BULL CITY RACE FEST | DELTA TEAM CHALLENGE



Athlete Guide | 10.18.26 | Durham, NC

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RULES & REGULATIONS

Can I wear headphones?
It is unsafe to wear headphones
while running. Event organizers will not restrict headphone use and leave it up to the athlete on their ability to follow direction while wearing headphone devices. If you choose to wear headphones, please keep the volume down so you can hear and follow the direction of course volunteers.

Can someone else run in my place?
Someone else can run in your place IF you complete the transfer process in your Capstone Races account.

Can I register on race day?
Pending availability, registration will be open until 3 PM on Saturday, 10/17/26.

Is there a gear check this year?
Since parking is conveniently located near the start/finish area, we won't have gear check available.

Where do I get my race bib?
If you did not pay for bib mailing, you will need to attend packet pick-up.

Can someone else pick up my race packet for me?
Yes, someone else can pick up your packet. They will need your check-in pass.

Are strollers allowed on the course?
Strollers are not allowed on the course.

Are pets allowed on the course?
Pets are not allowed on the course.

Is the race USATF certified?
Yes, both distances are certified.

- Half Marathon: NC25020BDS
- 5k: NC25014BDS

Is this an open or closed course?
The course will be closed to traffic—please follow the directions of our volunteers, staff, and course signage on race day.

What is the weather policy?
Races are held, rain or shine, unless we determine that conditions are too dangerous. This will be based on a prudent decision made on race weekend or race day by race officials and local law enforcement officials. If the race is cancelled due to inclement weather, there will be neither refunds nor transfers. This position is consistent with USA Track & Field recommendations and with the protocol of sharing the risks associated with the sport of running. In the event of inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances, Capstone Event Group reserves the right to alter, cancel or eliminate any/all portions of the race.

If there is inclement weather during the race, it is your responsibility as a race participant to follow instruction from race officials and law enforcement in regards to inclement weather. If you disregard instructions from race officials and/or law enforcement, you are doing so at your own risk.

What is the time limit?

The time limit for the 5k is 1 hour 45 minutes. The time limit for the half is 3 hours and 15 minutes. The course for the 5k & half will close at 11:30 AM. The cutoff time is determined by our event permit, which permits us to use the roads, police support and other city resources for a specified period of time. After the permitted period ends, roads will reopen and we will no longer be able to provide participants with critical course support, including road closures, police and medical coverage, hydrations stations and course markings.

When the course closes at the cutoff time, any remaining participants must move off of the roads and onto a sidewalk. Anyone who decides to utilize the course route before or after the permitted time will not be considered an active participant and must follow pedestrian laws. Participants who do not meet the cutoff time will not receive an official time

What will happen to clothes left at the start line or on the course?

- Start Line: Clothes that are left at the start line will be donated or discarded. Clothes will not be returned to you after the race.

- Course: Please discard any unwanted clothes during the race at **aid stations**. Clothes left at aid stations will be donated. Clothes will not be returned to you after the race.

ACCESSIBILITY GUIDE



Handicap Parking

Packet Pickup: There is ADA Parking in the parking garages at American Tobaccao Campus.

Race Day: There is ADA Parking in the parking garages at American Tobaccao Campus.

Wheelchair Division Race Start Times

- 13.1: 7:25 AM
- 5k: 7:40 AM

Accessible Restrooms

Starting Area: There will be accessible portable toilets in the start area.

On Course: There will be accessible portable toilets at miles 1.5 and 5.75 of the half.

Post-Race Party

The post-race party will be held on the green space adjacent to the finish line. There are sidewalks or pavement from the finish line to the post-race party.

RACE SWAG!

Every runner crosses the finish line in style! All participants will take home a finisher medal and a commemorative race shirt.

Inspired by the Durham flag, this year's race shirt celebrates Bull City pride with bold red, yellow, and blue, a charging bull, and stars symbolizing Durham's energy and community.

Your finisher medal reflects that same Durham pride, a lasting reminder of your remarkable accomplishment.

Don't forget to grab your swag before you go! All race swag must be picked up on-site and will not be mailed afterward.



Participant Shirts



Half Marathon Medal



5k Medal

WHAT'S NEW IN 2026

We're always working to make race weekend even better, and this year brings some exciting updates you won't want to miss:

Updated Half Marathon Course | Due to ongoing construction along the greenway, the 2026 Half Marathon course will look different from last year's route. We're excited to offer a new course while keeping the Bull City spirit and race-day experience you know and love

New Packet Pickup Location | Packet pickup is moving to the ATC campus this year! Our new location puts you closer to the start and finish line, so you can go check things out before race day!

