

FREQUENTLY ASKED RACE DAY QUESTIONS

- **Where can I get a cup of hot coffee?** Starbucks will be open at their 3rd Ave. location between SW Jefferson & Columbia or at the 6th Ave. location by the corner of SW Salmon.
- **Where can I park on race day?** Street parking is free on Sundays in Portland, or you may park in the convenient Smart Park garages located throughout the downtown area (see finish map on flip side). Parking questions are also answered at the information booth at the Expo.
- **Where do event volunteers report?** At the Volunteer Booth located at the intersection of SW 2nd and Madison.
- **Where is clothing storage drop-off?** Clothing can be dropped at points along SW 2nd Ave. and SW 1st Ave. on either side of the start lineup on Salmon. Look for the sign and the green balloons.
- **Where is clothing pickup?** We will move the pickup to the west side of SW 4th Ave. between SW Madison and SW Salmon. Again, look for the sign and the green balloons.
- **Are there showers or changing rooms after the Marathon?** No.
- **Where do I get my Marathon medal?** After you cross the Marathon finish line, you will be given a medal, a space blanket, a pin and—for those who want it, our traditional Portland rose and tree seedling. Your chip will also be taken. Food and drink is available in the finisher's shoot only. **There is no re-entry to this area once you exit.** Finisher shirts will be given out during packet pick up at the Hilton Portland (the Expo) on Friday and Saturday.
- **If I forget to pick up my finisher shirt at the Expo, what do I do?** Take a photocopy of your run/walk number and write your name and shirt size on the back, and mail to: Portland Marathon; 1888 SW Madison Portland, OR 97205. You must include a check or money order (US funds only) for \$7.00 to cover postage.
- **Where can I get my Marathon post-race picture taken?** At the FlashPro "victory stand" located on SW 4th Ave. between SW Madison and SW Salmon.
- **How long do the course and finish area stay open?** There will be someone at the finish until the last participant crosses the line. We do have to modify the finish area at the 8 hour point to facilitate clean-up and logistics issues. Along the course, participants who do not reach the gate near the 22 mile mark until 1:30 p.m. or later will be redirected to the alternate course which will also take them up onto the sidewalk. Participants using the alternate course are reminded to remain on the sidewalk and obey all traffic and crosswalk signals as they continue to the finish. Be sure to tell those who are planning to meet you, if you are later than 8 hours, that you will finish on SW Salmon between 3rd and 4th Avenues near the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame.
- **Where is the Post-Event Party?** At the Portland Hilton, located at 921 SW 6th Ave. The party begins at 1:00 p.m. and is open to all participants, volunteers and their guests. Food will be available at a modest cost. Awards ceremony will start at 3:00 p.m. and will feature live music and awards presentations. Winners need not be present to receive their award (we will mail them).
- **How can my family find me after the race?** There is a reunion area on SW 3rd Ave. between SW Taylor and SW Salmon. Letters A-Z will be posted as a guide to find family members by last name.
- **Can my time at the Portland Marathon qualify me for the Boston Marathon?** Yes, the Portland Marathon is a U.S. Track and Field sanctioned and certified course. The Boston Marathon accepts our runners, provided they qualify for their age group. A data file of our results is sent to Boston approximately two weeks after our event. You need only apply.
- **How will I know if I've won an award and how many awards are presented in each division?** Age division awards are 15 deep, unless there are less than 15 in your age group. The age divisions are in 5-year increments, through the age of 95. There are also special awards for state and country winners, by weight category (the Clydesdale/Bonnydale and Muscle events) and by teams. If you miss the awards ceremony, awards will be mailed after the event. A results publication and your finisher's certificate will be sent in early January.
- **When do I get my race results?** Results are on our website at www.portlandmarathon.org. These are initially 99+% complete. Corrections commonly occur within the first several weeks after the event. The final official results are in our results publication typically mailed to you in January along with your official Finisher's Certificate. NOTE: Do not rely on other websites which may post our results because they are usually inaccurate and not updated.
- **After I recover from my victory today, when is the 2008 Portland Marathon?** Sunday, October 5, 2008 marks the 37th Anniversary of the Portland Marathon. Registration will be open as of October 10, 2007. Enter online at www.portlandmarathon.org.