



# MEDIA GUIDE

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#### WEBSITES

[thepittsburghmarathon.com](http://thepittsburghmarathon.com)  
[p3r.org](http://p3r.org)

#### HASHTAGS

#PGHMarathon  
#RUNPGH

#### PITTSBURGH MARATHON SOCIAL

Instagram and X: @pghmarathon  
Facebook: DSGPM

#### P3R SOCIAL

Instagram, Facebook, X, YouTube & TikTok:  
MOVEwithP3R

### MEDIA CREDENTIAL PICK-UP

#### P3R HEADQUARTERS

810 River Avenue, Suite 120, Pittsburgh  
Tuesday, April 28 - 9 AM - 5 PM  
Wednesday, April 29 - 9 AM - 5 PM  
Thursday, May 30 - 9 AM - 12 PM

#### EVENT STAFF CHECK-IN

Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown Hotel, Benedum Room  
Friday, May 1 - 8 AM to 8 PM  
Saturday, May 2 - 4:30 AM to 6 PM  
Sunday, May 3 - 2:00 AM to 3 PM



## RACE WEEKEND MEDIA AREAS

The Start Line Media Area and Finish Line Media Area will be open to members of the working press accredited by P3R to cover the event. Credentialed media are welcome to watch and cover the races from these designated spots during hours of operation.

Note that there will be limited space in these areas for photographers, videographers and other media. Please be respectful of race officials, event staff and volunteers as they try to keep these areas clear and safe for all involved.

### *Start Line Media Area*

#### **Saturday, May 2**

4:30 AM - 11:30 AM

West General Robinson Street at Mazeroski Way

#### **Sunday, May 3**

4:30 AM - 7:30 AM

Liberty Avenue at 10th Street

### *Finish Line Media Mix Zone*

#### **Saturday, May 2**

7:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Boulevard of the Allies between Wood and Market Streets

#### **Sunday, May 3**

6:30 AM - 2:00 PM

Boulevard of the Allies between Wood and Market Streets

### *Finish Line Media Center*

#### **Sunday, May 3**

6:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Exchange Room, 3rd Floor, Industrialist Hotel

Please note the Finish Line Media Center on Sunday, May 3 will include:

- Live race updates as they become available during the race
- Access to wireless internet
- Refreshments



## **PRESS CONFERENCE & ATHLETE ROUNDTABLE INTERVIEWS**

### **FRIDAY, MAY 1, 9:30 AM**

Official Marathon Weekend Media Kickoff

West Lobby, Level 3, David L. Lawrence Convention Center

Join County Executive Sara Innamorato, Mayor Corey O'Connor, P3R CEO Troy Schooley, top men's and women's pro runners, and event partners for a ribbon cutting at the 2026 Pittsburgh Live Well Expo presented by GNC and to officially kick off marathon weekend.

### **FRIDAY, MAY 1, 10:15 AM**

Athlete Interviews

West Lobby, Level 1, David L. Lawrence Convention Center

Top athletes in the UPMC Health Plan Pittsburgh Half Marathon and DICK'S Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon will be available for one-on-one interviews immediately after the press conference. Athletes available include:

- Will Loevner
- Jane Bareikis
- Buze Diriba Kejela
- Stephanie Bruce



## **AWARD CEREMONY**

**SUNDAY, MAY 3, 10:30 AM**

Location: Festival Stage, Point State Park

Top finishers from the DICK'S Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon, UPMC Health Plan Pittsburgh Half Marathon, and the Handcycle Division presented by PNC will be recognized at an award ceremony featuring P3R CEO Troy Schooley and representatives from event partners DICK'S Sporting Goods, UPMC Health Plan, and PNC.

## **SECURITY CHECKPOINTS & BAG SCREENING**

**MEDIA MUST WEAR THEIR CREDENTIALS AROUND THEIR NECK AT ALL TIMES.** All credentialed media will be required to pass through security checkpoints before entering the start line and finish line areas on Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3. Plus, media may be subject to security sweeps as executed by public safety officials in secure areas.

Credentialed media are permitted to bring bags into restricted areas. However, bags should be tagged with the approved bag tag and will be subject to screening upon entry to any restricted area. Bag tags will be included in your race weekend press packet.



## PRE-RACE MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Monday, April 27	6 PM	FedEx Surprises Inspiring Pittsburgh Relay Team with Special Delivery Ahead of Race Weekend	Parking Lot near Mellon Spray Park
Wednesday, April 29	1 - 3 PM	UPMC Children's Hospital Kids Marathon Event	UPMC Children's Hospital
Thursday, April 30	2 PM	Sneak Peek of Pittsburgh Live Well Expo Presented by GNC	West Lobby, Level 1, David L. Lawrence Convention Center
Friday, May 1	9:30 - 10:00 AM	Race Weekend Kick-off Press Conference & Expo Ribbon Cutting	West Lobby, Level 3, David L. Lawrence Convention Center
Friday, May 1	10 AM	Pittsburgh Live Well Expo Presented by GNC Opens for VIPs	David L. Lawrence Convention Center
Friday, May 1	10:15 AM	Elite Athlete interviews	West Lobby, Level 1, David L. Lawrence Convention Center
Friday, May 1	11 AM - 8 PM	Pittsburgh Live Well Expo Presented by GNC Open to Public	David L. Lawrence Convention Center
Friday, May 1	5:30 PM	The Shakeout + Concert	Market Square