One Day Packet Pickup | Packet pickup will ONLY be held on Saturday this year!

Delta Team Challenge | We're offering new incentives for the participating teams!

Expanded Age Groups | We've expanded our age groups so more participants can be recognized and celebrated on race day.

Corrals | All distances will use corrals to help create a better race experience for all participants. Please line up in your assigned corral.

RACE DAY TERMS

Race Bib

Your race bib has a timing chip on the back that records your start-to-finish time. On race day, wear your bib with the number facing forward, and don't bend or remove the chip.

Start Line Chute

The start line chute is where runners gather before the race begins.

Hydration Station

Hydration stations on the course will offer water, sports drinks, and portable toilets.

Mile Markers

Mile markers are posted along the course. GPS devices may not align exactly with them.

Finish Line Chute

The finish line chute is where runners collect their medal, water, and post-race snacks.

Post-Race Party

A post-race party is a celebration held after the race where runners and supporters gather to enjoy food, drinks, and festivities to celebrate their accomplishments.



RACE DAY ETIQUETTE

Start Line

To keep everyone moving comfortably, please line up toward the back if you plan to walk or do a walk-run.

Hydration Stations

At hydration stations, keep moving while grabbing your cup. If you need to stop, glance behind you or step to the side so everyone stays safe and flowing

Passing

If possible, pass on your left and alert the runner by saying, "On Your Left."

Respect Others

Avoid sudden stops or weaving; be predictable in your movements.

Garbage

Keep the Amelia Island beautiful—please put all trash in the bins, not on the course.

Follow Instructions

Listen to volunteers & race staff, and obey signs or course markings.

Show Gratitude

Don't forget to thank the volunteers, police, and EMS who are helping make race day safe and fun!

Finish Line Chute

For everyone's safety, please keep moving through the finish line.



RACE DEADLINES

DEADLINE	LINK	DETAILS
REGISTRATION 10/17/26 at 3:00 PM EST	Join the fun!	Registration will close one hour prior to the end of packet pickup, unless the race sells out sooner.
BIB MAILING 9/11/26 at 12:00 PM EST	Option Closed	Only bibs and safety pins will be mailed to you. You will pick up your shirt at the post-race party.
SWITCH CATEGORIES 10/17/26 at 3:00 PM EST Distance changes are subject to availability.	Switch categories here!	If you need to switch your race category, including moving to a longer or shorter distance, you can make the change through your Capstone Races account on our registration platform.
DEFERRAL 10/8/26 at 11:59 PM EST	Defer your race!	There are 2 deferral options, explained on the FAQ page and in the deferral process in your online account: **Option 1: Defer to Next Year** - Complete the process through your Capstone Races account. Deferring does not automatically register you for next year; you'll receive instructions to claim your deferral when registration opens. **Option 2: Apply Credit to Another Event -** Email support@hakusports.com to apply your credit to another Capstone Races event. Your credit will be reduced by $20 for the deferral fee.



BIB MAILING

- Bib were mailed the week of 10/2 from our timing company Start2Finish. If yours hasn't arrived by 10/17, visit packet pick-up and head straight to customer service for assistance.
- If you changed distances after 9/11, double check to make sure your bib reflects the distance change. If it doesn't, please visit the customer service at packet pickup for a new bib.
- You will pick up your race shirt after the event at Customer Service.

Race Item	Will Receive in the Mail	Will Pick Up AFTER the Race
Bib	✓	
Safety Pins	✓	
Participant Shirt		✓

PACKET PICKUP

- **Location:** American Tobacco Campus | 300 Blackwell Street, Durham
- **Date & Time:**
  - Saturday, 10/17 | 10 AM - 4 PM
- **Parking:**
  - There is ample free parking at the parking garages at the American Tobacco Campus.
- **You'll Receive:** Bib, safety pins, participant shirt

PACKET PICKUP FAQ

Can someone else pick up my bib for me?

Yes, someone else can pick up your bib—just give them your check-in pass, which will be emailed to you race week.

Will there be a packet pickup on race morning?

There will not be packet pick-up on race morning. Please make plans to attend beforehand, or have someone attend on your behalf.

Will I be able to exchange my t-shirt size at packet pickup?

At packet pick-up, you will receive the size shirt you selected at registration. If you would like to exchange your shirt size, you can do so AFTER the race beginning at 10 AM based on the availability.

If I am picking up bibs for multiple people, do I need to sign up for multiple reservation spots?

No, you only need to sign up for one slot if you are picking up bibs for multiple people.

