

SPACE COAST MARATHON & HALF MARATHON
EVENT POLICIES & RULES OF CONDUCT & COMPETITION

The purpose of this document is to communicate event policies as well as the rules of conduct & competition for the Space Coast Marathon & Half Marathon (SCM). The race organizers of the Space Coast Marathon & Half Marathon reserve the right to modify these rules and policies at their discretion at any time.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST:

Be knowledgeable and abide by all race event rules and policies, procedures and guidelines.

Offensive, violent or otherwise unsportsmanlike conduct toward race officials, volunteers and fellow participants may result in disqualification and removal from the event venue. It may also impact a participant's eligibility to participate in future Space Coast Marathon & Half Marathon event. Observation of unsportsmanlike conduct should be reported to a race official at the race site or by emailing info@spacecoastmarathon.com.

Refrain from possession or use of alcohol, tobacco products, or controlled substances while participating in competition.

Abide by and adhere to all applicable local, state, federal, and international laws.

PRE-RACE

BIB PICK UP POLICY AND PROCEDURES

The Space Coast Marathon & Half Marathon will provide an assigned race number digitally prior to packet pickup starting. A participant is required to present a photo ID to claim their assigned bib with tag during packet pickup on race week.

BIB NUMBER

Every participant must run with the official bib number assigned to them and issued by the Space Coast Marathon & Half Marathon.

BIB SWITCHING: Switching or selling an official SCM bib is prohibited. Only the person assigned the bib is authorized to participate with it, and no one else. If an official participant gives or sells their official SCM bib to another individual for that individual's participation, the person originally assigned the official SCM bib will be disqualified from the race. The person identified as wearing the official SCM bib is not an authorized participant and will not be eligible to be recorded or rewarded in any way. The SCM reserves the right to refuse to accept either or both individuals as official participants in the event or any event going forward. Participants are not allowed to fold, bend or cover their official SCM bib. No photo copying, duplication, manufacture, or replication of any official bib number is permitted under any circumstances.

HEADSETS

The SCM highly recommends not utilizing portable music devices and headphones due to the safety issue of residential traffic along the course.

EQUIPMENT RULES

No participant shall use any equipment which is determined to be improper, including but not limited to equipment which might provide an unfair advantage or endanger other participants.

DEFERMENTS

Individual deferments are not offered unless due to a military deployment. Please send an email to info@spacecoastmarathon.com for a deferment request.

MEDICAL

PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL PROVIDERS

All participants should check with a professional health care provider prior to taking part in the Space Coast Marathon & Half Marathon. The Space Coast Marathon & Half Marathon has various medical stations/support along the course, and at the finish line/race site area. Participants must exercise personal responsibility in making decisions as it relates to their health and participation in this strenuous long distance event.

UNFIT FOR PARTICIPATION

All participants should understand that if a member of the medical team deems you unfit to continue participating, that decision is final.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR MEDICAL COSTS

Responsibility for any medical costs incurred by a participant in connection with any element of his or her participation in the Space Coast Marathon & Half Marathon, including, without limitation, any and all costs associated with the transport, care and treatment of the participant are the exclusive responsibility of the participant. Participants are responsible and assume liability for any and all medical expenses incurred as a result of training for and/or participation in the event, but not limited to ambulance transport, hospital stays, physician and pharmaceutical goods and services.

RACE DAY

SPORTSMANSHIP

Any participant who refuses to obey the directions of any event official, city official, or course marshal; conducts himself/herself in an unsportsmanlike manner; or is offensive by action or language to officials, volunteers, participants, or spectators may be disqualified by the event and future participation at the discretion of race officials.

START TIME

All participants must start the race at the designated start area before the start mats are removed from the starting line but not prior to the official start time.

COURSE TIME LIMIT CUTOFF

If a participant is not able to maintain the pace necessary to meet the established course time limits, the participant agrees to adhere to the 'sweeping' policies at designated locations along the course.

NOT COMPLETING THE ENTIRE COURSE

There are numerous verification split points along all course as well as video and other measures to ensure all participants complete the entire course. If it is deemed that a participant did not complete the entire course, the participant will not be eligible for awards and will be removed from the official results.

BANDITS

Bandits are strictly prohibited at the Space Coast Marathon & Half Marathon. A bandit is anyone who participates in an event without registering and without a race number. This is not only a safety issue as race officials are unable to identify bandits in the case of an emergency, but also a drain on course resources for paying participants. If caught, bandits will be asked to leave the course immediately. It may also impact a participant's eligibility to participate in future Space Coast Marathon & Half Marathon events and programs.

PACING

No participant in the race can be paced by a person not officially entered in the race, whether on foot or by any other means, including bicycles, mopeds, scooters, motorized vehicles, etc. This is unauthorized assistance and is grounds for disqualification. However, someone can be paced by another official participant provided that both participants abide by all race rules.

CUT OFF TIME

If a participant finishes after the established cut off time, their results may not be recorded by the timing/tag system and the participant may not receive a medal or be considered an official finisher. If, at the time of the participant's finish, medal distribution is still operating and a supply of medals remains, the participant may be issued a medal, but this is not guaranteed or assured. Race management reserves the right to extend the cut off time in unusual or extreme circumstances.

BABY JOGGERS

To ensure the safety of all participants, baby strollers/joggers are prohibited during any event.

ANIMALS

Running with any animal is prohibited without the explicit advance written approval of the Space Coast Marathon & Half Marathon. Athletes who require a service animal as defined by the ADA in order to

participate must contact the race officials info@spacecoastmarathon.com no less than 4 weeks prior to race day.

YOUNG CHILDREN

Running or participating with young children or any other person not registered as a Participant in the race, including the final few hundred yards of the race, is prohibited.

INDECENT EXPOSURE

Participants may not relieve themselves on private or public property, except in a public/portable toilet facility. If a public safety official identifies such individuals, these individuals are subject to legal action based on trespassing and/or indecent exposure laws and ordinances as well as disqualification from the race.