## RACE WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event	Location
Saturday, May 2	7 AM to 2 PM	Finish Line Festival powered by Cleveland Brothers Open	Point State Park
Saturday, May 2	7:30 AM	UPMC Health Plan / UPMC Sports Medicine Pittsburgh 5K begins	West General Robinson Street at Mazeroski Way
Saturday, May 2	8:30 - 9:15 AM	Sheetz Pittsburgh Toddler Trot begins	Point State Park
Saturday, May 2	8:30 AM	U. S. Steel Pittsburgh Champions Mile begins	West General Robinson Street at Mazeroski Way
Saturday, May 2	9 AM - 5 PM	Pittsburgh Live Well Expo presented by GNC open	David L. Lawrence Convention Center
Saturday, May 2	9:30 - 11:20 AM	Chick-fil-A Pittsburgh Kids Marathon begins	West General Robinson Street at Mazeroski Way
Saturday, May 2	4 PM	Pittsburgh Marathon Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony	David L. Lawrence Convention Center
Sunday, May 3	5:30 AM	Start line corrals open	Liberty Avenue, Downtown
Sunday, May 3	6:50 AM	Handcycle Division Presented by PNC Bank Begins	Liberty Avenue at 10th Street
Sunday, May 3	7 - 7:40 AM	Elite Athletes begin/Corrals A-E start and continue through 7:40 AM	Liberty Avenue at 10th Street
Sunday, May 3	7 AM - 2 PM	Finish Line Festival powered by Cleveland Brothers open	Point State Park
Sunday, May 3	9 AM	UPMC Health Plan Pittsburgh BACK Half Marathon begins	Oakland
Sunday, May 3	9:30 AM	GNC Pittsburgh 4-Mile Fitness Challenge begins	Bloomfield



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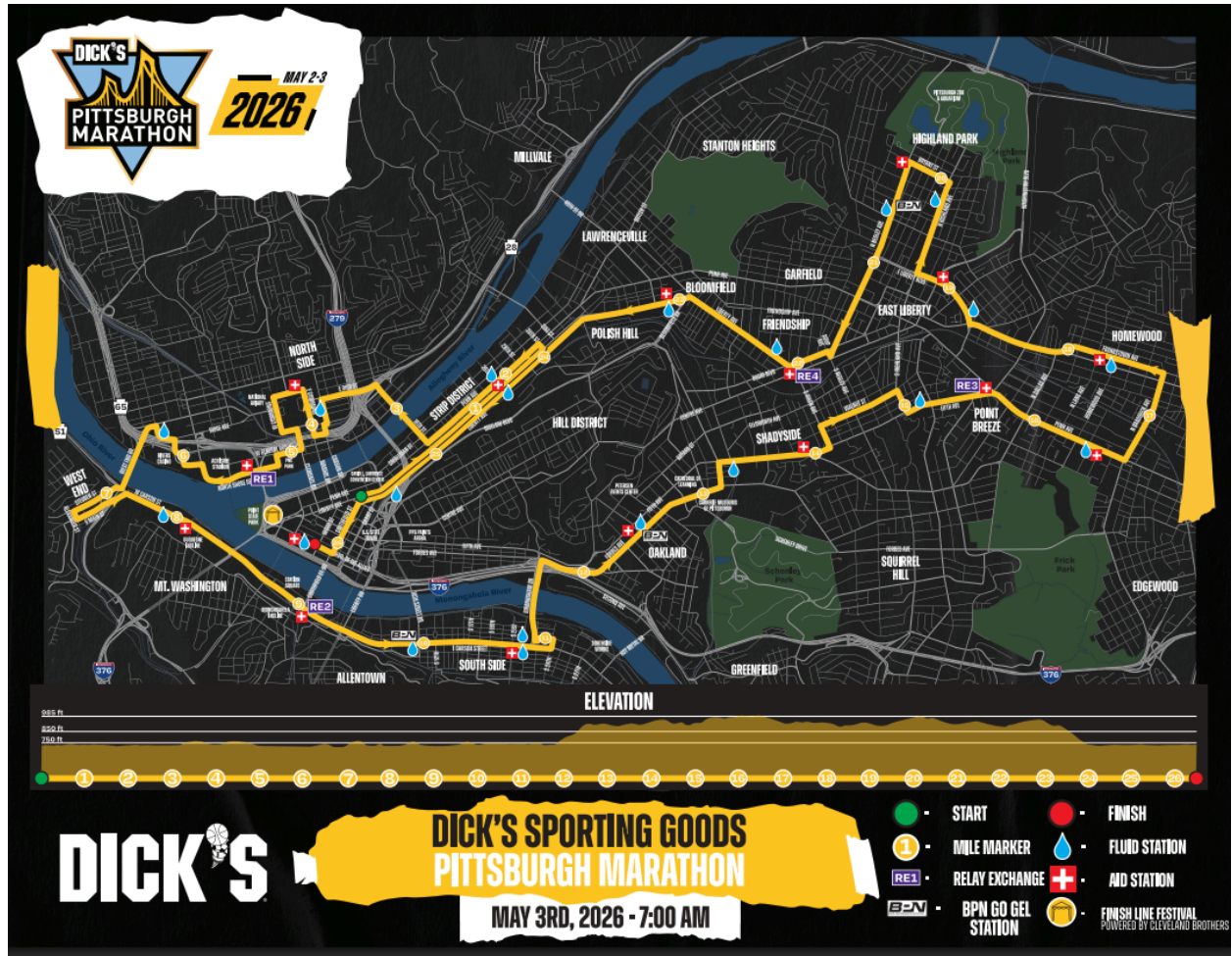
## SUNDAY FINISH LINE SCHEDULE