DELTA TEAM CHALLENGE PACKET PICK-UP

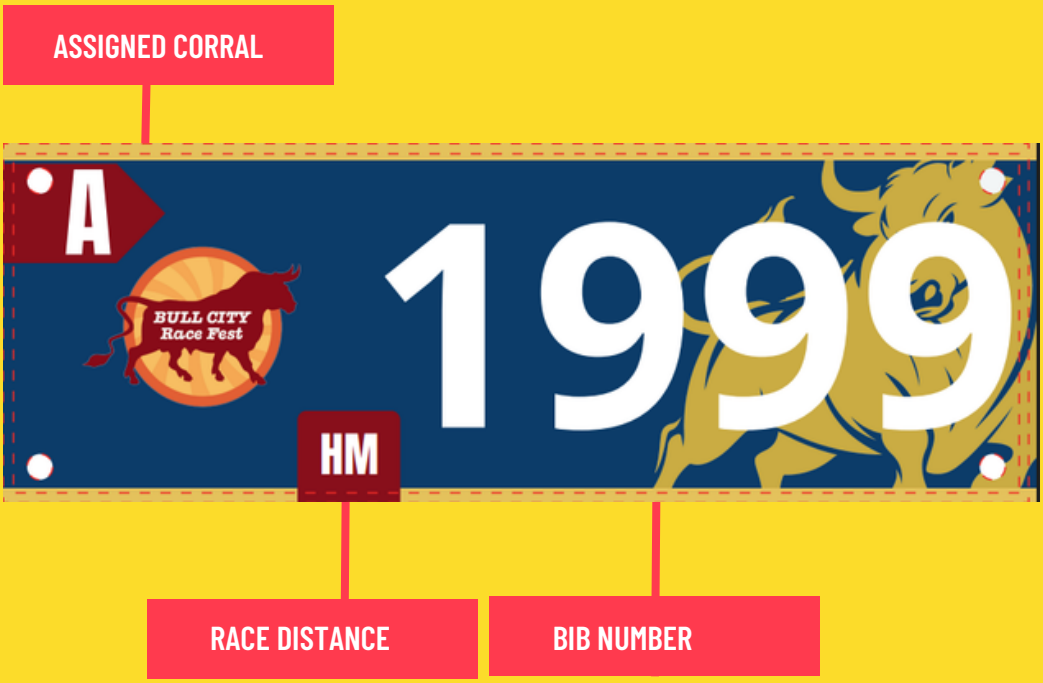
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Here's everything you need to know to make packet pickup easy for you and your team:

- **Teams of 10 or more by 11:59 PM EST on 9/30 at 11:59 PM**: One team rep can pick up all bibs and shirts for the entire team.
  - The following teams qualify for group packet pickup: Deloitte, WeRun Durham, Wolves on the Run, Gait Expectations from Duke DPT, Tribal Fit, C&C Pretty in Pace, Dewberry, BullsCrew, Imparables 5k Run Club, The Nerd Herd, RUN360, The Lab Rats
- **Teams of 9 or fewer (by October 5 at 11:59 PM):** Each runner must pick up their own bib and shirt.

BIB GUIDE

All participants must wear their bib on the outside of their shirt with the race number facing forward.





All participants will be assigned a **corral (A or B)** based on their estimated pace provided at registration. Please line up in the correct corral on race day.

CORRALS

Runners in the BOTH distances will be divided into two corrals (A & B) based on the estimated pace provided at registration.

- Corral assignments are printed on the front of your race bib.
- Each participant is **required** to start in the corral that is printed on their bib.
- Bibs will be checked for correct corral placement upon entering the chute.
- Please have your bib fastened and visible before entering the chute.

Why Do We Use Corrals?

Corrals help us create a safer, smoother, and more enjoyable start for everyone. By grouping runners based on their expected pace, we can reduce congestion at the starting line and give everyone more room to settle into their race comfortably.

Please line up in the corral assigned to you and be respectful of your fellow runners. Starting in the appropriate corral helps keep the race moving smoothly and allows everyone to have the best possible experience from the start!

RACE WEEKEND TIMELINE

Packet Pickup
OCTOBER 17 | 10-4 PM
American Tobacco Campus

Customer Service Opens
OCTOBER 18 | 6:30 AM
Diamond View Park

Half Maraton -Start
OCTOBER 18 | 7:30 AM
WHEELCHAIR START | 7:25 AM
359 Blackwell, Durham, NC

5k - Start
OCTOBER 18 | 7:45 AM
WHEELCHAIR START | 7:40 AM
359 Blackwell, Durham, NC

5k Overall Awards Announced
OCTOBER 18 | 8:30 AM
Post-Race Party |
Diamond View Park

Half Overall Awards Announced
OCTOBER 18 | 9:30 AM
Post-Race Party |
Diamond View Park

