



# Runner Race Instructions

## Welcome and Thank You

We are pleased to welcome you to the 2025 CAK 5K on the Runway at the Akron-Canton Airport. Below are IMPORTANT details about the event. Please follow the Parking Instructions! We need to bus you to the race site and we want to start on time. **There are THREE parking locations. You have been assigned a SPECIFIC location to park. It is CRITICAL that you park in these locations.** FREE and shuttles will run all morning back and forth to the race site.

## Weekend Schedule

The weekend will start with PACKET PICKUP on Thursday, October 2nd at Second Sole Akron in the valley. The address is 1466 N Portage Path, Akron OH 44313. We will be there from Noon until 7:00pm. You will pick up your race bib, t-shirt, and assorted materials for the race. You may have a friend pick up your items for you! If you live in the AKRON area please make your best effort to pick up your race packet here. It will reduce the lines on race morning. We continue on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Second Sole Canton. The address is 4691 Dressler Rd NW, Canton, OH 44718. We will be there from Noon until 7:00pm. You will pick up your race bib, t-shirt, and assorted materials for the race. You may have a friend pick up your items for you! If you live in the CANTON area please make your best effort to pick up your race packet here. It will reduce the lines on race morning.

**If you cannot make it on Thursday or Friday, we will continue the PACKET PICKUP on SUNDAY morning at the race site from 6:30am to 7:45am INSIDE of the MAPS Hangar near the LARGE American Flag. Please, Please, Please arrive EARLY. We are starting the race promptly at 8:00am.**



## Race Day

The buses will drop you off at the MAPS Air Museum. Please follow the signs to enter the facility. YOUR RETURN BUS will be located here after the race. PLEASE LOOK AT THE SIGNS ON THE BUSES to ensure you are heading back to the correct parking area after the race.

**Gear Check** – We will have a limited gear check inside the facility next to the LARGE American Flag. Please only bring the things you need to run in the race. It is important to note that you cannot bring in water bottles, backpacks, Camelbacks, or any other items that are prohibited inside of an active airport facility *WHILE YOU ARE RUNNING*.

**Course / Start / Finish** - The 5k will start promptly at 8:00am. Please make sure to allow enough time to park, get to the bus, pee, and prepare for the race. We HIGHLY RECOMMEND that you arrive at your parking location by 7am at the latest. It will provide you the most time to get ready to run. Your time will start once you cross the starting line and end as you cross the finish line. Only registered race participants are allowed on the race course. There will be an area for spectators if you are bringing family members. Water and food will be available at the finish line.

**The Afterburner Zone presented by Foxtrot Aviation Services** – What is it? Well....it is a race inside of a race. We will have a 100 meter section marked off right around Mile 2.3 where you will be timed. Simple awards will be presented to the top 3 in each age group. Will you run your fastest 5K or save some energy to BLAST through the Afterburner Zone?

**Awards** – Finisher medals will be given as you cross the finish line. The Awards Ceremony will start promptly at 9:05am. Some runners will still be finishing during the Awards Ceremony. Results will be posted continuously throughout the race and can be found at [www.cantonruns.com](http://www.cantonruns.com). YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO COLLECT YOUR AWARD. WE WILL NOT MAIL OUT AWARDS AFTER THE RACE. NO EXCEPTIONS. PLEASE STICK AROUND FOR THE FEW EXTRA MINUTES AFTER YOU RUN. You are going to want to stick around anyway to check out the cool aircraft at the MAPS Air Museum.

**Race Photos** – Free race photos will be available just after you finish the race! We would love it if you posted your photos on your social media channels over race weekend. You can view your photos on the Race Results at [www.cantonruns.com](http://www.cantonruns.com)



## Getting Here / Parking

There are THREE parking areas for the 2025 race. We will have plenty of buses to get you to and from the race site. Please note that ONLY those who paid for Preferred Parking will park at MAPS. All RUNNERS and SPECTATORS must park at their assigned parking spots.

### PARKING AREA – STARK STATE STUDENT LOT

Half of you will be parking for **FREE** at Stark State. Use the address of 6451 Frank Ave NW, North Canton, OH 44720 to get there. Buses will be running to and from there beginning at 6:15am. It is roughly an 11 minute bus ride to the site. Please try to get here by 7:00am at the latest to ensure a smooth pre-race experience. Buses will be returning to the parking lot from 8:30am to 10:30am.





### **PARKING AREA – TIMKEN CORPORATION LOT**

Half of you will be parking for **FREE** at Timken. Use the address of 4500 Mt Pleasant St NW, North Canton, OH 44720 to get there. Buses will be running to and from there beginning at 6:15am. It is roughly a 7 minute bus ride to the site. Please try to get here by 7:00am at the latest to ensure a smooth pre-race experience. Buses will be returning to the parking lot from 8:30am to 10:30am.



### **PARKING AREA – MAPS AIR MUSEUM**

ONLY PREFERRED PARKING PASS HOLDERS WILL PARK HERE. Be prepared. We will be checking parking passes as you enter the lot. Please do not try to sneak in. It will just jam everything up for everyone. Use the address of 2260 International Pkwy, North Canton, OH 44720 to get there. Please try to get here by 7:00am at the latest to ensure a smooth pre-race experience. ***Preferred Parking participants will be emailed their parking pass on Wednesday, October 1st.***



## Race Site / Layout

All activities will be at the MAPS Air Museum. Please take some time to check out the cool aircraft at MAPS. Buses will be dropping / picking up participants just outside of the museum. **There is no parking along International Parkway or Global Gateway! We are using that area for Bus Transitions.** Spectators must park where their Runner is assigned to park.

## Race Course



## Rules to Follow

We will be running on an active airfield. We kindly ask that you DO NOT bring water bottles, race belts, or any other items that could contain prohibited materials. You may run with your phone / iPod.

We also ask that you follow the rules posted regarding the aircraft at MAPS.

## Wheelchairs & Strollers

If you a wheelchair participant or bringing a stroller, please contact Jim at [jchaney@runtoyouracing.com](mailto:jchaney@runtoyouracing.com) for specific instructions. Remember that you will be taking a school bus to/from the site. Please be prepared for that.



## Race Schedule

- 6:15am – Buses start rolling from Parking Sites to MAPS
- 6:30am to 7:45am – Packet Pickup inside the hangar near the LARGE American Flag
- 8:00am – Start of the 5K
- 8:55am – Lil' Captains Dash
- 9:05am – Awards
- 10:30am – Last Bus Departs back to Parking Sites

## Lil' Captains Dash

This is roughly a 200 meter run for those 8 years old and younger. Parent may run with their children. It is a FREE event but we kindly ask that you register your children at [www.runsignup.com/cak5k](http://www.runsignup.com/cak5k) so that we have a proper count of how many kids will be participating. The dash will be at 8:55am just before we start the awards ceremony.

## Thank You Sponsors

We want to say thanks to our partners for the weekend! Make sure you thank our volunteers!

