

SANTA MONICA CLASSIC

FINAL RACE INSTRUCTIONS

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REGISTRATION

The 5K and 10K are sold out for both General Entry and Team TMF. The Kids Run is also sold out for all entries.

CANCELLATION POLICY

The sale and/or transfer of race entries/bib numbers is strictly prohibited. All registration fees and ancillary purchases are nonrefundable. All participants are required to show a government-issued photo ID upon picking up their bib.



SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION – SANTA MONICA, CA
SATURDAY, SEP 12	10 AM – 4 PM	BIB PICK-UP	3RD STREET PROMENADE BETWEEN BROADWAY & SANTA MONICA BLVD
SUNDAY, SEP 13	5:30 AM – 6:45 AM	10K BIB PICK-UP	3RD STREET PROMENADE BETWEEN BROADWAY & SANTA MONICA BLVD
SUNDAY, SEP 13	5:30 AM – 8:15 AM	5K BIB PICK-UP	3RD STREET PROMENADE BETWEEN BROADWAY & SANTA MONICA BLVD
SUNDAY, SEP 13	5:30 AM – 9:30 AM	KIDS RUN BIB PICK-UP	3RD STREET PROMENADE BETWEEN BROADWAY & SANTA MONICA BLVD
SUNDAY, SEP 13	6:30 AM	10K CORRALS OPEN	OCEAN AVENUE AND SANTA MONICA BLVD – NORTH SIDE,
SUNDAY, SEP 13	7:00 AM	10K START	OCEAN AVENUE AND SANTA MONICA BLVD
SUNDAY, SEP 13	8:00 AM	5K CORRALS OPEN	OCEAN AVENUE AND BROADWAY
SUNDAY, SEP 13	8:30 AM	5K START	OCEAN AVENUE AND BROADWAY
SUNDAY, SEP 13	9:45 AM	KIDS RUN START	OCEAN AVENUE AND SANTA MONICA BLVD
SUNDAY, SEP 13	7:00 AM – 11:00 AM	FINISH FESTIVAL	3RD STREET PROMENADE BETWEEN SANTA MONICA BLVD AND ARIZONA AVE

BIB PICK-UP

All participants MUST present photo ID and pick up their own race bibs. NO exceptions.

Participants can pick up race bibs at these times and locations:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 10 AM – 4 PM	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 STARTING AT 5:30 AM
LOCATION 3rd Street Promenade between Broadway & Santa Monica Blvd, Santa Monica, CA NOTES - There is ample public parking in Downtown Santa Monica. See page 6 for more info on parking.	LOCATION 5:30 AM – 6:45 AM: 10K Bib Pick-Up 3rd Street Promenade between Broadway & Santa Monica Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 5:30 AM – 8:15 AM: 5K Bib Pick-Up 3rd Street Promenade between Broadway & Santa Monica Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 5:30 AM – 9:30 AM: Kids Run Bib Pick-Up 3rd Street Promenade between Broadway & Santa Monica Blvd, Santa Monica, CA NOTES - Arrive early and allow plenty of time to pick up your bib and t-shirt race morning. - There will be traffic and delays entering parking lots. - The 10K starts promptly at 7 AM and the 5K starts at 8:30 AM. Starts will not be delayed for late arrivals - You will not be permitted to start the 10K late, the course will be changed to accommodate the 5K start. 5K participants are recommended to arrive by 7 AM to avoid additional delays for road closures. See page 6 for more info on parking. - There will be no gear check on race day.

TEAM TMF PARTICIPANTS

Team TMF participants: head to the purple Team TMF tents on the 3rd Street Promenade to pick up your race bib, t-shirt, and any earned fundraising incentives. There will also be a post-race area with a fruit cart at the finish festival.

Thank you to the over 250 people participating on Team TMF! Your fundraising supports our mission to cure neurological diseases and build a healthier world – together we are making a difference.

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PARTICIPANT SHIRTS

We encourage you to pick up your shirt on Saturday if you would like to wear it on race day. There is no gear check at the Santa Monica Classic. Participant t-shirts will be distributed at bib pick-up.