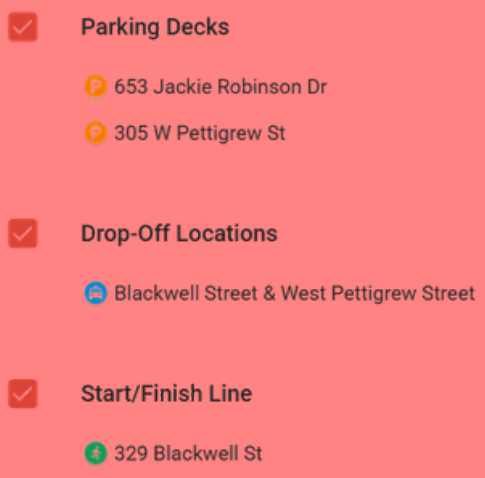
Delta Team Awards Announced
OCTOBER 1 | 9:30 AM
Post-Race Party |
Diamond View Park

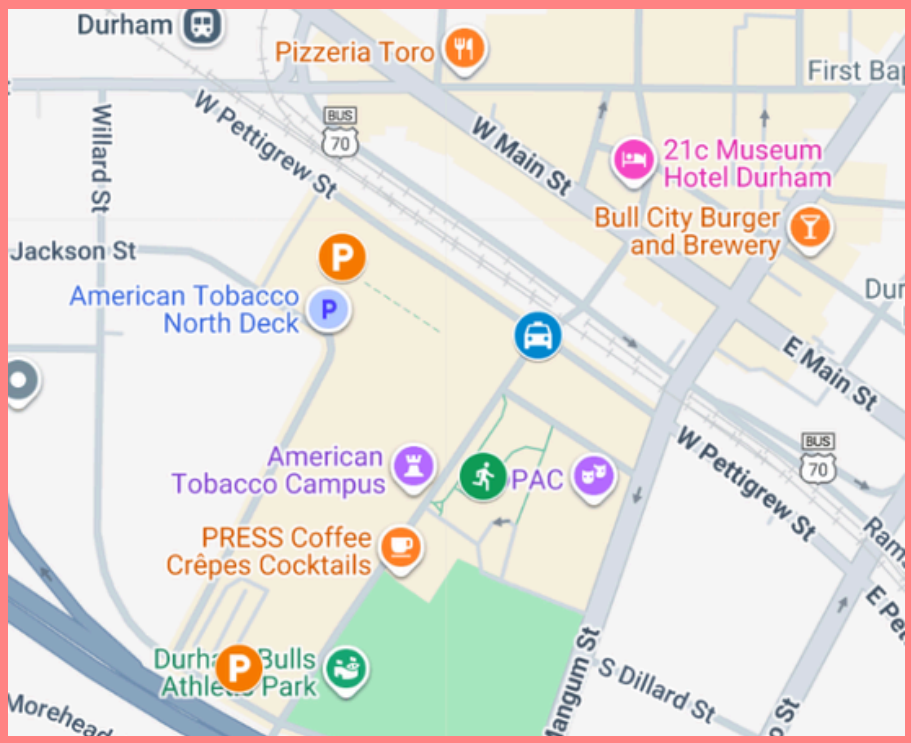
Post-Race Party Ends
OCTOBER 19 | 11:30 PM

RACE DAY PARKING

Runners have access to two free parking garages, both with plenty of spaces:

- **American Tobacco Campus South Deck |** 653 Jackie Robinson Dr., Durham: Closest to the highway exit; may have a line in the morning.
- **American Tobacco Campus North Deck |** 305 W Pettigrew St., Durham**:** Only 0.2 miles away and typically has hundreds of available spots. **We encourage runners to use this garage for a quicker and easier arrival.**





Drop Off: If you're being dropped off, please get dropped off at the intersection of Blackwell & W Pettigrew to avoid road closures.

While ample free parking is available, we encourage you to arrive early. This year's Bull City Race Fest is expected to be the largest yet, **so allow extra time for potential congestion near the parking areas.**

PRE-RACE INFO

Start Line

359 Blackwell Street, Durham, NC

Start Times

- Sunday, October 18
  - Half: 7:30 AM |Wheelchair Division 7:25 AM
  - 5k: 7:45 AM |Wheelchair Division: 7:40 AM

Packet Pick-Up

Location: American Tobacco Campus

- Saturday, October 17 | 10-4 PM
- Packet pickup is unavailable on Sunday. Please plan accordingly.

Portable Toilets

Location: Diamond View Park | Adjacent to the start/finish line

Customer Service

Customer service will be available at 6:30 AM at the lawn at Diamond View Park

Pacers

Pacers will not be offered.