Time	Event	Location
8 AM	1st Place Pittsburgh Half Marathon Men's Finish (Est.)	Boulevard of the Allies between Wood and Market Streets
8:10 AM	1st Place Pittsburgh Half Marathon Women's Finish (Est.)	Boulevard of the Allies between Wood and Market Streets
8:16 AM	1st Place Handcycle Finish (Est.)	Boulevard of the Allies between Wood and Market Streets
9:15 AM	1st Place Pittsburgh Marathon Men's Finish (Est.)	Boulevard of the Allies between Wood and Market Streets
9:35 AM	1st Place Pittsburgh Marathon Women's Finish (Est.)	Boulevard of the Allies between Wood and Market Streets
10:30 AM	Awards Ceremony	Finish Line Festival Stage
2:30 PM	Expected last runner to cross the finish line	Boulevard of the Allies between Wood and Market Streets



# COURSE MAPS

## DICK'S SPORTING GOODS PITTSBURGH MARATHON



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## UPMC HEALTH PLAN PITTSBURGH HALF MARATHON



To view more course information, visit [thepittsburghmarathon.com/pages/course-maps](http://thepittsburghmarathon.com/pages/course-maps).



## START LINE

The start line for the DICK'S Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon, UPMC Health Plan Pittsburgh Half Marathon, and FedEx Pittsburgh Marathon Relay is located on Liberty Avenue near 10th Street.



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## FINISH LINE

The finish line for the DICK'S Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon, UPMC Health Plan Pittsburgh Half Marathon, UPMC Health Plan Pittsburgh BACK Half Marathon, FedEx Pittsburgh Marathon Relay and GNC Pittsburgh 4-Mile Fitness Challenge is located on the Boulevard of the Allies between Wood and Market Streets.

## FINISH LINE FESTIVAL POWERED BY CLEVELAND BROTHERS

All participants, volunteers, and spectators are invited to celebrate at the Finish Line Festival powered by Cleveland Brothers in Point State Park from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3.

Participants can purchase official finisher jackets, DICK'S Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon merchandise, 4RUN2 gear, and the official race poster from the 4RUN2 Store. Plus, several event partners will be on-site with fun giveaways, activities and much, much more!



## HISTORY

First run in 1985, the Pittsburgh Marathon paused in 2003 before making a powerful return as the DICK'S Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon in 2009. Today, it's a full weekend of events welcoming more than 52,000 participants each year.

### 2009

#### **The Comeback**

The DICK'S Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon relaunches with a sold-out field of 10,500 participants. A half marathon and kids race are introduced.

### 2010

#### **Unexpected Course Disruption**

A suspicious microwave discovered near the finish line prompts a brief delay and course reroute. Authorities later determine there was no threat, and the race resumes safely.

### 2011

#### **Expanding the Weekend**

The UPMC Health Plan / UPMC Sports Medicine 5K is added to the Saturday lineup, creating a true weekend of events.

### 2012

#### **A New Finish Line Tradition**

The finish line moves to the Boulevard of the Allies, where it remains today, becoming an iconic stretch for runners crossing the line.

### 2013

#### **Stronger Together**

Following the Boston Marathon bombing, enhanced security measures are implemented. The Pittsburgh community rallies in support of runners, and DICK'S Sporting Goods sponsors Boston participants to complete their race in Pittsburgh. A Pet Walk is also introduced.

### 2015

#### **Youth Growth**

The Pittsburgh Toddler Trot debuts, welcoming the youngest participants to race weekend.

### 2017

#### **Giving Back Milestone**

The Run for a Reason Charity Program surpasses \$10 million raised, highlighting the event's growing community impact.



## **2018**

### **A Decade of Running**

The Pittsburgh Marathon celebrates its 10th anniversary since the relaunch. P3R hosts the USA Track & Field Half Marathon Championships for the first time.

## **2020 & 2021**

### **Running Virtually, Together**

During the pandemic, more than 19,000 participants from 44 states and nine countries take part in virtual race experiences, keeping the spirit of the event alive.

## **2022**

### **Return to the Streets**

The in-person event returns with more than 40,000 participants. New walking division in the Half Marathon creates more ways to MOVE during Marathon Weekend.

## **2024**

### **Record-Breaking Family Day**

The UPMC Health Plan / UPMC Sports Medicine Pittsburgh 5K surpasses 5,000 participants for the first time. The Chick-fil-A Pittsburgh Kids Marathon becomes the largest youth running event in the country. New events—including the U. S. Steel Pittsburgh Champions Mile and the GNC Pittsburgh 4-Mile Fitness Challenge—expand opportunities for all to move.

## **2026 MARATHON WEEKEND BY THE NUMBERS**

### **PARTICIPATION**

- The 2026 weekend of events will showcase more than 52,000 participants from 50 states and 25 countries.
- Participants ages 9 months to 88 will cross the finish line at this year's event.
- Students from more than 360+ schools and organizations will log 25.2 miles as part of the Kids of STEEL program. They will run the last mile of their goal in the Sheetz Pittsburgh Toddler Trot, Chick-fil-A Pittsburgh Kids Marathon or UPMC Health Plan / UPMC Sports Medicine Pittsburgh 5K.
- The Chick-fil-A Pittsburgh Kids Marathon is the largest youth running event in the country with more than 10,000 expected to participate in the event.
- More than 700 are participating in the UPMC Health Plan Pittsburgh Half Marathon Walking Division.
- 300,000+ spectators will line the start line, course and finish line.
- 85,000+ are expected to visit the Pittsburgh Live Well Expo presented by GNC.
- 80+ companies are participating in the 2026 Pittsburgh Corporate Challenge, an opportunity for corporations and companies of all sizes to promote workplace wellness and build teamwork across departments.



