



The 15th Annual Wausau Marathon Half Marathon Relay & 5k

26.2 - 13.1 - 5K

Participant Guide

Friday, August 21

- 2 - 5pm - Packet Pickup, Incredible Bank

Saturday, August 22

- 11:00am - Shake out run, Marathon Park
- 12 - 5pm - Packet Pickup, Incredible Bank

Sunday, August 23

- 5:15am - Start line area opens
- 5:15 - 7:05am - Limited packet pickup
- 6:27am - My Team Triumph Marathon Start
- 6:30am - Marathon Start
- 6:57am - My Team Triumph Half Marathon Start
- 7:00am - Half Marathon Start
- 7:12am - My Team Triumph 5k Start
- 7:15am - 5k Start
- 1:00pm - Full Marathon Course Closes

Packet Pickup

Location

- Incredible Bank - 327 N 17th Ave, Wausau, WI 54401 - Friday 8/21 & Saturday 8/22
- **Race Day Packet Pickup will take place under the tent in Marathon Park. This is limited to those who are from out of town and cannot retrieve their packet ahead of the event. Someone else may pickup your packet on your behalf, please have them bring your email confirmation.**
- We will not accommodate any race changes or transfers after 5:00pm on Friday

Course Maps

[Marathon](#)

[Marathon Strava Link](#)

[Half Marathon](#)

[Half Marathon Strava Link](#)

[5k](#)

The marathon and half marathon are USATF certified courses and measured accurately. The distances and elevations in the links above are approximate

Race Day

Marathon Park



You can enter the park from the north or east.
Entering and exiting the park will be limited
between 6:30 - 7:45am



The areas in blue are parking areas. There is also
street parking available nearby



The start / finish line for all races



Bathrooms

Post Race

Stick around after your race for a free brat, snacks, and a beverage courtesy of [Nueske's](#) and [Festival Foods](#). Finishers' tent food and beverages are for participants only

Medals & Shirts

The 2026 finisher medals and race shirts are brought to you by [Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg](#)



The 2026 Wausau Marathon and Half Marathon finisher medal is inspired by the unique geographical landmark within Marathon County, Wisconsin. Just west of Wausau, you can visit a rare geographical point where 45 degrees north latitude meets 90 degrees west longitude, one of only four such intersections worldwide. Two of these locations are located on the ocean, one is located in a remote mountainous region in China, leaving the location in Marathon County as the only accessible location. These locations are significant because they are the exact halfway points between the geographical poles and the equator and halfway between the prime meridian and the 180th meridian. When you visit this location, you are halfway to everywhere. Visitors of this site are rewarded with a commemorative coin, which we have tweaked and is represented in the center of our 2026 finisher medals.

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Aid Stations

- The marathon will have 16 aid stations
- The half marathon will have 6 aid stations
- The 5k will have one aid station at the turnaround point - mile 1.55
- Aid station locations are posted to the **WEBSITE**
- Gatorade (orange) and water will be available at **ALL** aid stations. Three aid stations (mile 13.1, 18.6, 23.5) on the marathon course and one aid station (mile 6) on the half marathon course will feature Gu (chocolate, vanilla, tri-berly), pretzels, and bananas
- There will be 5 portable bathrooms along the marathon route. There will be 2 on the half marathon route

Results & Spectating

- Results can be found online on the race website. They will be updated throughout the morning
- There is one split point on the full marathon course, at the 13.1 mile mark
- There is one split point on the half marathon course, at the 10k mark
- If you have family or friends who plan to spectate, please advise them to park on adjacent streets and walk to the course. Do not park or drive on the course

Awards

Age Groups

- 19 & Under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+
- Winners must be present to collect your prize

Marathon

- 1st place male and female overall finishers will receive \$250, Goodr sunglasses, free entry for the 2027 Wausau Marathon, and their names will be engraved on the Wausau Marathon Trophy
- 2nd and 3rd place overall finishers will receive Goodr sunglasses and a Kwik Trip gift card
- 1st and 2nd age group finishers will receive Goodr sunglasses

Half Marathon

- 1st place male and female overall finishers will receive \$150, Goodr sunglasses, free entry for the 2027 Wausau Marathon and their names will be engraved on the Wausau Marathon Trophy
- 2nd and 3rd overall finishers will receive Goodr sunglasses and a Kwik Trip gift card
- 1st and 2nd age group finishers will receive Goodr sunglasses

Pacing

Thank you to OnPace Race for covering our event! Pace times-

Half Marathon

1:40 | 1:50 | 2:00 | 2:15 | 2:30 | 2:45

Marathon

3:30 | 3:45 | 4:00 | 4:15 | 4:30 | 4:45 | 5:00 | 5:15 | 5:30



Giving

The Wausau Marathon is a nonprofit event organized and operated by the Shannon Marie & Louis Porter Smith Foundation. Our mission is to give back to the community that makes this race possible. All proceeds from the event are donated to local organizations, including the Wausau West Cross Country Team, DC Everest Booster Club, Northern Extreme Athletics, Wausau Emergency Police Department, Wisconsin Valley Radio Association, and Wausau Newman Athletics.



Rules & Guidelines

- Please follow all course marking and guidance. If a course sign says, “Stay Left,” please stay left. It is for your own safety and for the safety and experience of all participating
- All roads will remain open to traffic during the event, all participants must remain alert, be aware of your surroundings
- We do not allow outside pacers
- Please attach the bib to the FRONT of your shirt or shorts.
- RELAY participants, please click **HERE** for all relay rules and instructions
- Any failure to follow course rules could result in a disqualification.
- If you have a question, please check our **FAQ page** first
- If you are on the marathon or half marathon course when they close, please move to the nearest sidewalk. You may continue but without course support

Sponsors

The Wausau Marathon could not exist without the support of community partners who believe in what we are building. Each of our partners have played a pivotal role in the growth of this event. We cannot thank them enough.

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