Living Tracking

Live tracking will not be available.

DELTA TEAM CHALLENGE RACE DAY

Team Tents

- If you're team qualified for a team tent, find your tent in the Delta Team Challenge tent zone, located in Diamond View Park.
- Tents will have the team's name on the outside of the tent.
- You can use this tent as a gathering space before, during or after the race.

Team Awards

The team awards will be announced at **10:30 AM** on the stage at Diamond view Park.

The three teams with the highest points will be recognized at the ceremony, earning a team trophy and, of course, ultimate bragging rights!

The team scoring system is below!

2 Distances

- Half Marathon
- 5k

3 Gender Categories

- Man
- Woman
- Nonbinary

14 Age Group Categories

- Under 10
- 11-14
- 15-19
- 20-24
- 25-29
- 30-34
- 35-39
- 40-44
- 45-49
- 50-54
- 55-59
- 60-64
- 65-69
- 70+

Point System

All finishers will earn **at least one point** for their team!

Overall and age group winners will earn extra points for their team.

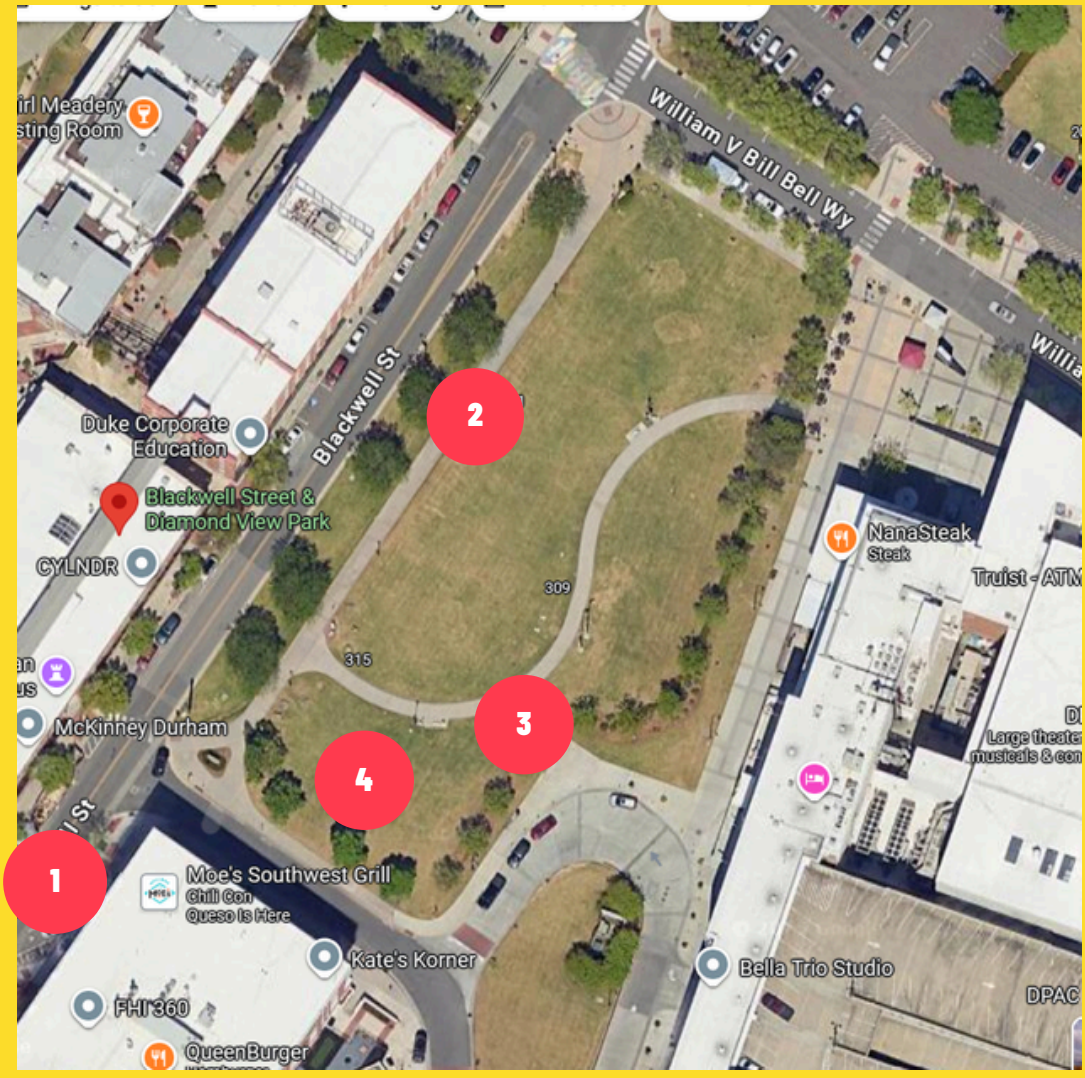
Overall Points

The overall winner in each gender & distance category will earn **10 points** for their team!