## COMMUNITY IMPACT

- Nearly \$20 million raised for charity since 2009
- \$1.5 million expected to be raised for charity in 2026
- 50 official charities and 14 contributing charities
- 4,700+ charity runners
- 14 official neighborhoods
- 18 years since the event's revival
- The event has been considered a "Zero Waste" event since 2015.

## LOGISTICS

- 17 aid stations
- 19 fluid stations
- 4 relay exchanges
- 20,000 gallons of water
- 32,000 mylar blankets
- 700 Port-O-Johns
- 168,000 safety pins
- 35,000 bananas
- 20,000 ft. of fencing
- 480,000 cups
- 1,110 tables
- More than 4,000 volunteers, including 500 clinicians all volunteering their time and skill, including physicians, nurses, paramedics, podiatrists, certified athletic trainers and physical therapists
- 35 box trucks
- 1,500 trash/recycling bags
- 1,500 cones/barricades
- 50 generators for bands
- 1,000 signs and banners
- 60,000 bottles of water



## HISTORIC RACE RESULTS

### DICK'S SPORTING GOODS PITTSBURGH MARATHON

Year	Men	Women
2025	Mulgeta Birhanu Feyissa - 2:14:31	Jane Bareikis - 2:36:01
2024	Andrew Bowman - 2:15:50	Jane Bareikis - 2:37:37
2023	Tyler McCandless - 2:16:08	Margo Malone - 2:41:56
2022	Alvaro Abreu - 2:16:07	Nicole Hilton - 2:49:49
2021	n/a	n/a
2020	n/a	n/a
2019	Boniface Kongin - 2:10:34	Bizuwork Getahun Kasaye - 2:36:29
2018	Fikadu Girma Teferi - 2:13:47	Sydney Devore - 2:32:38
2017	Jacob Chemtai - 2:15:25	Ayantu Dekabo Hailemaryam - 2:36:20
2016	Kipkoech Ruto - 2:17:26	Ayantu Dakebo Hailemaryam - 2:39:17
2015	Stephen Njoroge - 2:15:19	Clara Santucci - 2:34:06
2014	Gebo Gameda - 2:16:30	Clara Santucci - 2:32:25
2013	James Kirwa - 2:13:27	Yihunilish Bekele Delelecha - 2:41:30
2012	James Kirwa - 2:14:09	Malika Mejdoub - 2:39:31
2011	Jeffrey Eggleston - 2:16:40	Yihunilish Bekele Delelecha - 2:35:36
2010	Kipyegon Kirui - 2:17:12	Alena Vintskaya - 2:42:34
2009	Kassahun Kabiso - 2:22:51	Kristen Price - 2:36:51
2003	Juan Camacho Pina - 2:12:05	Lioudmila Kortchaguin - 2:29:53
2002	Reuben Chesang - 2:14:53	Wioletta Kryza - 2:31:45
2001	Elly Rono - 2:17:15	Wioletta Kryza - 2:34:16
2000	Kevin Taylor - 2:15:30	Tammy Slusser - 2:37:14
1999	Alfredo Vigueras - 2:14:20	Tatiana Titova - 2:40:00
1998	Keith Brantly - 2:12:31**	Albina Galliamova - 2:36:50
1997	David Scudamore - 2:12:48	Tatiana Ivanova - 2:37:41



DICK'S Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon Weekend of Events

1996	Ruben Maza - 2:12:02	Tamara Karlioukova - 2:36:12
1995	John Kagwe - 2:10:24*	Alina Ivanova - 2:35:30
1994	Abel Gisemba - 2:13:51	Tammy Slusser - 2:37:14
1993	Abel Gisemba - 2:16:55	L. Bussieres-Chafe - 2:35:39
1992	Jorge Gonzales - 2:17:33	Albina Galliamova - 2:32:02
1991	Herbert Steffny - 2:16:21	Lynn MacDougall - 2:42:45
1990	Dick Hooper - 2:15:49	Conceicao Ferreira - 2:30:34
1989	Ken Martin - 2:15:28	Margaret Groos - 2:32:39
1988	Malcolm East - 2:19:50	Margaret Groos - 2:29:50*
1987	Rodolfo Gomez - 2:13:18	Silvia Ruegger - 2:31:53
1986	Dean Matthews - 2:18:18	Laura Fogli - 2:37:06
1985	Ken Martin - 2:12:57	Lisa Martin - 2:31:52

\* Race record  
 + American record



## UPMC HEALTH PLAN PITTSBURGH HALF MARATHON

Place	Men	Women
2025	Dominic Ondoro - 1:01:47	Everlyn Kemobi - 1:10:06
2024	Wesley Kiptoo - 1:01:31	Stephanie Bruce - 1:11:11
2023	Wesley Kiptoo - 1:01:21*	Buze Diriba - 1:10:43
2022	Wesley Kiptoo - 1:01:25	Caroline Rotich - 1:09:30*
2021	n/a	n/a
2020	n/a	n/a
2019	Leonard Korir - 1:01:53+	Stephanie Bruce - 1:10:44+
2018	Chris Derrick - 1:02:37+	Aliphine Tuliamuk - 1:10:04+
2017	Cyrus Korir - 1:04:14	Gladys Kipsoi - 1:12:09
2016	Julius Kogo - 1:03:13	Etaferahu Temesgen - 1:13:08
2015	Kimutai Cheruiyot - 1:03:16	Susan Jerotich - 1:13:25
2014	Habtamu Assefa - 1:02:45	Sophy Jepchirchir - 1:11:37
2013	Julius Kogo - 1:02:32	Risper Gesabwa - 1:12:43
2012	Julius Koskei - 1:02:57	Fatuma Sado - 1:14:26
2011	Nicholas Kurgat - 1:03:38	Milaka Mejdoub - 1:14:26
2010	Ryan Sheehan - 1:05:13	Kristin Price - 1:17:37
2009	Greg Costello - 1:07:54	Rahab Ndungu - 1:17:16

\* Race record

+ Denotes year the event hosted the USATF Half Marathon Championship



## **EVENT RECORDS**

### **DICK'S Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon**

The men's Pittsburgh Marathon record is 2:10:24, set by John Kagwe in 1995.

