 8. Race Distance:** The race distance you are registered for is listed here.
- 9. Bib Color:** Half-marathon bibs are light blue. 5k bibs are mint green. 5k-No Medal bibs are orange.

Race Day Information - Course Info



Time Limits

The time limit for the **half marathon** is **3 hours and 15 minutes**, which is a 15-minute mile pace. The time limit for the **5k** is **0:50**, which is a **16-minute mile pace**. The cutoff time is determined by our event permit, which permits us to use the roads, police support and other city resources for a specified period of time. After the permitted period ends, roads will reopen and we will no longer be able to provide participants with critical course support, including road closures, police and medical coverage, hydrations stations and course markings.



When the course closes at the cutoff time, any remaining participants must move off of the roads and onto a sidewalk. Anyone who decides to utilize the course route before or after the permitted time will not be considered an active participant and must follow pedestrian laws. Participants who do not meet the cutoff time will not receive an official time.

Spectator Locations

There are MANY great areas for family and friends to cheer on their runner. On the individual course maps, we have identified great spectator locations!



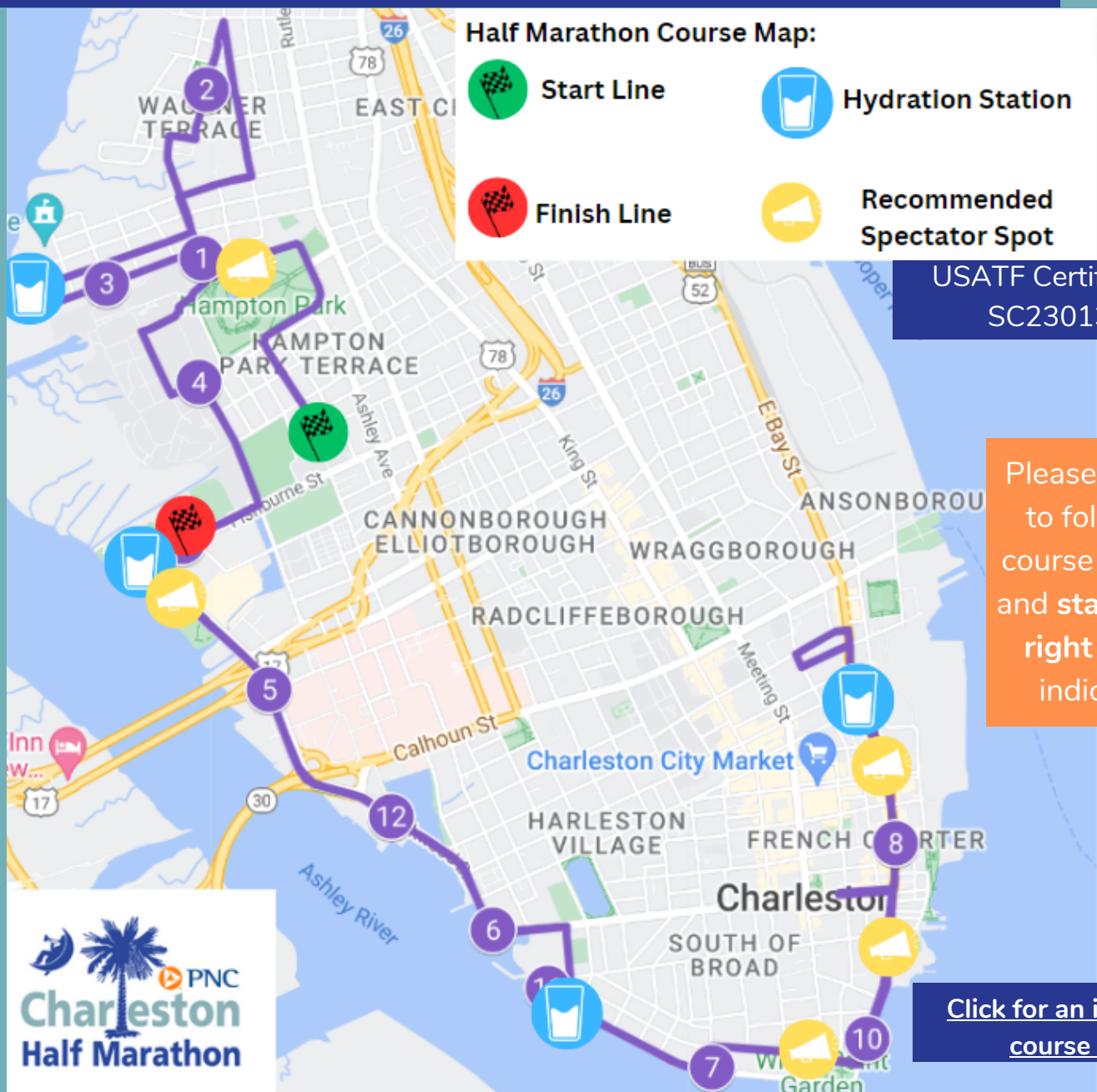
Pacers

We plan to offer the following pace groups. Please look for the pacers (holding a flag in the air with the pace on it) in the start line chute. Pacers will be wearing an **orange shirt** that says "Pacer" on it!
Half marathon: 1:30 | 1:45 | 2:00 | 2:15 | 2:30 | 2:45 | 3:00

