

### Quick Rules to Follow:

1. Arrive Early - Parking and getting to your assigned starting spot will take a while.
2. Do not go into the Fairgrounds before the race unless you need to pick up your packet. This can be a very high congestion area.
3. Do not bring backpacks or large bags to the race.
4. If you go into the Fairgrounds, remember that you must enter by going down Franklin Street and entering through the side gate. The main gate at the corner of Franklin and Duval will be an exit only.

## Packet Pickup

All packet pickup will be held at the Jacksonville Fairgrounds located at 510 Fairgrounds Place.

You will need to know your assigned race number to pick up your packet. Use link above to look up your assign race number.

**Parking for Packet Pickup:** Please park in lots P and N in front of the Fairgrounds and enter through the main gate at the Corner of Duval and Franklin Street.( See parking in quick links.)

**Please note:** Parking is free for packet pickup and race day. There is a performance in the Arena on Thursday night, therefore, free parking will end at 4:30 PM on Thursday. Parking will be \$20 after that so try to arrive early.

Important note: You can not pick up someone else's bib without a completed Authorization Form. Use pick-up form link to download form.

### 15K and 5K Pick-up - 510 Fairgrounds Place

Packets will be available in Expo Hall B on Thursday, March 5th from 11 AM until 6 PM and Friday, March 6th from 11 AM until 7 PM. If you paid \$5.00 to pick-up up your packet on Saturday morning, you may do so from 6:30 AM until 7:45 AM. If you paid to pick up your packet on Saturday, you can still pick up your packet on Thursday or Friday if you arrive prior to race day. If you are picking up on race morning, please allow plenty of time to get to the starting line.

## **Junior River Run**

Bibs will be available for pickup at the expo for the JRR. Shirts and medals will be given to all finishers at the finish line on race day. You can also pick up bibs on race day at the JRR tent located in the southwest corner of the Fairgrounds near the corner of Randolph Blvd. and Duval Street. See Fairgrounds layout at the link above.

**Brooks Challenge Mile** - Day of race pickup ONLY. Pick up at site in the southwest corner of Fairgrounds or contact Brooks Rehabilitation. See Fairgrounds layout link

**Diaper Dashes** - Just check-in at diaper dash area at Fairgrounds on race day (no pre-registration) - see diagram link below for location.

## **Start Line Locations and Start Times**

**The following races start from the same starting line on Duval Street in front of the Jacksonville Fairgrounds**

**Gate River Run 15K - starts at 8 AM**

**Synovus 5K for Charity - starts at 8:30 AM**

**Brooks Rehab Challenge Mile - starts at 10 AM**

**Junior River Run - Starts at 11 AM.**

There will be four different heats of the Junior River Run.

**Diaper Dashes** - held near Fairgrounds Office in southwest corner. Starts at 11 AM

## **15K Starting line and Instructions**

### **New Starting line on Duval Street this year**

15K starts on Duval Street in front of the Jacksonville Fairgrounds..

See Start Layout link.

Note: **If you are running the 15K you do not need to enter the Jacksonville Fairgrounds property unless you need to pick up your race packet. Please go directly**

to your assigned wave. Each wave will have access to toilets, water and bag check

### **Wave 1 - Staging area - Duval Street**

This area will be completely secured. You can enter your staging area from the east end using Georgia Street and from Duval Street near Franklin Street. From the west you can access your staging area using Randolph Blvd. You cannot enter this zone from the Fairgrounds. Once inside this secured area, there will be six different starting zones. You enter your zone through the gate at the back of the each color zone.

Yellow - Bib numbers 1-300

Blue - 301-800

Red - 801 - 2,000

Green - 2,001-3,500

Orange - 3,501 - 4,500

Black - 4,501-5,000

There will be ropes separating each zone in Wave 1. Do not move under or over the ropes! The ropes will be removed during the National Anthem right before the race starts.

**Wave 2** - This is the Gray Zone which is reserved for runners with bib numbers 5,001 - 9,000. Look for the large gray inflatable at the entrance to the zone. Wave 2 is in Parking Lot N next to the Jaguars Practice Field. The entrance is located near the corner of Franklin and Duval. Once you enter your starting zone, please do not try to exit. This will help with congestion at the entrance. Your bib must be visible to enter this area. As we start to move your wave to the start please stay behind the rope across the front of your group. Once Wave 1 has moved forward Wave 2 will be walked toward the starting line. Stay behind the rope until it is removed. We will walk you up to the start line, stop , remove the rope, and then give you the start command.