Age Group Points (Per Distance)

1st Place: 5 Points
2nd Place: 4 Points
3rd Place: 3 Points

PRE-RACE MAP



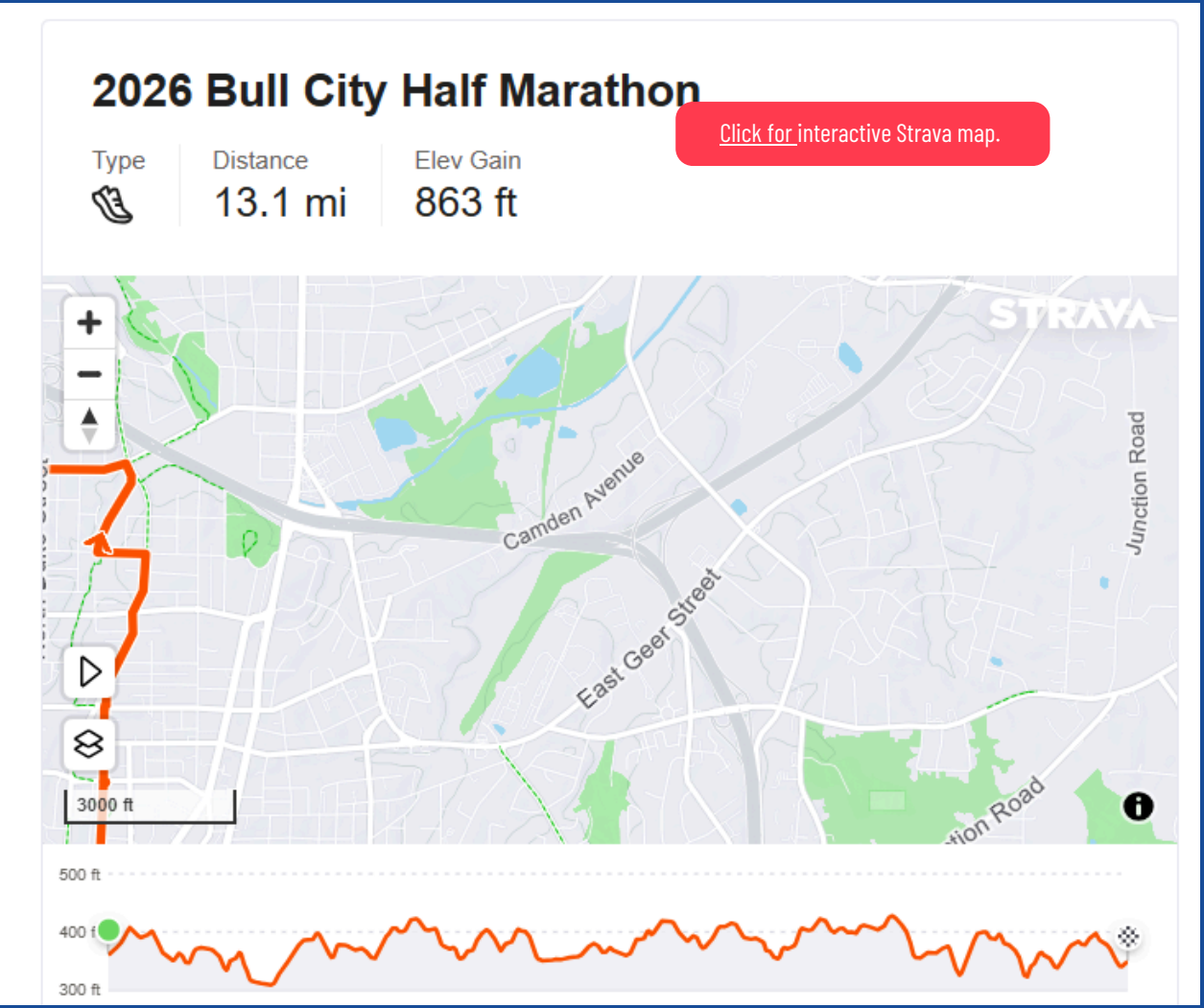
1 Start & Finish Line

2 Portable Toilets

3 Customer Service

4 Delta Team Challenge Tents

HALF MARATHON COURSE MAP



Hydration Stations

Half marathon runners will find 6 hydration stations along the course to help keep you fueled and hydrated. Station locations are approximate and listed rounded to the nearest 0.25 mile.

