



Gate River Run
USATF 15K National Championship
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Elite Athlete
Race Weekend Information

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Elite Athlete Race Weekend Information:

Elite Host Hotel:

Omni Jacksonville
245 Water St, Jacksonville, FL 32202
(904) 355-6664

Omni Jacksonville is situated in the heart of downtown Jacksonville, approximately one mile from the starting line. It is the closest hotel to the start/finish area of the Gate River Run.

Check-out time: 12:00 (Noon)

Elite Hospitality Room:

- Due to COVID-19 protocols there will not be an elite hospitality room.

Elite Athlete Check-In:

The elite check-in will be held in the Naples Room on the 1st floor:

Friday, March 19 10:00am – 6:00pm

- Elite bib number / race packet pick-up
- Travel assistance reimbursement
- W-9 form completion
- Temperature screening – must be 100.4 degrees or less
- COVID-19 negative test documentation submission
- Self-reporting survey completion
- USATF waiver execution
- USATF Technical Meeting Information confirmation
- Collection of contact tracing information – location, cell, email
- Distribution of individual prevention package

USATF Technical Meeting:

Due to COVID-19 protocols there will not be an in-person USATF Technical Meeting. In its replacement, athletes will be provided the information prior to the event in document form and should review. Copies will also be available during the elite athlete check-in.

Race Day Transportation:

The starting line is located approximately one mile from the Omni.

Elite shuttle service will be provided and run on the following schedule.

- Shuttle service from the Omni to Fairgrounds / Race start-finish area
 - Departs every 20 minutes 6:00am – 7:00am
- Shuttle service from Fairgrounds to the Omni
 - Departs every 20 minutes 9:30am – 10:30pm

Shuttles for elite runners will depart the Omni at 6:00am and will return elite runners to the Omni from the race venue beginning at 9:30am.

Race Day Elite Shuttle Manager is Mark Ryan (904) 338-3230

Mark will escort the elite runners from the Omni to the race venue at the fairgrounds. Please meet Mark in the hotel lobby prior to the departure time. He will also escort those elite runners wishing to return to the host hotel by shuttle. Please meet Mark in the elite staging area at the fairgrounds for the return trip.

Restricted Elite Staging Area:

- Located in the rear of the fairgrounds building.
- Your elite bib will provide access to the elite only area.
- Social distancing should be utilized throughout the space
- Masks are required
- Hand sanitizer and alcohol-based hand wipes available
- Bottled water available
- There are elite only restrooms at the elite staging area.
- Elite Staging Area Manager: Todd O'Donnell (904) 434-2978

USATF 15K Elite Championship Race Start:

The starting line is located on E. Duval and Randolph Streets
(between the Fairgrounds and Baseball Grounds)

- Elite runners will be escorted from the elite staging area to the starting line.
- The elite championship race will start prior to the open race.
- Elite Women Start 7:54am
- Elite Men Start 8:00am

Start Line Procedures:

- To reduce crowding and exposure risk, an elite only start grid will be utilized
- Safety fencing will surround and protect the elite starting grid
- Only elite runners will be allowed in the starting line restricted area
- Elite starting grid area will be socially distanced (6 ft spacing)
- Masks must be worn in the start area at all times, except while running
- No bag check will be available
- No non-elite athletes will be permitted to warm up in front of starting line

Course Information:

- All miles will be marked and digital clocks will display the elapsed time at each mile.
- Aid Stations with bottled water and toilets will be located throughout the course.
- On course timing mats will be located at 5K and 10K

Finish Line Procedures:

- Expanded finish line area to reduce risk and eliminate crowding
- Safety fencing will surround and protect the finish venue
- No spectators will be allowed in or near the finish line area
- Runners will be directed 1-way out of the finish venue after finishing
- Masks will be required immediately after finishing
- Self-serve bottled water will be available at the finish
- Masks and hand sanitizer will also be available a finish line
- All elite athletes will clear the finish line venue prior to open race arrival
- Runners should not congregate in the finish line area
- Event finish line staff will monitor and maintain flow

Post-Race Procedures:

- Elite athletes should immediately exit the finish line venue after finishing and return to the restricted elite staging area for cool down options
- Media access will take place at the restricted elite staging area
- If selected. USADA testing will take place at the USAD testing area
- Chaperones will escort selected athletes to the USADA testing area
- Elite athletes will be transported back to the Omni host hotel via shuttle or they can choose to cool down back to the hotel.