The women's Pittsburgh Marathon record is 2:29:50, set by Margaret Groos in 1988.

### **UPMC Health Plan Pittsburgh Half Marathon**

The men's Pittsburgh Half Marathon record is 1:01:21, set by Wesley Kiptoo in 2023.

The women's Pittsburgh Half Marathon record is 1:09:30, set by Caroline Rotich in 2022.

### **UPMC Health Plan / UPMC Sports Medicine Pittsburgh 5K Run**

The men's Pittsburgh 5K record is 15:11, set by Robert Curtis in 2017.

The women's Pittsburgh 5K record is 17:07, set by Allie Guillard in 2023.

## **MULTIPLE-TIME PITTSBURGH MARATHON CHAMPIONS**

### **Men's**

Ken Martin - 1985, 1989

Abel Gisemba - 1993, 1994

### **Women's**

Margaret Groos - 1988, 1989

Albina Galliamova - 1992, 1998

Tammy Slusser - 1994, 2000

Wioletta Kryza - 2001, 2002

Yihunilish Bekele Delelecha - 2011, 2013

Clara Santucci - 2014, 2015

Ayantou Dekabo Hailemaryam - 2016, 2017

Jane Bareikis - 2024, 2025

## **MULTIPLE-TIME PITTSBURGH HALF MARATHON CHAMPIONS**

### **Men's**

Julius Kogo - 2013, 2016

Wesley Kiptoo - 2022, 2023, 2024

### **Women's**

Stephanie Bruce - 2019, 2024



## PRIZE MONEY

### DICK'S SPORTING GOODS PITTSBURGH MARATHON

#### Overall - Men's and Women's Divisions

- First Place: \$7,000
- Second Place: \$4,000
- Third Place: \$2,000
- Fourth Place: \$1,000
- Fifth Place: \$500

*Prize money is based on gun time, not chip time.*

#### Masters - Men's and Women's

(A runner must be at least 40 years old as of race day to compete in this Division.)

- First Place: \$500

*This award is based on chip time. If a runner places in the Masters Division, they will be ineligible for age group and Men's and Women's Division placement awards.*

#### Schneider Downs Fastest Pennsylvania Resident - Men's and Women's Division

First Place: \$1,000

- All residents of Pennsylvania running in either the Male or Female Divisions of the marathon are eligible for this award.
- The Pennsylvania Resident award is a bonus category; recipients of this award will remain eligible for Male and Female Division prize money and age group awards.
- This award is based on chip time.



## **UPMC HEALTH PLAN PITTSBURGH HALF MARATHON PRIZE PURSE**

### **Overall - Men's and Women's Division**

First Place: \$10,000  
Second Place: \$6,000  
Third Place: \$4,000  
Fourth Place: \$3,000  
Fifth Place: \$2,000  
Sixth Place: \$1,500  
Seventh Place: \$1,000  
Eighth Place: \$750  
Ninth Place: \$500  
Tenth Place: \$250

*Prize money is based on gun time, not chip time.*

### **Dr. Freddie Fu Half Marathon Masters Division**

(A runner must be at least 40 years old as of race day to compete in this Division.)

First Place: \$2,500  
Second Place: \$1,500  
Third Place: \$1,000  
Fourth Place: \$750  
Fifth Place: \$250

This award is based on chip time.

If a runner places in the Masters Division, they will be ineligible for age group and Male and Female Division placement awards.



## 2026 TOP ELITE RUNNERS

### DICK'S SPORTING GOODS PITTSBURGH MARATHON



#### WOMEN

##### **Jane Bareikis, 31, USA, 2:29:00 (2023)**

Bareikis returns to Pittsburgh aiming for a historic third consecutive title after back-to-back victories in 2024 and 2025. With a personal best of 2:29:00, she enters the race as one of the top American contenders and will look to make history as the first woman to win the event three times.

##### **Morgan Jensen, 24, USA, 2:35:41 (2025)**

Jensen, a 2025 University of Utah graduate, has quickly built an impressive resume across multiple distances, highlighted by a standout 2:35:40 marathon at the California International Marathon in 2025. Last year, she also clocked a swift 1:09:16 at the St. George Marathon weekend half marathon and a 32:33 10,000-meter performance at the Stanford Invite.

##### **Holly Benner, 44, USA, 2:46:12 (2024)**

Holly Benner, of Allentown, Pa, brings a deep endurance background to the Pittsburgh Marathon as a former professional triathlete. Now competing under Metta Performance where she is a co-founder and coach, Benner continues to perform at a high level, highlighted by a 2:46:12 marathon at the Two Rivers Marathon in 2024. She is also a mentor for the World Triathlon Organization, where she engages with triathlon coaches in developing countries.



## MEN



### **Jared Ward, 37, USA, 2:09:25 (2019)**

Ward returns to Pittsburgh as a decorated American distance runner and Olympian, bringing a wealth of experience to the field. A member of the 2016 U.S. Olympic team, Ward placed sixth in the marathon at the 2016 Summer Olympics and owns a marathon personal best of 2:09:25.

Ward has been a consistent presence on the national stage, including a U.S. Marathon Championship title and multiple top finishes in major races. He previously competed in Pittsburgh in 2022, finishing third at the UPMC Health Plan Pittsburgh Half Marathon.

