



OLATHE KS 10 MARATHON

the crossroads to adventure



Frequently Asked Questions

Date?

April 10, 2010

How does one pronounce Olathe?

oh-lay-thuh with the emphasis on 'lay.' Olathe is an Indian word for "beautiful."

Is the Olathe Marathon a Boston qualifier?

The Olathe Marathon is USATF certified and thus, a qualifier for the Boston Marathon. (For qualifying times, please visit <http://www.bostonmarathon.org/BostonMarathon/Qualifying.asp>) The half-marathon, and 5k are also USATF certified thus, your times are eligible for state, national and world records. Now, are you fast enough?

How do I register for one of the races?

Easiest way is to register online before midnight on April 6 at www.active.com.

Or register at the race package pick-up on April 6. **There will be limited race-day registration!**

May I get a refund?

Unfortunately, all entries are non-refundable and non-transferable. Once we receive and accept your entry, you will not receive a refund. If you cannot participate, you may not give or sell your number to anyone else and entry fees will not be transferred from year to year. We will be happy to ship you a T-shirt from the 2009 race. Please email a request with your cancellation and include your name, street address, sex, age, phone number and T-shirt size to bsmall@olathe.org. T-shirts will be mailed out after the event.

Where is packet pick-up and how do I get there?

Coming Soon!

What if the course gets crowded?

All runners must keep to the right, unless otherwise posted along the route. This will allow faster runners to pass on the left.

Are there restroom facilities at the start?

There will be 30 porta-potties available at Garmin. Additionally, there will be 2 porta-potties at each aid-station, except for 2 aid stations that have permanent facilities. And with that number of facilities, no lines!

Is there a qualifying time?

No... we're not at the level of Boston - yet!

Early start?

We cannot offer the option of an early start. All participants will begin the Marathon and Half Marathon at 7:00 a.m.; Kids Run and 5k at 7:30 a.m.

Cut off time for the finish line?

Course protection will be provided until 1:00 p.m. The finish line will be open until 2 p.m.

Time limit for the course?

6 hours. Course protection will be provided until 1:00 p.m. Marathon and Half Marathon participants need to be at mile 11 by 10 a.m.

Closed course?

The course is not closed. However the Olathe Police Department, Olathe Public Works, Johnson County Sheriff Department, Johnson County Public Works, KS National Guard, and Olathe Fire Dept. cone and monitor the course to assure the safest environment for all participants.

Where do I park before I catch the shuttle to the race start?

There are parking lots available at Garmin. Parking lot attendants will direct you to parking on race day.

Is there a limit to the number of participants?

No. At this point, there is no limit to the number of participants that can enter.

Number of runners?

Last year we had over 1500 runners between the three events.

Wheelchairs/handcycles?

Due to the lack of sustainable participation numbers in these divisions, it has been determined to suspend these options.

Relay?

The Olathe Sports Commission has long maintained a cooperative spirit in the Kansas City running community, when the legendary Brew to Brew relay event moved their event to April 1, we concluded we would not "compete" with such a KC running icon event. Thus, it has been determined to suspend this event.

Are headphones allowed?

You will find that most every road race will ban use of headphone, ipods, radios, etc., while you participate in their event. The Olathe Marathon is no exception. The reason is so each participant is able to be fully aware of their environment while participating. The Olathe Marathon is not a closed course and while the police and traffic departments do their best at providing a safe environment, we want you to again, be fully aware of your environment while participating.

If you absolutely insist on wearing headphones, please keep the volume at a low enough level so you can hear what is going on around you.

What is the course like?

The race will be run in commercial/retail development areas, residential streets and on a paved suburban running trail with the start and finish at the Garmin World Headquarters. The course is generally flat with small rolling hills.

Course map

A course map is available at www.olathemarathon.com

Hotels?

There are a number of hotels in Olathe. All of their information, including address, phone numbers, late check-out, and special rates for Olathe Marathon participants, can be found on www.olathemarathon.com

If you go to <http://www.olathecvb.org/> you will find our Visitors Guide. Page 19 has a map that shows the locations of all the hotels.

Dropout procedures?

If at any point in the run you feel you need to resign, please try to reach an aid station and contact a volunteer. Otherwise, contact a police officer or emergency personnel. Unless it is deemed an emergency, a shuttle will circulate and pick you up and return you to the finish area.

Frequency of aid/portapotties?

Restroom facilities are offered at all aid locations along the course.

Type of sports drink?

The Olathe Marathon uses AquaFina, Gatorade, and will have one GU stop- the GU stop is designated on the course map.

Where can spectators view the progress along the route?

There is ample viewing area at Garmin, and additional spectator areas along the course are noted on the course maps.

Results

Results will be given out at Garmin upon completion of the race. Results will also be posted on www.olathemarathon.com

Where to give feedback?

Feel free to email the race director at aholverson@olathe.org