

Registration

I understand the 2016 Luckie 5K is suspended this year, how do I get a refund?

We would like to offer two options to those registered for the 2016 Luckie 5K

1. Atlanta Track Club will issue a full refund
2. Registrants may upgrade to the Publix Georgia Half Marathon for FREE

Registered participants will receive an email from Atlanta Track Club with further details. Those currently registered for the Luckie 5K will have until January 8 to decide whether to receive a refund or an alternative race registration. If a selection is not made a full refund will be automatically issued. For questions, contact tsjogren@atlantatrackclub.org.

Can I get a refund for the Publix Georgia Marathon or Half Marathon since the event has changed ownership?

Atlanta Track Club will not be offering refunds for the marathon or half marathon. The club is committed to making your event day experience a great one.

I've just found out I won't be able to run. Can I get my money back?

As stated during registration, race fees are not refundable or transferable. Only participants who signed up for the Transamerica Registration Refund option during registration are eligible for a refund. If you qualify and need a refund, please email registration@atlantatrackclub.org for more information on how to proceed. Moving forward, the Transamerica Registration Refund option will not be offered in registration.

Do you offer a deferral program for the Publix Georgia Marathon & Half Marathon?

Atlanta Track Club will not offer a deferral option for the Publix Georgia Marathon & Half Marathon. If you signed up for this event under the assumption that you could defer at a later date please email registration@atlantatrackclub.org by January 8 if you would like a full refund.

How much is entry into the 2016 Publix Georgia Marathon and Half Marathon?

Please visit the [event website](#) for all entry fee details.

Will all finishers receive hats this year?

This year, all registrants will receive a Mizuno performance shirt, medal, recovery jacket and Publix food box/bag. We will not be offering finisher hats this year. If you signed up for this event under the assumption that you would receive a finisher hat please email registration@atlantatrackclub.org by January 8 if you would like a full refund.

I see the registration options have changed, what registration options are available in 2016?

- Publix Georgia Marathon
- Publix Georgia Half Marathon

We will not be offering:

- Publix Georgia Half Marathon Walk
- Luckie 5K
- Luckie 5K Walk

While Atlanta Track Club supports both walkers and runners, we will not offer a walk division. All participants must adhere to course limits (marathon 15 min/mile & half marathon 16 min/mile) to participate.

Is there a VIP Package as a registration option?

We are currently evaluating the interest around offering a VIP Package for an additional cost. If you would like to provide feedback on this potential race feature, email pgm@atlantatrackclub.org.

Will you be offering gender specific sizing?

We are pleased to announce that all participants will receive a high quality Mizuno performance shirt. Marathoners will receive a long sleeve shirt and half marathoners a short sleeve. The T-shirts will be UNISEX sizing so please select size accordingly.

Will you be personalizing race numbers if I register early?

For 2016, race numbers will not be personalized but will take into consideration for future events.

What is the minimum age to run the Publix Georgia Marathon or Half Marathon?

You must be at least 18 years old on the day of the race to run the marathon and 14 years old to participate in the half marathon.

I am a Publix Georgia Marathon or Half Marathon Streaker and have completed every Publix Georgia Marathon or Half Marathon since 2007. Will you still recognize Streakers?

Atlanta Track Club happily continues to celebrate those special runners who have kept their streak going! Benefits include:

- Feature on Publix Georgia Marathon & Half Marathon website
- Special packet pickup line at the Expo
- Unique race bib
- Special race-day gear check line
- Special commemorative item

How do I register for the ATL Challenge?

We are suspending the ATL Challenge in 2016 but hope to have the Publix Georgia Marathon & Half Marathon as part of a series in the future.

Is Will Call an option for picking up my race number?

Yes, registrants unable to attend the expo or who simply prefer to pick up their number on race morning can purchase the Will Call option during registration for a \$30 fee.

Race Numbers**Where can I pick up my race number?**

Race numbers are available at the Publix Georgia Marathon Health & Fitness Expo. The Expo will take place at the Georgia World Congress Center, Hall C1, 362 Ivan Allen Jr Blvd, Atlanta, 30303 on Friday, March 18 (11 p.m. – 7 p.m.) and Saturday, March 19 (10 a.m. – 7 p.m.).