### **Will Loevner, 28, USA, 2:12:59 (2025)**

Loevner is a hometown standout returning to the Pittsburgh Marathon after finishing as runner-up in 2024. A Pittsburgh native and member of the Pittsburgh Track Club, Loevner has quickly established himself among the top American marathoners. He set a personal best of 2:12:59 at the 2025 California International Marathon and owns a 1:03:04 half marathon best from the Buffalo Creek Half Marathon.

A graduate of Pennsylvania State University, Loevner boasts an impressive list of accomplishments, including wins at the Philadelphia Marathon (2024) and back-to-back titles at the Cleveland Marathon (2023, 2024). He also placed 15th at the 2025 U.S. Marathon Championships and has demonstrated remarkable versatility, finishing third at the 2022 24-Hour Mountain Bike World Championship.

### **Milton Rotich, 40, KEN, 2:08:55 (2013)**

Rotich returns to Pittsburgh after finishing runner-up at the 2025 Pittsburgh Marathon. Rotich is a seasoned marathoner with an impressive personal best of 2:08, showcasing his strength among elite international fields. His speed also extends to the half marathon distance, where he has clocked a swift 60:00.



## UPMC HEALTH PLAN PITTSBURGH HALF MARATHON

### WOMEN



#### **Everlyn Kemboi, 27, USA, 1:10:06 (2025)**

Everlyn Kemboi returns to Pittsburgh as the reigning 2025 UPMC Health Plan Half Marathon champion, continuing a rapid rise on both the track and roads. A standout at Utah Valley University, Kemboi made history in 2023 as the school's first NCAA Division I national champion, capturing the 10,000-meter title at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in Austin with a facility record time of 32:39.08.

#### **Buze Diriba Kejela, 32, ETH, 1:05:57 (2026)**

Diriba has excelled in the marathon, highlighted by a victory at the 2025 Frankfurt Marathon in 2:19:34. She followed that performance with a runner-up finish at the 2026 Daegu Marathon (2:19:54), further cementing her consistency at the world-class level. On the half marathon circuit, she placed third at the 2026 Houston Half Marathon, clocking 1:05:57 in a highly competitive field. Diriba is no stranger to Pittsburgh and is a three-time EQT Pittsburgh 10 Miler champion.

#### **Stephanie Bruce, 41, USA, 1:09:55 (2021)**

Stephanie Bruce, a three-time U.S. national champion and one of America's fastest marathoners, is making her return to the UPMC Health Plan Pittsburgh Half Marathon. Bruce is aiming to notch her third win here, adding to her decorated running resume.

#### **Monicah Ngige, 33, KEN, 1:07:29 (2019)**

Ngige achieved her marathon personal best at the 2022 Boston Marathon, where she delivered a breakthrough run of 2:22:13. She has also posted strong performances across shorter



distances, including a 31:37 at the Cooper River 10K and competitive half marathon efforts in the 1:07 range, demonstrating both speed and endurance at a world-class level.

**Annamaria Kostarellis, 26, USA, 1:10:57 (2026)**

Kostarellis recently finished fifth at the 2026 USATF Half Marathon Championships, where she clocked 1:10:57.

**MEN**



**Mohammed El Youssfi, 28, MAR, 59:21 (2026)**

El Youssfi makes his Pittsburgh debut as the fastest athlete in the field with a personal best of 59:21, set earlier this year in Houston. El Youssfi will be a strong contender from the gun as he targets the event record of 1:01:21, set in 2023. He also recently won the Cherry Blossom 10 Mile with a time of 46:17.

**Amanuel Mesel, 35, XXB, 1:00:10 (2013)**

Mesel brings a wealth of international experience and proven speed to the field as he continues his strong professional career. Mesel has competed in two Olympic Games. At the 2012 Summer Olympics, he raced in the 5,000 meters. He returned to the Olympic stage at the 2016 Summer Olympics, where he placed 21st in the marathon.

**Emad Bashir-Mohammed, 23, USA, 1:01:18 (2025)**

Bashir-Mohammed is an emerging talent to watch. Born in Sudan and now based in Aurora, Colo., the 23-year-old has quickly made a name for himself with impressive performances across multiple distances. He owns a marathon personal best of 2:11:24, set at the 2026 Riyadh Marathon, along with a strong 1:01:18 half marathon best from the 2025 Bank of America Chicago Half Marathon.

**Aidan Reed, 28, USA, 1:01:50 (2025)**

Reed returns to Pittsburgh after finishing third in the 2025 UPMC Health Plan Pittsburgh Half



Marathon. Now based in Boulder, Colorado, Reed trains with the Roots Running Project under coach Richey Hansen, developing within one of the country's top professional training groups.

**Dominic Ondoro, 38, KEN, 1:01:57 (2025)**

Ondoro's career is marked by remarkable success at major U.S. races, including five victories at Grandma's Marathon, two wins at the Houston Marathon, and four titles at the Twin Cities Marathon. He won the 2025 UPMC Health Plan Pittsburgh Half Marathon in 1:01:57 and setting his half-marathon personal best.

**Tesfu Weldegebreal, 29, XXB, 1:02:22 (2025)**

Weldegebreal owns a marathon personal best of 2:10:21 and a half marathon best of 1:02:22, highlighting his strength and versatility across distances. With a 10K best of 28:10, he has also demonstrated the speed necessary to compete in fast, tactical races. Now based in Flagstaff, Arizona, Weldegebreal trains with the McKirdy Trained group under coach James McKirdy.