BIB ASSIGNMENT

Bib numbers will not be pre-assigned. Participant bibs will be assigned at packet pick-up using dynamic bib assignment. Volunteers will check-in runners and assign their bib numbers then.



KIDS RUN

Kids Run bibs and t-shirts will be available during pick-up times listed on page 5 and until 9:30 AM on race morning at the Solutions Tent on the 3rd Street Promenade. Early arrival is recommended to avoid long lines.

PARKING

Plan ahead and arrive early for parking on race morning. There is ample parking in downtown Santa Monica, but with over 7,000 participants arriving in a short period of time, there will be traffic and delays. Check our parking map on page 7 for more info.

Parking rates vary by lot. Rates may range from free for first 90 minutes to \$25 for the day. Click here for real-time parking info and rates: <https://www.santamonica.gov/places/parking-lots>

PARKING MAP



COURSE INFO

10K

START LINE & CORRALS

Start Location: Ocean Avenue and Santa Monica Blvd, Santa Monica, CA

Participants may begin lining up for the Santa Monica Classic 10K no earlier than 6:30 AM. The 10K will start promptly at 7:00 AM. Late start will not be permitted.

Please seed yourself in the corrals according to your expected race pace. Allow faster runners to the front and slower runners to the back. Your finish time is from when you cross the start line to when you cross the finish line. **Please follow basic running etiquette in the starting corrals.**

If you are participating with a stroller you are required to start in the back of the pack to minimize disruption to other participants.

COURSE

The course starts on Ocean Avenue heading south, before heading back north, turning right on San Vicente with a U-turn at 4th street before heading back to finish on Ocean Avenue. There's a slight downhill to start. Once you turn around at about mile 1.6, you'll start a gradual uphill. The highest point is around mile 4.7, then you have a slight downhill to the finish.

The Santa Monica Classic 10K is USATF certified.

AID STATIONS

Water provided by Arrowhead will be available to 10K participants at Miles 1, 2, just past Mile 4 and Mile 5.



FINISH LINE

The 10K finish line is on Ocean Avenue near the intersection of Santa Monica Blvd. Upon crossing the finish line, participants will receive their Finisher Medal presented by Badges and Medals, Arrowhead Water, Electrolit, and snacks in the secure zone. Participants will turn left off Ocean Ave onto Broadway, to exit the Secure Zone on Broadway and 2nd Street.



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Meeting up with friends or family who are still on the course? Please continue through the finish chute and turn left onto Broadway into the designated Runner Meet-Up Area, located just beyond the finish line. This dedicated space provides a safe, comfortable place to wait while helping keep the finish chute clear for incoming runners.

Participants should plan to meet their friends and family post-race at the Finish Festival & Michelob ULTRA Beer Garden located on the 3rd Street Promenade between Santa Monica Blvd and Arizona Ave.

5K

START LINE & CORRALS

Start Location: Ocean Avenue and Broadway, Santa Monica, CA

Participants may begin lining up for the 5K no earlier than 8:00AM. The 5K will start promptly at 8:30 AM. The race will not be delayed for late arrivals.

Please seed yourself in the corrals according to your expected race pace. Allow faster runners to the front and slower runners and walkers to the back. Your finish time is from when you cross the start line to when you cross the finish line. **Please follow basic running etiquette in the starting corrals.**

If you are participating with a stroller, you are required to start in the back of the pack to minimize disruption to other participants.

COURSE

The course starts on Ocean Avenue heading north, turning right on San Vicente, with a U-turn at 4th Street to go back the way you came to finish on Ocean Avenue. The beginning of the course has a gradual incline of about 115 feet and then flat to a downhill second half. The incline/decline is a mostly unseen, slight up and down, but there is a difference, and it makes for a fast course!

The Santa Monica Classic 5K is USATF certified.

AID STATIONS

Arrowhead Water will be available to 5K participants just past Mile 2.



FINISH LINE

The 5K finish line is on Ocean Avenue near the intersection of Santa Monica Blvd. Upon crossing the finish line, participants will receive their Finisher Medal presented by Badges and Medals, Arrowhead Water, Electrolit, and snacks in the secure zone. Participants will turn left off Ocean Ave onto Broadway, to exit the secure zone on Broadway and 2nd Street.