If you purchased “Will Call” during registration (\$30), you will pick up your race number on event morning.

I am a stalker; do I have a special line at the Publix Georgia Marathon Health & Fitness Expo?

Yes, the stalker pickup line will be designated with signage.

I can't run, so I'd like to give my number to a friend. Is that OK?

No, race numbers are non-transferable and non-refundable. Race numbers worn by a non-registered participant will be disqualified and removed from results. Additionally, we do not offer a deferral program.

What will I need to bring with me when I pick up my race number at the expo?

Participants should bring their race number confirmation email. Participants will also be able to look up their race numbers at number pick-up, but bring your confirmation email to save time. For those who are unable to make it to the Publix Georgia Marathon Health & Fitness Expo, a third party may pick up your race number for you. No ID is required, but the third party will have to show a copy of your race number confirmation email.

I cannot make it to the Publix Georgia Marathon Health & Fitness Expo; can someone pick up my number for me?

For those who are unable to make it to the Publix Georgia Marathon Health & Fitness Expo, a third party may pick up your race number for you. No ID is required but the third party will have to show a copy of your race number confirmation email.

Why is there a letter in front of my race number?

The letter in front of your race number indicates the start wave you have been assigned based on the estimated finish time you provided during registration. Start waves will be fenced, and volunteers will control access to the start corrals. Participants can enter a start wave later in the alphabet than their assigned start wave, but will not be permitted to enter a start wave that is earlier in the alphabet than their assigned start wave. For example, if you are assigned to Start Wave F and your friend is assigned to Start Wave G, you can both run in Start Wave G.

However, your friend cannot run with you in Start Wave F. You must have your bib on the front of your shirt and clearly visible to enter your start wave.

What if I run a faster time after registering for the 2016 Publix Georgia Marathon & Half Marathon?

Unfortunately, we are not able to update your estimated finish time but you can visit our pace table at the Publix Georgia Marathon Health & Fitness Expo on March 18-19 to sign up for a pace team. More details [here](#).

Can I run the race without a race number?

No, you must have an official race number. Participants without a race number will be removed from the course.

Expo

Where is the Publix Georgia Marathon Expo located?

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Do I have to attend the Expo?

You or a third party will need to pick up your race number at the Publix Georgia Marathon Health & Fitness Expo unless you selected Will Call during registration.

Is there a cost to attend the Expo?

No, the Publix Georgia Marathon Health & Fitness Expo is free and open to the public but applicable MARTA or parking fees apply.

Can anyone attend the Publix Georgia Marathon Health & Fitness Expo?

Yes, the Expo is open to the public.

Course

Is water available on the course?

Yes, water, fuel and food stations will be located along the course. More details soon. [Click here](#) to view the 2015 course map. Course subject to change.

Is there a course time limit?

The course time limits are as follows:

- Marathon (15 min/mile), 6 hours 30 minutes
- Half Marathon (16 min/mile), 3 hours 30 minutes

Is the course closed to traffic?

The course is not closed to traffic but for the safety of our runners we have designated runners'

lanes marked by traffic cones. Please follow the directions of police officers and course monitors.

Are there any items that aren't allowed on the course?

For your safety and that of others, we do not allow the following items on the course: any pets, wheeled conveyance including baby strollers, inline skates, skateboards, bicycles, skateboards, scooters, iPods or mp3 players.

Which streets will be closed for the race, and when will they close?

Complete list of road closures available soon

I live along the course, will I be able to enter or exit my residence?

Police will be located at each intersection to direct traffic.

Timing/Results

Is the Publix Georgia Marathon & Half Marathon a timed event?

Yes, the Publix Georgia Marathon & Half Marathon is a timed event. The ChronoTrack B-Tag affixed to the back of your bib is your running timing device for this event. This is a single use bib tag. The lightweight timing tag stays attached to the back of the race bib and must not be removed. The timing tag precisely records each runner's clock time and chip time. Participants MUST cross the start line during the official start time. Participants who begin before the official start or cross after the start timing mats have been removed will not receive an official time. Your bib MUST be clearly visible and worn on the front and outside of all clothing during the entire race. Do not cover your bib with any layers, including a fuel belt. Do not alter, fold or wrinkle the bib in any way.