**Andrew Bowman, 32, USA, 1:03:06 (2024)**

Andrew Bowman returns to Pittsburgh following his victory at the 2024 DICK'S Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon. He is joined in the city's running legacy by his wife, Sydney (Devore) Bowman, the 2018 Pittsburgh Marathon champion. Together, the Bowmans train with Run Through The Wall, a program they help lead, combining their experience and passion to compete at the highest level of the sport.



## HISTORIC RACE DAY WEATHER

Year	Date	Low	High
2009	May 3, 2009	49	64
2010	May 2, 2010	64	70
2011	May 15, 2011	52	67
2012	May 6, 2012	54	81
2013	May 5, 2013	49	74
2014	May 4, 2014	45	62
2015	May 3, 2015	49	77
2016	May 1, 2016	54	73
2017	May 7, 2017	42	56
2018	May 6, 2018	55	66
2019	May 5, 2019	53	64
2020	n/a	n/a	n/a
2021	n/a	n/a	n/a
2022	May 1, 2022	52	71
2023	May 7, 2023	56	65
2024	May 5, 2024	56	77
2025	May 4, 2025	57	69

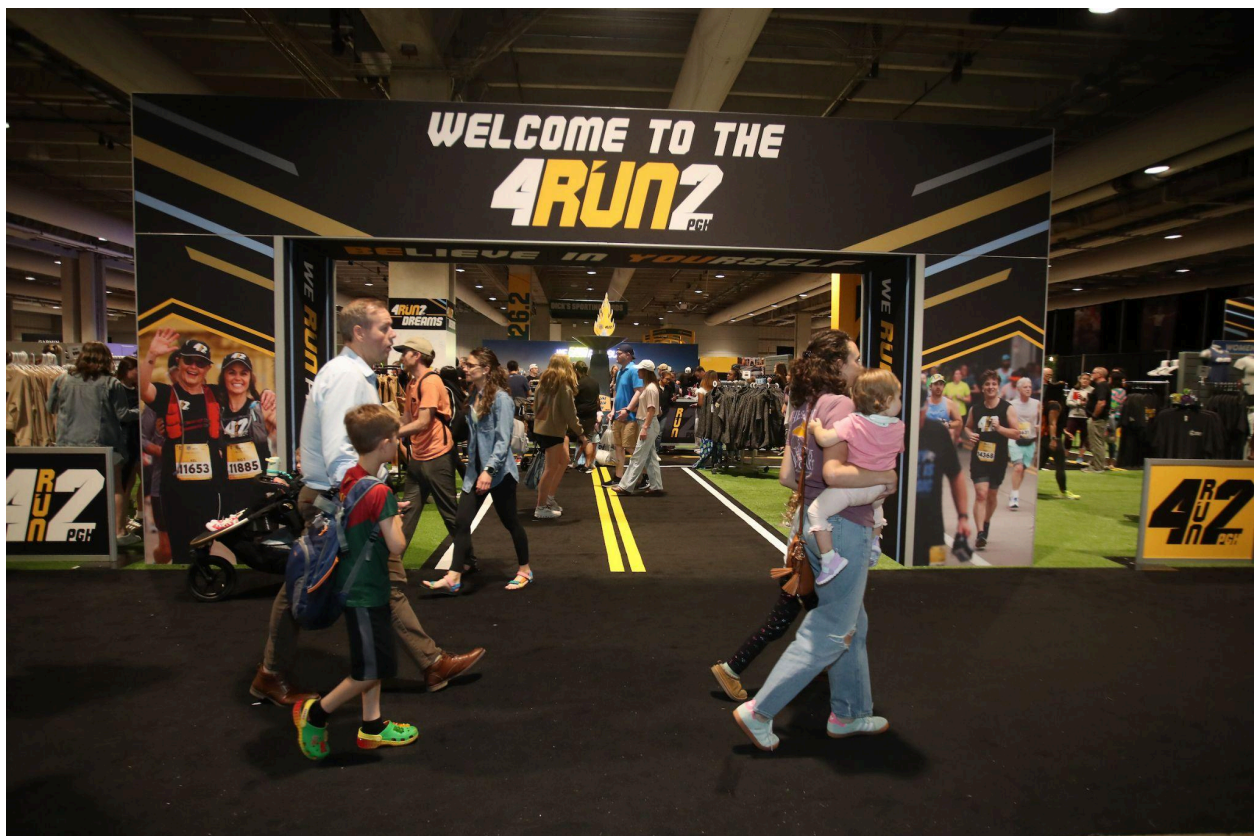


## PITTSBURGH LIVE WELL EXPO PRESENTED BY GNC

The Pittsburgh Live Well Expo presented by GNC kicks off race weekend on Friday, May 1 at 11 a.m. for the general public.

- Friday, May 1: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (VIPs only!)
- Friday, May 1: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Saturday, May 2: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: David L. Lawrence Convention Center (1000 Fort Duquesne Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15222)



# UPMC HEALTH / UPMC SPORTS MEDICINE PITTSBURGH 5K

**DICK'S PITTSBURGH MARATHON 2026** MAY 2-3

**UPMC HEALTH PLAN | UPMC SPORTS MEDICINE**  
**PITTSBURGH 5K**  
**MAY 2ND, 2026 - 7:30 AM**

Legend:  
● - START  
● - FINISH  
💧 - FLUID STATION  
+ - AID STATION  
① - MILE MARKER  
🗺️ - FINISH LINE FESTIVAL POWERED BY CLEVELAND BROTHERS

Map landmarks include: Acrisure Stadium, PNC Park, Point State Park, Allegheny River, Ohio River, National Aviary, Acrisure Stadium, North Side Station, PNC Park, Gateway Station, Wood Street, Steel Plaza, PPG Paints Arena, and various streets like Western Ave, Ridge Ave, North Shore Dr, Ft Duquesne Blvd, Penn Ave, Liberty Ave, Centre Ave, and Fifth Ave.