**Wave 3** - This is the Purple Zone, which is reserved for bib numbers 9,001 - 14,000. Look for the large purple Inflatable at the entrance to this zone. Wave 3 will stage in Parking lot P north near the Fairgrounds. Your bib must be visible to enter this area. When we start moving your wave to the starting line, please stay behind the rope in the front of this wave. Once Wave 2 has moved forward Wave 3 will be

walked toward the starting line. Stay behind the rope until it is removed. We will walk you up to the start line, stop , remove the rope, and then give you the start command.

**Wave 4** - This is the Pink Zone, which is reserved for bibs 14,001 and up. Look for the large pink inflatables at the entrance to this zone. This area will not be secured. When we start moving you to the starting line please stay behind the rope across the front of this wave. Once Wave 3 has moved forward Wave 4 will be walked toward the starting line. Stay behind the rope until it is removed. We will walk you up to the start line, stop , remove the rope, and then give you the start command.

## **Finish Line and Finish Instructions**

**15K Finish** - The 15K will finish on the north side of the stadium, which is the same location as last year.

See Finish layout link.

- Please make sure your race bib is visible and is on the front. Photographers will be taking your pictures at the finish. If your number is not visible, you will not be able to retrieve pictures.
- Please do not fold, bend, or cover up the bib for best timing chip performance.
- Do not stop at the finish. Keep moving until you get to the water behind the finish.

## **Top 10% Hats**

Top 10% hats will be given out behind the finish line. Men's hats will be on the right and women's hats will be on the left. We are predicting the top 10% cutoff times for men to be around 70 minutes and 82 minutes for females.

## **Medals**

All finishers in the 15K will receive a medal at the back of the finish line. Right behind the medal area will be backdrops for pictures.

Medical - A large medical area will be located inside Gate 2 behind the finish

line. There will be three small medal tents on the course.

### **5K, Junior River Run and Brooks Rehab Challenge Mile Finish**

All three events will finish inside the Fairgrounds using Randolph Blvd.

Medals - All finishers will receive medals at the finish line.

### **Publix Post-Race Celebration**

After you finish your event, please join us at the post-race celebration at the Fairground. There will be free food and drink, and live music performed by Firewater Tent Revival from 8:30 until 11:30 AM.

### **Results**

The best way to get the results is to use the direct link above. This will avoid overloading 1stplacesport.com, which will also have the results. You can also go Jacksonville.com to find results. The Florida Times-Union will have the the top finishers listed in Sunday's newspaper. .

Live results will be posted at the links above as the race progresses. We will be posting splits for the 15K from the 5K, 10K and one mile to go points. We will be timing your last mile off the top of the Hart Bridge.

**5K results will be posted at the same link.**

### **15K Awards**

Will be presented on the stage at the Publix Post-Race Celebration at 10:15 AM

Top ten men and women overall

Top 3 master's male and females

First Coast Cup male and female winners.

Age group awards may be picked up at the awards tent located next to the stage from 9 AM until 11 AM . Age group awards will be available for the top 3 in each male and female age group from 13 and under to 80 and over.

**The 5K does not have awards.**

## **Hyatt Regency to Fairgrounds Bus Transportation**

Bus transportation will be provided from the Hyatt to the Fairgrounds as follows:

Friday, March 6th - A bus will leave the Hyatt on the hour starting at 11 AM and will leave the Fairgrounds on the half-hour starting at 11:30 AM. Last bus leaves the Hyatt at 6 PM and the Fairgrounds at 6:30 PM.

Saturday, March 7th - Buses will leave the Hyatt for the Fairgrounds at 6:00, 6:10, 6:20, 6:30, 6:40, 6:50 and 7:00 AM.

Bus service from the Fairgrounds to the Hyatt will be provided every 15 minutes starting at 8:30 AM. Last bus will leave the Fairgrounds at Noon.

**The pickup and drop-off location at the Fairgrounds will be the corner of Randolph and Adams.**