



2009 Olathe Kid's Marathon

Presented by The Olathe Medical
Center

Race Weekend Schedule

Friday, March 28 th	Noon – 8 pm	Packet pick-up Olathe Bass Pro (12051 Bass Pro Dr.)
Saturday, March 29 th	7 – 7:20 am	Packet pick-up at Race Location
	7:20 am	Be at the assembly area (East of parking garage) for start of race
	7:30 am	Start of race

Packet Pick-up

Every participant will receive a race-number, T-shirt and event sponsor goodie bag. These items can be picked up at the designated packet pick-up locations and times noted on the race weekend schedule. It is highly recommended that packet pick-up be completed on Friday, which will help ensure you are at the starting line on time.

Please note:

Participants that miss the official event start may not be allowed to start the event due to race management and safety considerations. Please be sure to be on time to the starting line. ☺

Race Number Information

Each participant will receive a race number. Each race number will have two duplicate numbers. The child must wear the large upper portion on race day to enter the starting line area. The lower portion should be torn off and worn by the parent or guardian responsible for the participant on race day. A security check system will be enforced for the younger grade runners.

- Race number must be visible and worn on the outside front of all clothing during the entire race.
- Race numbers are non-transferable and may only be worn by the assigned participant.
- Do not alter the race number in any way.
- Securely fasten the race number to the front of your child's running outfit with safety pins that will be provided in your race packet.

Parking

Parking will be located at Garmin on the surface lots located just off 151st St. west of Ridgeview. Parking is also available at Indian Trail Junior High just east of Ridgeview Rd. There will be NO parking in the Garmin parking garage.

Starting Line area

The starting line will be just east of the Garmin parking garage on the east-west facility access road. This year there will not be an age graded wave start, all ages will start at the same time. Because of this single start, it is important that the oldest kids line-up in front followed by the younger kids. If your child is planning to walk or walk/run the event, they should line up in the back of the starting

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group. If siblings are running the event together, they will need to start with the younger participant. Starting in this order will ensure the younger and less speedy-er participants do not get run over or cause a log-jam with the other participants. Remember this event is not a race race, but a fitness goal completion – there is no timing of the Kid's event.

Also keep in mind that the 5K participants will be lining up just east of the kids on the same access road, and at the start of the race – the Mahaffie cannon blast, the 5K runners will head east as the kids head west. There will be Kid's Marathon volunteers to help with the starting line staging area, so please be attentive to volunteer and course monitor instructions and requests.

Race Route from Start to Finish

Participants will start just east of the Garmin parking garage on the east-west facility access road and head west passing the parking garage heading towards Mahaffie Rd. At Mahaffie, the participants will turn right and head north for approximately four-tenths mile to the end of the paved street surface. At this point the kids will make a “U” turn and head south towards 151st St. As the kids approach the Garmin east-west facility access road, they will turn left heading east towards the parking garage on the official Olathe Marathon course. At this point of the course it will be very important for the kids to be attentive and listen to police and/or safety volunteers when merging onto the marathon course as the real fast 5K runners maybe active on the course. While on the marathon course, the adult runners have the right-of-way, so please do not bunch up in a group of more than two across and stay to the left side of the road.

Important Safety Information

The portion of the race course on Mahaffie will be secured by volunteers and/or Police for a limited time. As any time you run, it is important that you are attentive to your surroundings and watch for any potential vehicles that may appear on the course. While no vehicles are expected on the course, especially with Police presence, it is best to be safe and aware when running on any street.

Finish Line area

The finish line will be on the east-west facility access road near the parking garage entrance. Once the child crosses the finish line they will receive their Finisher's medal and then enter a secured area just inside the parking garage. Volunteers will escort the participants to the exit area. Once the participant exits the finish area, they may not return. There is no access to the actual finish line for family and spectators. Parents can watch their child finish outside the finish line fencing and retrieve their child at the finish area exit.

Kudos & Thanks

The Olathe Kid's Marathon organizing committee would like to thank the following sponsors and supporters who through their generosity have made this youth fitness and community event possible at no cost to registered participants.

- Olathe Medical Center

- Greater Kansas City YMCA

- Olathe USD 233

- Garmin

- Olathe Chamber of Commerce

- City of Olathe

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Race Rules and Regulations

- It is strongly suggested that two parents/adults/or guardians accompany the participant to the event.
- No strollers, roller blades, heelies, pets, skateboards, bikes or scooters are allowed on the course.
- No headphones, MP3 players, or other devices that can impede the ability to hear while running on the marathon course are allowed.
- Plan ahead. Select a meeting place and time with your child before their race in case you become separated.
- Children should be able to complete the 1.2 mile run on their own. The course is safe and secure, roads will be closed and police, safety volunteers and trained medical staff will be present. If you do not feel comfortable having your child run alone you may accompany him or her in the race. For the safety of all children you must start towards the back of the pack.
- Please be extremely cautious and aware of your surroundings at all times.
- When the participants merge on to the official Olathe Marathon race course, be aware of the adult race participants who are running as part of a timed event.
 - **It is important that you:**
 - **Do not run more than two across**
 - **Stay on the left side of the access road when finishing (5K, Half and Full marathon runner will be on the right)**
 - **Leave room for other runners to easily pass you or your group**
 - **Do not squeeze by the adult runners**
 - **Listen to all directions by police and course support volunteers**
- The refreshments at the finish line area are for children and marathoners only. If you are accompanying your child in the race, please be sensitive to the needs of the paid participants and refrain from taking food or drink from this area.

Important Event Notes

1. For the safety of the children in the younger grades, a 'kid release' will be enforced at the finish line secure area. Each race number has two duplicate numbers. The larger upper portion is to be worn by the participant and the lower portion is to be worn by the adult. At the end of the secure area, kids will be released to the parent or guardian who possesses the matching race number.

Last but not least – Have fun and smile as you cross the finish line – running 26 miles is a feat that not many people have done, but you did it! And now you are a marathoner! Congratulations!