## HISTORIC 5K WINNERS

Place	Men	Women
2025	Andrew Zentgraf - 15:36	Roberta Groner - 17:03
2024	Andrew Zentgraf - 16:11	Grace Fritzman - 18:51
2023	Kartik Kannan - 16:22	Allie Guillard - 17:07*
2022	Nolan Pernia - 16:08	Roberta Groner - 17:16
2021	n/a	n/a
2020	n/a	n/a
2019	Sean Battis - 16:55	Laura Harnish - 18:12
2018	Sean Battis - 16:15	Waverly Neer - 17:26
2017	Robert Curtis - 15:11*	Allison Goldstein - 19:07
2016	Gregory Opp - 16:32	Laura Harnish - 17:29
2015	Dan Suher - 16:13	Erika Suhy - 19:37
2014	August Sander - 17:34	Jamie Morgenstern - 18:27
2013	Zach Miller - 15:53	Larissa Park - 17:18
2012	Cesar Gatete - 15:57	Allison Hainer - 20:16
2011	Nick End - 15:39	Tami Jaworski - 21:18

\* Race record

### Multiple-time Pittsburgh 5K Champions

#### Men's

Sean Battis - 2018, 2019  
 Andrew Zentgraf - 2024, 2025

#### Women's

Laura Harnish - 2016, 2019  
 Roberta Groner - 2022, 2025



## **RUN FOR A REASON CHARITY PROGRAM PRESENTED BY KEYBANK**

### **ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

The Run For A Reason Charity Program is a platform that inspires participants to run with purpose and empowers change. This year a RECORD 4,770+ charity runners and walkers are expected to raise more than \$1.5 million for local, national and global causes!

Since P3R launched the Run for a Reason Charity Program in 2009, participants in the DICK'S Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon Weekend of Events have raised nearly \$20 million for charities. This year individuals who participate in the program can choose from 50 official Run for Reason charity partners and 14 contributing charities.

### **OFFICIAL CHARITY PARTNERS**

#### **Steel Level**

- [Humane Animal Rescue](#)

#### **Gold Level**

- [American Cancer Society DetermiNation](#)
- [Breakthrough T1D \(formerly JDRF\)](#)
- [Mario Lemieux Foundation](#)
- [The Outlier Fund](#)
- [The Pittsburgh Project](#)
- [UPMC Children's Hospital Foundation](#)
- [Urban Impact Foundation](#)

#### **Silver Level**

- [412 Food Rescue](#)
- [Alliance for Refugee Youth Support and Education](#)
- [Alzheimer's Association](#)
- [Amputee Aid](#)
- [Animal Friends](#)
- [Animal Lifeline Pittsburgh](#)
- [Arthritis Foundation Western Pennsylvania](#)
- [Autism Connection of PA](#)
- [Best Buddies](#)
- [Casey's Clubhouse](#)
- [Crohn's & Colitis Foundation](#)



- [Cystic Fibrosis Foundation](#)
- [Emily Whitehead Foundation](#)
- [Envision Blind Sports](#)
- [Girls on the Run Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC](#)
- [Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank](#)
- [Haiti H2O: Hope to Opportunity](#)
- [Homeless Children's Education Fund](#)
- [Kane Area Children's Museum](#)
- [Kids of STEEL](#)
- [Light Of Life Rescue Mission](#)
- [Magee Women's Research Institute and Foundation](#)
- [National MS Society, PA Keystone Chapter](#)
- [Open Hand Ministries](#)
- [Parkinson Foundation Western Pennsylvania](#)
- [Reading Is Fundamental Pittsburgh](#)
- [Rush to Crush Cancer](#)
- [Ryan Shazier Fund for Spinal Rehabilitation](#)
- [Society of St. Vincent de Paul Council of Pittsburgh](#)
- [Special Olympics Pennsylvania](#)
- [The ALS Association](#)
- [The Izzie Fund](#)
- [The Organization for Autism Research](#)
- [Three Rivers Waterkeeper](#)
- [Variety the Children's Charity](#)
- [Veterans Leadership Program](#)
- [WORK](#)
- [YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh](#)
- [Young Adult Survivors United \(YASU\)](#)
- [YouthPlaces](#)
- [Zip With Us](#)



## KIDS OF STEEL

### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Kids of STEEL is P3R's award-winning training program that challenges participants to complete 25 miles of physical activity. Students will celebrate the completion of the program during the Sheet Pittsburgh Toddler Trot (40 meters), Chick-fil-A Pittsburgh Kids Marathon (1 mile) or UPMC Health Plan / UPMC Sports Medicine Pittsburgh 5K (3.1 miles) on May 2. This year more than 30,000 kids from 360+ schools and organizations are participating in the program.



## ABOUT P3R

P3R is the region's go-to premier sporting event and experience expert. While best known for the annual DICK'S Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon, P3R organizes up to 20 major events every year. With a rich history of working with top-tier clients such as the Pittsburgh Steelers, UPMC Hillman Cancer Center, the Pittsburgh Penguins, the National Senior Games, and more, P3R brings operational excellence to every aspect of event planning and execution. As part of P3R's non-profit mission to inspire any and all to MOVE with us, we provide premium event experiences and robust programming - including the Run for a Reason Charity Program, award-winning Kids of STEEL program, Pittsburgh Corporate Challenge, RUN Varsity, and more - that engages everyone in the Western Pennsylvania community and beyond.