Locations:

1.5, 3.75, 5.75, 7.5, 9.5, 11.25, 12

On Course Hydration & Fuel

Water & Gatorade will be provided at all aid stations.

Gu will be offered at miles 7.5 and 11.25.

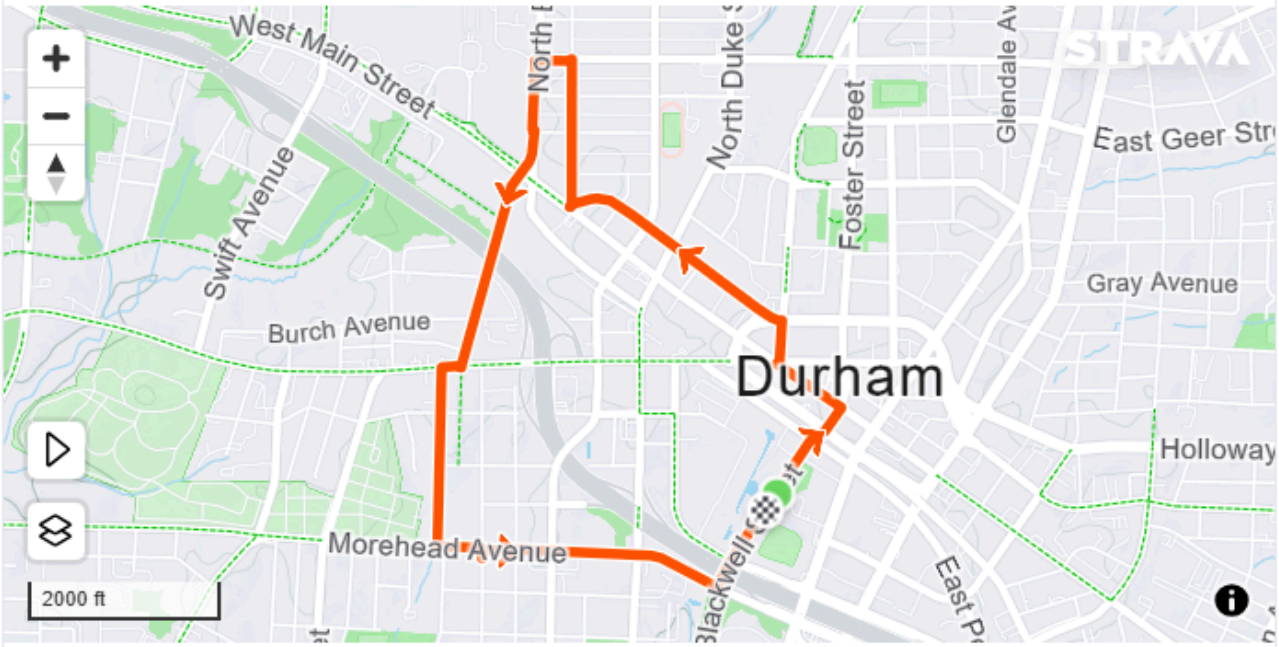
Portable toilets will be located at each aid station.

5K COURSE MAP

2026 Bull City 5K

Type	Distance	Elev Gain
	3.1 mi	160 ft

Click for interactive Strava map.





Hydration Stations

5k runners will find two hydration station along the course to help keep you fueled and hydrated. Station locations are approximate and listed rounded to the nearest 0.25 mile.

Location: 1.25, 2.5

On Course Hydration & Fuel

Water & Gatorade will be provided at all aid stations.

Portable toilets will be available at each hydration station.

POST-RACE PARTY

Location	Diamond Park at American Tobacco Campus
Hours	8:15 AM - 12:00 PM

Details	After the race, meet up with your friends and family to enjoy the post-race party in Diamond View Park, directly next to the finish line! Grab a beer from the beer garden (ID required), check out the sponsor tents, and enjoy your finisher snacks and food vendors!

Overall Awards	Overall awards for each distance will be presented to the top 3 male, female, and nonbinary finishers, based on gun time. Awards will not be mailed.

