AKRON MARATHON

RACE SERIES

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Elite Athlete Program 2023

Elite Athlete Benefits
- Complimentary entry into the Akron Marathon / Half Marathon
- VIP Packet Pickup
- Special "Elite Athlete" bib number
- Access to the Elite Athlete corral
- Personal gear bag handling from the start to the finish
- Private area and VIP experience at the Start Line
- Private area at the Finish Line equipped with fluids, food, gear bag delivery, and massage therapists

Seeded Athlete Benefits
- Access to the Seeded athlete corral located directly behind the Elite Athlete Corral and ahead of the general field of runners.

Awards and Prize Money

Marathon

	Open Men	Open Women	Masters Men	Masters Women
1st Place	$2,500	$2,500	$500	$500
2nd Place	$1,500	$1,500	$375	$375
3rd Place	$1,000	$1,000	$250	$250

Ohio Resident

This prize money is awarded to the first 3 men and women to finish the marathon who are residents of the state of Ohio at the time of the race regardless of age.

	Open Men	Open Women
1st Place	$750	$750
2nd Place	$500	$500
3rd Place	$250	$250

Half Marathon

	Open Men	Open Women	Masters Men	Masters Women
1st Place	$1,000	$1,000	$400	$400
2nd Place	$750	$750	$300	$300
3rd Place	$500	$500	$200	$200

Event Record Incentives

	Open Men	Open Women	Masters Men	Masters Women
Full Marathon	$500 [2:15:59]	$500 [2:39:09]	$500 [2:23:44]	$500 [2:49:52]
Half Marathon	$500 [1:03:58]	$500 [1:14:18]	$500 [1:05:16]	$500 [1:25:29]

- Overall and masters awards and prize money:
    a. An individual is only eligible to win prize money in the event in which you are registered.
    b. Based on gun time.
    c. Prize money awarded only to citizens of the United States of America at the time of the race.
    d. For the Marathon and Half Marathon division, where prize money is involved, participants are eligible to win both overall and masters division prize monies.
    e. For events where no prize money is involved, participants can only win one award. Overall placements are weighted more heavily than masters placements.
    f. Participants may be removed from awards, prize money, and event records if that participant violates one of the Elite Athlete Rules. This includes the visible possession or use of video, audio, or communications devices along the course route.
- Event record incentives:
    a. Open records are based on gun time
    b. Masters records are based on chip time
    c. An individual is only eligible to set an event record in the event in which you are registered.
    d. An individual is only eligible to set an event record if you finish first in the overall open or masters category.
- Age group awards:
    a. Top three male and female Marathon finishers in all age categories will receive recognition awards: 19 and under, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69 and 70+. You can win only one award.
    b. Based off age on race day
    c. Based on chip time
    d. Top 3 overall and masters are removed from age group awards
    e. Mailed 6-8 weeks post-race, after results have been finalized
    f. Awarded for events when division size reaches 500 or more participants
- To be eligible for prize money and/or awards, transgender athletes must meet the eligibility regulations as defined by World Athletics Eligibility regulations for Transgender Athletes.
- Any disputes in conduct and placement should be sent to Info@AkronMarathon.org within 24 hours of results being posted.
- It is the responsibility of the participant to determine if they are able to accept prize money or awards and how that prize may be spent to maintain high school and/or collegiate eligibility.

Elite and Seeded Athlete Qualification

- Qualification times

Event	A Standard	B Standard	Seeded Standard
Men's Marathon	2:30	2:50	3:00
Women's Marathon	2:55	3:15	3:35
Men's Masters Marathon	2:45	3:05	3:20
Women's Masters Marathon	3:05	3:35	3:55
Men's Half Marathon	1:10	1:15	1:25
Women's Half Marathon	1:21	1:30	1:35
Men's Masters Half Marathon	1:15	1:30	1:35
Women's Masters Half Marathon	1:33	1:40	1:45

*Standards are based on Akron Marathon record times and race history finishing times

   a. Reach the qualifying time standards based on sex given at birth
   b. Qualifying standards must be met within the qualifying period, within 3 years of the start of year you plan to race. For 2023 the qualifying race must be on or after January 1, 2020.
   c. Achieving a qualifying time does not guarantee entry into the Elite Athlete program. Once applications are received and reviewed athletes will be notified of acceptance.
   d. Half Marathon qualifying time can be used to apply for the Full Marathon.
   e. Qualifying standards must be achieved on a certified USATF course during an organized race with published times. All given times will be verified against the official results.

- Timeline
   a. Elite Athlete applications are due on July 1, 2023. Applications received after this deadline will be accepted on a case-by-case basis.
   b. The athletes who will be accepted into the Elite Athlete Program will be announced on or before July 11, 2023
      - Up to 5 athletes per event category will be invited to the program
   c. All Elite Athletes need to register through the registration platform by July 31, 2023. Failure to do so may result in removal from the Elite Athlete Program.
   d. Seeded Athlete applications are due on August 15, 2023. Applications received after this deadline will be accepted on a case-by-case basis.

Rules

- As a sanctioned USATF race, all USATF rules are in effect.
  a. Participants vying for prize money are not permitted to wear headphones during the race. Participants found wearing headphones may be removed from overall awards, masters awards, and event records.
  b. Possession or use of video, audio, or communication devices during the race is prohibited.
  c. Anyone outside the competition field is not allowed to help an athlete make forward progress. Officials, medical personnel, other participants may help a runner return to their feet after a fall.
- Agree to follow USATF Anti-Doping Rules.