Positing of Results:

- Real-time results will be posted to the Gate River Run event web-site
- Paper results will be posted in the restricted elite staging area once available
- The top 10 male and female winners will be notified of their results
- All awards and prize money will be distributed by mail once results have been certified and cleared by USADA

Awards Ceremony:

- Due to COVID-19 protocols there will not be an awards ceremony.
- All awards will be mailed along with applicable prize money.

Post-Race Celebration:

Due to COVID-19 protocols there will not be any post-race celebration or party.

Awards / Prize Structure:

USATF Championship medals and USATF Running Circuit points will be awarded to the top 10 men's and women's finishers.

Overall 15K Championship Prize Money:

Top ten men and women as follows:

Place	Men	Women
1 st	\$10,000	\$10,000
2 nd	\$5,000	\$5,000
3 rd	\$3,000	\$3,000
4 th	\$2,000	\$2,000
5 th	\$1,000	\$1,000
6 th	\$900	\$900
7 th	\$800	\$800
8 th	\$700	\$700
9 th	\$600	\$600
10 th	\$500	\$500
Total	\$24,500	\$24,500

Bonuses:**Equalizer Bonus (First Male or Female):**

The elite women will start 6 minutes ahead of the elite men. The first person (male or female) to cross the finish line will receive a **\$5,000** bonus.

15K Record Bonus	Men	Women	Bonus
World Record	41:05	44:20	\$10,000
American Record	42:22	47:00	\$5,000
Course Record	42:22	47:00	\$3,000

15K World Record:

- Men: Joshua Cheptegei of Uganda - 41:05 (2018)
- Women: Letesenbet Gidey of Ethiopia - 44:20 (2019)

American & Course Records:

- Men: Todd Williams – 42:22 (1995)
- Women: Shalane Flanagan – 47:00 (2014)

Meals / Dining:

- No meals will be provided during race weekend.
- See attached "Area Restaurants Options"
- Omni Options:
All day snacks, and drinks available for purchase at The Vault by the front desk

The J-Bar:

Breakfast daily 7:00 am - 10:30 am

Lunch daily 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Dinner daily 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Drinks 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm

No in-room dining

Airport Transfers:

Airport arrival and departure transfers have been arranged for those flying into and out of Jacksonville International Airport.

- **Arrivals:** Drivers have been assigned to pick you up at the airport upon your arrival. You will meet your driver on the lower level in the baggage claim area. If you are delayed or have any issues call Jim Van Cleave (904) 607-6946.
- **Departures:** A departure schedule will be posted in the elite check-in room. We plan on having an elite athlete airport shuttle departing the Omni every 30 minutes on Saturday beginning at 11:00am. We will also schedule specific departures. Please meet your shuttle driver in the lobby at the prescribed time. You should depart the Omni around 2 hours prior to your flight.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Jim Van Cleave