When will race results be posted?

Unofficial race results will be posted at atlantatrackclub.org by the afternoon of Sunday, March 20. Results inquiries will be accepted up to 2 weeks after the event at which time they will be made official. For questions about your results, email results@atlantatrackclub.org and include your name, bib number, and start wave.

Why do my results show two different times? What is chip time vs. gun time?

Chip time is the actual amount of time it takes a runner to go from the start timing mats of a race to the finish timing mats. Chip time is recorded using the ChronoTrack B-tag affixed to the back of your bib. This is why it is important you wear your bib correctly. Gun time is the amount of time it takes a runner to finish the race from the moment the gun (or horn) went off.

Why do the official results show me running slower than the time I recorded on my watch?

The quality of different GPS units can vary, but all of them can be affected by conditions such as buildings or large crowds which can interfere with reception of satellite signals and cause them to be inaccurate. The chip time is your official time.

Are there age group awards?

Age group awards for the top three men and women in each age group (14 & under, five-year increments up to 80+) are mailed to participants after results are finalized two weeks following the event.

Why are overall standings based off gun time while age group standings are based off chip time?

As a USATF sanctioned event, Atlanta Track Club follows their guidelines in determining standings within the different divisions. Our overall categories include open male and female, masters male and female, and grandmasters male and female. Per USATF policy, overall standings are ranked off of gun time, the order in which participants crossed the finish line. Age group standings are ranked by chip time. If you look at your individual ChronoTrack results you are able to see both gun and chip time. If you sort it by the different divisions, you will see your time listed based off how that category is ranked.

Transportation

How do I get to the start area?

Avoid traffic and parking when you ride [MARTA](#) to the Publix Georgia Marathon & Half Marathon. MARTA will begin rail service one hour earlier than usual on Sunday morning (5:00 a.m.) in order to get runners and spectators to the start line at Centennial Olympic Park. Go to www.itsmarta.com for station locations and regular Sunday schedules. If you plan to drive to the start/finish area, please prepare for heavy traffic on race morning. Try to carpool if possible, and allow extra time to drive, park, drop your bag at gear check and walk to your start corral. Plan to arrive downtown by 6:00 a.m. Most downtown Atlanta hotels are within a 5-10 block walk to the start/finish area. Ask your hotel for walking directions to Centennial Olympic Park.

What time does the event start?

- 6:55 a.m. - Wheelchair Race*
- 7:00 a.m. – Publix Georgia Marathon & Half Marathon

*If you are a wheelchair athlete and interested in registering for the 2016 Publix Georgia Marathon & Half Marathon please email pgm@atlantatrackclub.org.

Miscellaneous

Will training will be available for the Publix Georgia Marathon & Half Marathon?

We are pleased to be offering the Atlanta Track Club's Spring Half Marathon Training. The 16 week program includes weekly pace group runs, mid-week workouts, monthly clinics, and more. For more information on Training, [click here](#). We will only have group training for the half marathon distance this spring due to scheduling and resource availability.

I am a very slow runner. Can I still run the race?

Runners and walkers of all abilities are welcome. If you're relatively slow, however, you should stay towards the right hand side of the course. Be sure not to stop suddenly or veer into the paths of other runners. If you are running with friends, run no more than two abreast. Doing this will keep traffic on the course moving smoothly. The marathon has a course time limit of 6 hours 30 minutes and the half marathon has a course limit of 3 hours 30 minutes.

I am not able to run the race. Can I still get my T-shirt?

Shirts are available for pickup at the Expo. You or a third party can pick up your shirt at the Expo even if you cannot run the race.

Can I bring my backpack?

We recommend that you pack light and leave valuables at home. If you do bring items with you to the event, they may be subject to search and should not be left unattended.

Will you be offering Gear Check at this event?

Yes, gear check will be available on race morning.