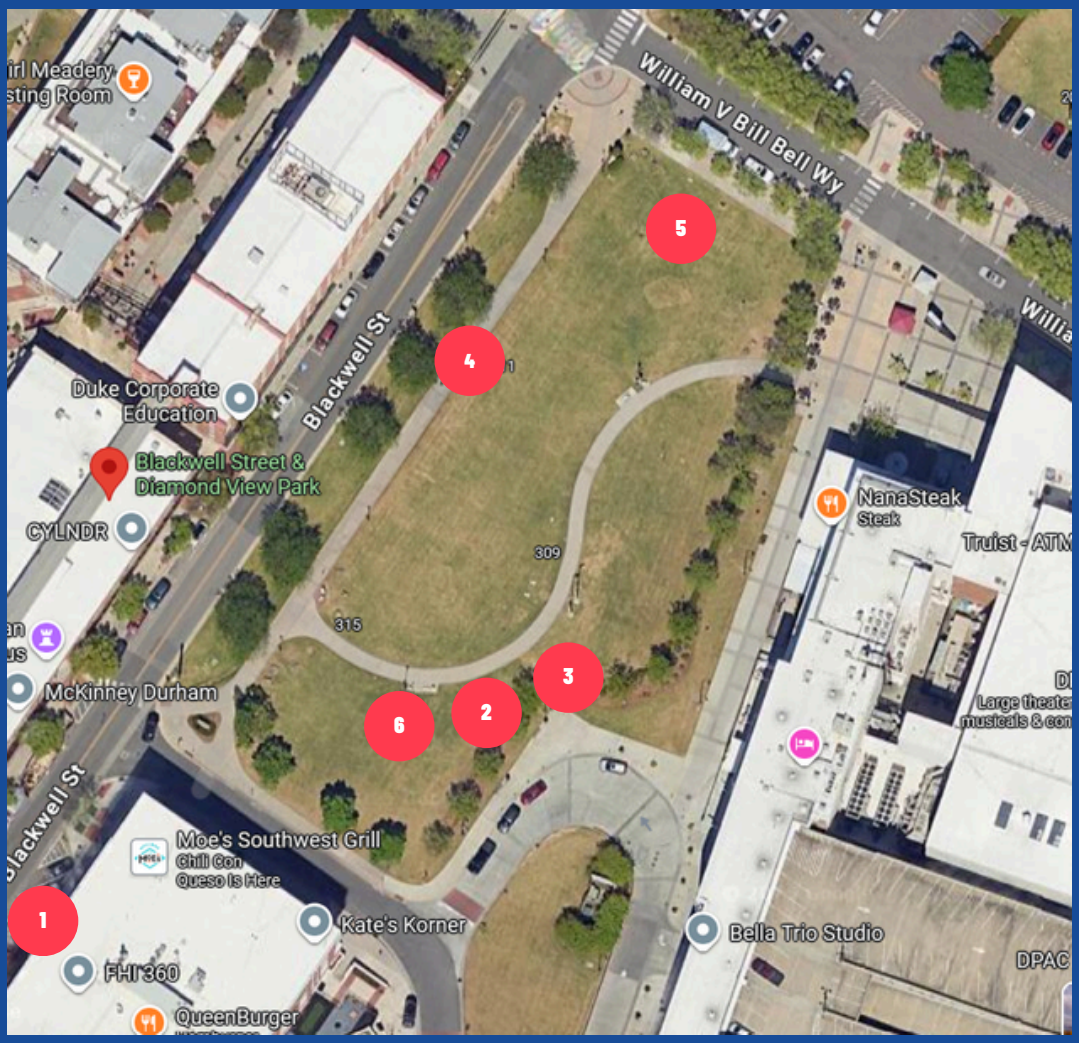
Overall Award Time	Overall awards will be announced at the stage at Diamond View Park. • 5k: 8:30am • Half Marathon: 9:30am

Age Group Awards	Age group awards will be given to the top 3 male, female, & nonbinary finishers in each age group for both distances based on chip time. Age group awards will be available for pick-up at customer service after the announcement of the overall awards. **Awards will not be mailed.**

Age Groups	14 and under, 15-19 , 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75 -79, 80 and over



POST-RACE PARTY MAP



1. **Finish Line**
2. **Customer Service**
3. **Race Shirts**
4. **Portable Toilets**
5. **Beer Garden (ID Required)**
6. **Stage (Awards will be presented here!)**

Don't Miss the Post-Race Party!

The fun doesn't stop at the finish line! Be sure to stick around and check out our fantastic sponsors and vendors at the post-race party, including Playa Bowls, Fleet Feet, The Poetry Fox, and more. Stop by their booths, say hello, and see what they have in store for you. We're excited to have them be part of your race-day experience!

POST-RACE

Race Photos	Within 2-3 days of the race, you will receive an email from the race photographer, Finisher Pix, with race photos.
Results	There will not be a results tent at the finish line, but a results link will be shared via email before the race.
Results Correction	We will share information about how to correct your results after the race.
Survey	We value your feedback! After the race, you'll receive an email with a short survey link. Taking a few minutes to share your thoughts helps us improve and make next year's event even better.



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