Live Tracking

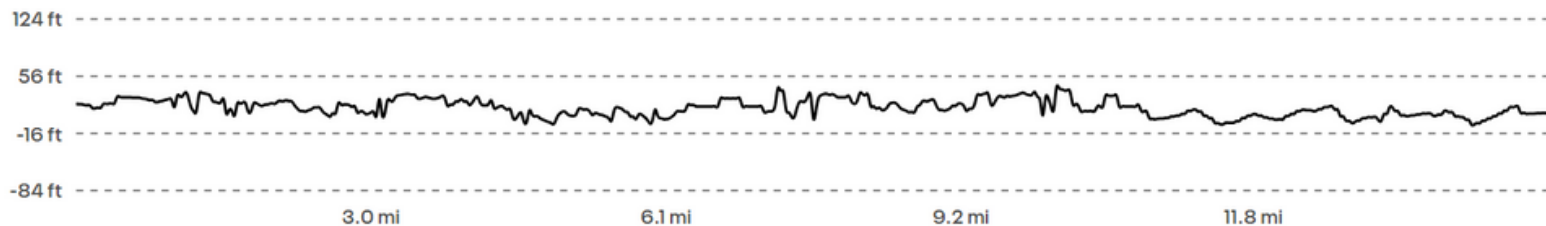
Live tracking will not be available, but there will be live splits available at mile 6 of the half marathon. The splits will be found on the results page.

Race Day Information - Half Marathon Course



Elevation

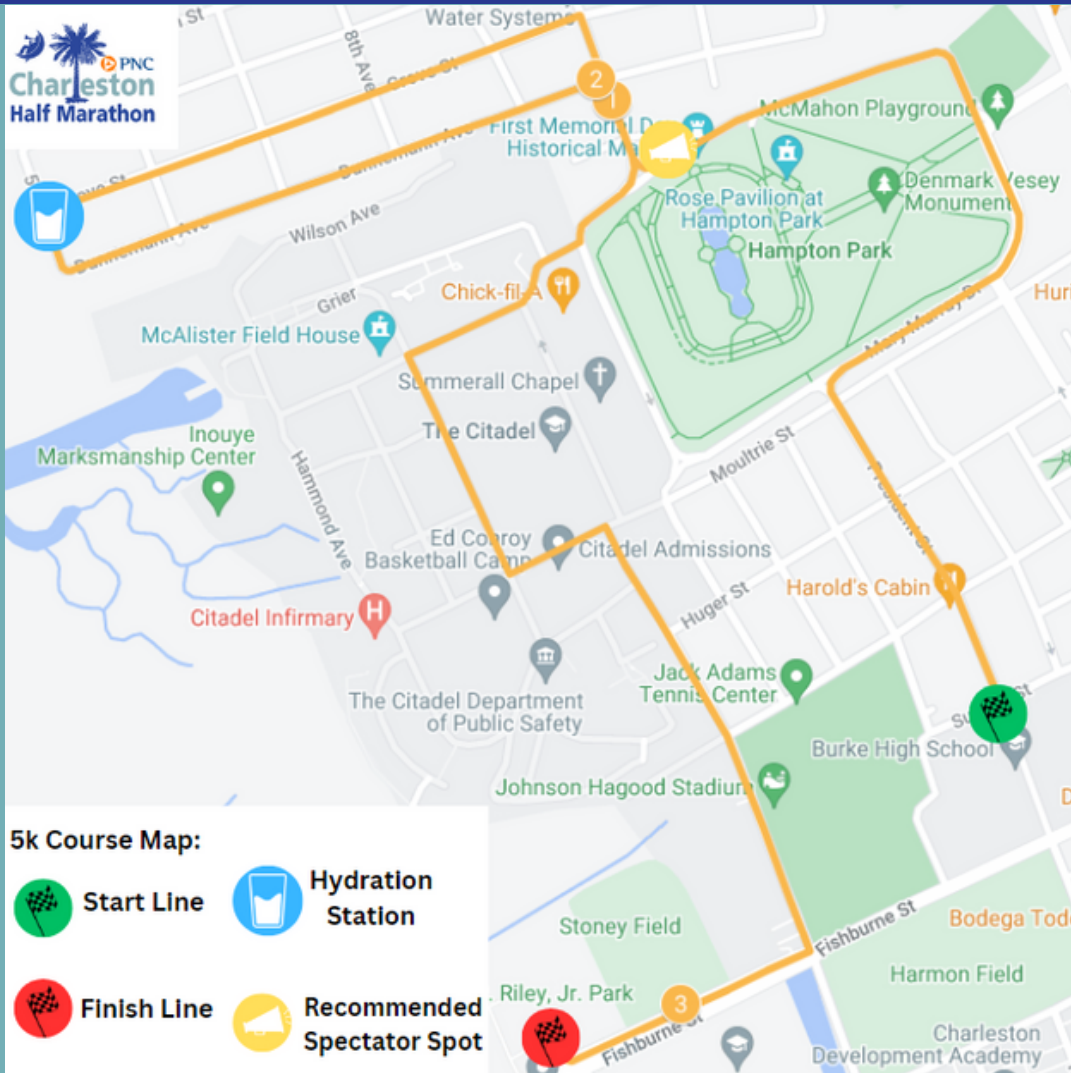
Start **23 ft** Max **42 ft** Gain **198 ft**



Hydration Stations: Closest Mile 3, 5, 7, 8.5, 9.5, 11 (Locations subject to change!)