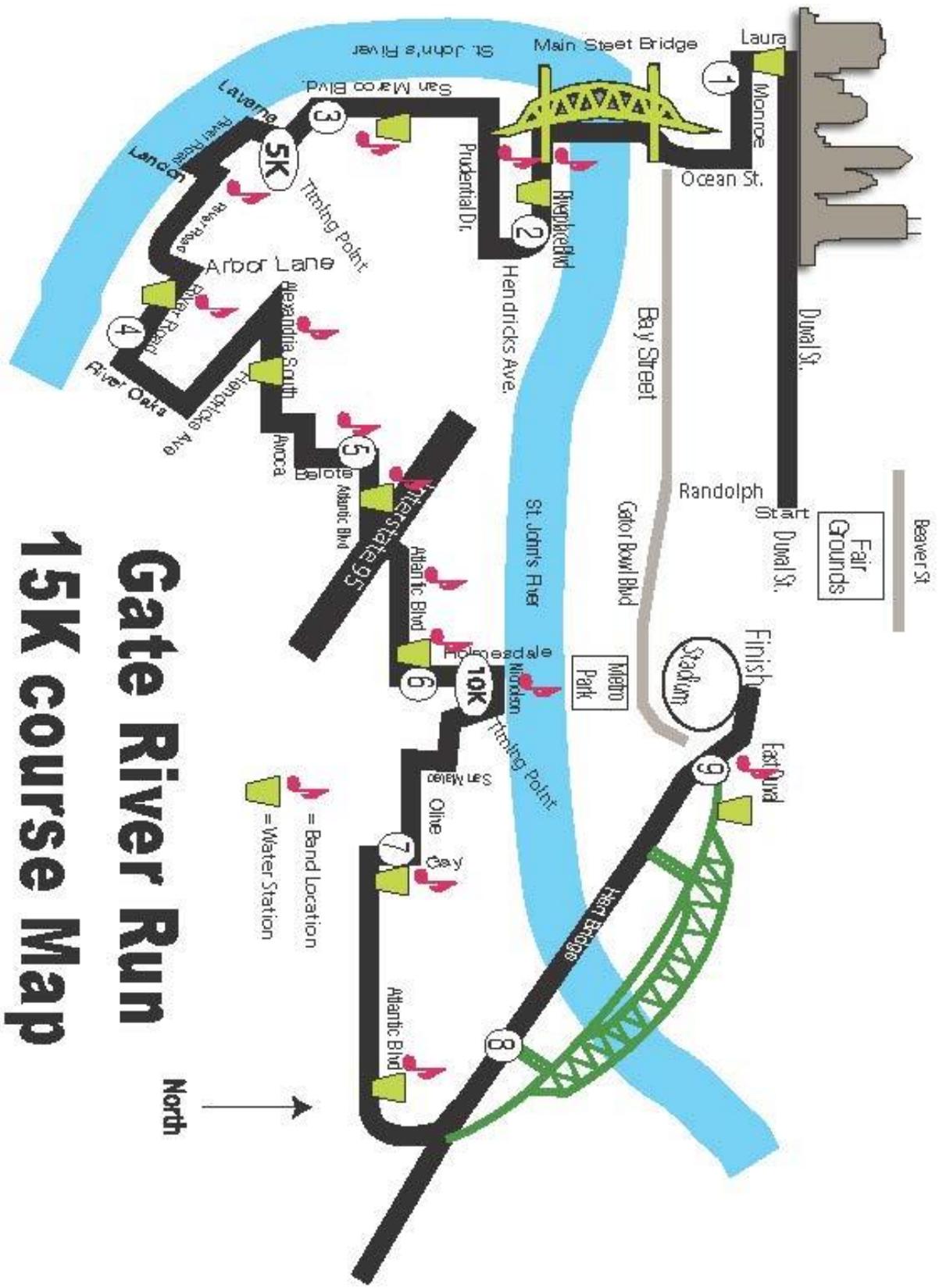
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Gate River Run 15K course Map

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Area Restaurants			
Omni Jacksonville			
J-Bar	Lobby level	(904) 355-6664	
Offsite			
bb's Restaurant	1019 Hendricks Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32207	(904) 306-0100	bbrestaurant.com
Bistro AIX	1440 San Marco Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32207	(904) 398-3660	bistrox.com
Olio Restaurant	301 E Bay St, Jacksonville, FL 32202	(904) 356-7100	oliomarket.com
V Pizza	1406 Hendricks Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32207	(904) 527-1511	vpizza.com
La Noplaera	1434 Hendricks Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32207	(904) 399-1768	lanopalerarest.com
The Bearded Pig	1224 Kings Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32207	(904) 619-2247	thebeardedpigbbq.com
Tidbits	1076 Hendricks Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32207	(904) 396-0528	clarastidbits.com
European Street	1704 San Marco Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32207	(904) 398-9500	europeanstreet.com
Taverna	1986 San Marco Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32207	(904) 398-3005	taverna.restaurant
Beach Dinner	1965 San Marco Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32207	(904) 399-1306	beachdiner.com
Firehouse Subs	1949 San Marco Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32207	(904) 396-0001	
Panera Bread	1440 Hendricks Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32207	(904) 396-4833	

Pizza Hut	1630 San Marco Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32207	(904) 396-0711	
First Watch	192 Riverside Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32202	(904) 862-2551	firstwatch.com
Burger Fi	108 Riverside Ave #501, Jacksonville, FL 32202	(904) 355-3066	burgerfi.com
Burrito Gallery	21 E Adams St, Jacksonville, FL 32202	(904) 598-2922	burritogallery.com
Bay Street Bar & Grill	119 E Bay St, Jacksonville, FL 32202	(904) 993-1350	baystreetbarandgrill.com