- Water and sports drink will be provided at each station.
- There will be portable toilets available at each hydration station.
- GU will be available at Mile 8.5.

Race Day Information - 5k Course



USATF Certification:
SC23010JK

Please be sure
to follow all
course signage
and **stay on the
right** where
indicated.

[Click for an interactive
course map.](#)



Hydration Stations: Closest Mile 2 (Locations subject to change!)

- Water and sports drink will be provided at each station.
- There will be portable toilets available at each hydration station.



Youth Marathon

Start Time

10:30 AM

Start Line Location

RiverDogs Stadium // [360 Fishburne St, Charleston, SC 29403](#)

Parking/Road Closures:

Road Closures: You will **NOT** be able to utilize Lockwood Drive on race day due to road closures. Please be sure to avoid Lockwood on race morning.

Our recommended parking locations are just a short walk to the RiverDogs Stadium. To see a map, click [here](#)!

- Hagood Lot // [333 Fishburne St, Charleston, SC](#) // Free - Compliments of ECM, our race partner!
- 99 West Edge Garage // [99 West Edge, Charleston, SC](#) // \$1.00 per half hour

Packet Pick-Up

Participants can pick up the Youth Marathon race packets (bib and shirt) at packet pick-up on Friday, January 19th OR on race day from 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM at Customer Service inside the RiverDogs Stadium. Packet pick-up details for Friday, January 19th can be found on [here](#).

Race Details

Participants will complete an family friendly untimed one lap of the field at the RiverDogs stadium and finish by crossing home plate! Strollers and pets are not allowed at the Youth Marathon. All registered participants will receive a medal and a finisher shirt!



Post-Race Party

Enjoy a family fun area with refreshments, activities and live entertainment. Be sure to check out the sponsor area and enjoy some classic stadium games on the field in our Kids Zone!

The Peyton Moore Spirit Award

The traveling trophy will be awarded to the school with the most Youth Run runners. A purse of \$600 is distributed among the top three schools with the most spirit and school participation.

1st place: \$300

2nd place: \$200

3rd place: \$100



Post-Race Information

Post-Race Party



After you conquer your race, it's time to celebrate at the RiverDogs Stadium! Enjoy live music, food, and drinks as you recap your race with family and friends on the field! Be sure to stop by our sponsor tents and check out all the wonderful contributions ECM is making to community!

Out on the field, we will have sponsors, live music, and the Kids Zone, so be sure to enjoy classic stadium games after the race!

As a reminder, all half-marathon and 5k participants will receive:

- 2 Beverage Tickets
 - Must be 21+ for alcohol - Must show your ID.
 - Drink tickets can be used for soda/water, as well.
- Food Ticket - Can be redeemed for a hot dog, burrito, or vegetable burrito



Youth Marathon

The Youth Marathon will be taking place during the Post-Race Party on the field at the RiverDogs stadium at 10:30 AM! Cheer on the next generation of PNC Bank Charleston Half Marathon participants!

Finisher Medals

All participants will receive a finisher medal after crossing the finish line! Please note: If you registered for the 5k after 10:00 AM on 1/10/24, you registered for the 5k-No Medal category and will not receive a medal at the finish line.



Participant Photos

Professional photographers will be along the course as well as the start/finish area to take pictures throughout the race. When they become available, a link to the race photos will be posted on our [website](#). FinisherPix, the race photographer, will email a link to runners.



Swag

Half marathon and 5k participants will receive a race shirt, participant gift, and finisher medal (5k-No Medal category will not receive a medal).



Post-Race Information

Results

There will be no results tent at the finish line. Runners will receive a text message with a link to their individual results upon crossing the finish line. Results will also be posted online as they become available.

Overall Awards

Overall Award Medals will be presented to the **top three male and female finishers** in the half-marathon and the 5k based based on gun time. We will not hold an awards ceremony; overall winners will be announced at the stage at 9:00 AM. Following the announcement, overall medals can be picked up at Customer Service.

If you are unable to pick up your overall award at the ceremony, we will mail it to you approximately two weeks after the race.

Please note the time may change based on when results are finalized.

Age Group Awards

Age Group Award Medals will be given to the top three male and female finishers in the half marathon and the 5k based on chip time.

To ensure the accuracy of age group awards, age group award medals will **not** be given out on race day. Age group award medals will be mailed approximately two weeks after the race.

Age Groups		
19 & Under	35-39	60-64
20-24	40-44	65-69
25-29	45-49	70-74
30-34	50-54	75+
55-59		



Partners and Sponsors 2024