Participants should plan to meet their friends and family post-race at the Finish Festival & Michelob ULTRA Beer Garden located on the 3rd Street Promenade between Arizona Ave. and Santa Monica Blvd.

RESTROOMS

Porta potties will be available and stationed for participants on the Northeast side of Ocean Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard, as well as in Palisades Park at the intersection of Ocean Avenue and Broadway. On the 10K course, porta potties will be stationed at Main Street and Ocean Park Blvd. Public restrooms will be open Saturday for Bib Pick-Up in all Santa Monica parking garages, with the closest location at Parking Structure 4.

LOS ANGELES ROAD RUNNERS

LARR is the official in-person training program for the ASICS Los Angeles Marathon. Stop by our booth at bib pickup or in the Finish Festival to learn more about the program, which kicks off September 19–20. Registered LARR members can also pick up their shirts on Saturday or Sunday, and are invited to join us for a group photo on race morning at 6:15 AM on Ocean Ave (near the Visitor's Kiosk).

KIDS RUN

The Santa Monica Classic Kids Run is great for children 3-8 years old. The Kids Run start line is now near the finish line on the west side of Ocean Ave. and ends at the main event finish line on Ocean Ave.

Kids Run bibs and t-shirts should be picked up from the Solutions Tent at bib pick-up on the 3rd Street Promenade on Saturday or Sunday. Late pick up is available on Sunday until 9:30 AM. To avoid long lines and delays, please plan to pick up early and allow time to walk to the start line on Ocean Ave.

The Kids Run course is a 1/3 mile and takes children on an out-and-back along Ocean Ave, ending through the main event finish line. Children will be grouped into five waves - with oldest first - that will be sent out about 5 minutes apart. All participants receive a bib, t-shirt, and medal for participating. Parents are invited to run alongside their children (recommended for children aged 6 and under) or cheer at the finish area.

COURSE MAP



FINISH FESTIVAL & MICHELOB ULTRA BEER GARDEN



- Location: 3rd Street Promenade between Santa Monica Blvd and Arizona Ave.
- Time: 7 AM – 11 AM

The Finish Festival is on the 3rd Street Promenade, just two blocks from the finish line! It is open to all participants and spectators and will feature partner activations from Michelob Ultra, Optimum Nutrition, ASICS, UCLA Health, Zenni, Electrolit, Zespri Kiwi Fruit, Rodan + Fields, a DJ from 9 – 11 AM, photo ops, and more. Participants will also receive a list of restaurants, shops, and vendors offering a Virtual Swag Bag. Stop by and celebrate with your friends and family.

We will host our first ever official Michelob ULTRA Beer Garden within the Finish Festival, where we will be exclusively serving Michelob ULTRA.

VIRTUAL SWAG BAG

All runners will receive access to exclusive runner perks via the [Virtual Swag Bag](#).

PHOTOS



During the race there will be FinisherPix photographers to make sure you can choose from several great photos to commemorate your effort. After the race, check www.finisherpix.com for your photos! Pictures will be available within 48 hours of the event.

SANTA MONICA CLASSIC MERCHANDISE

Enjoy 15% off official Santa Monica Classic merchandise! Shop online and use the code 15SMC2026 at checkout. Offer valid from September 7 – 14 at midnight (PST).

<https://therunhouse.com/collections/santa-monica-classic>

CHALLENGE MEDALS

ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?



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2027 ASICS LOS ANGELES MARATHON March 7, 2027	2027 LA 5K March 6, 2027	2027 LA KIDS RUN March 6, 2027
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*2027 challenge medal images to come.



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Thank you for participating in the Santa Monica Classic, a McCourt Foundation event. Your participation supports our mission to cure neurological diseases while empowering communities to build a healthier world.

Since 1992, The McCourt Foundation has donated more than \$7.2M to neurological research and generated more than \$81M for our 200+ nonprofit charity partners.

We make a difference by focusing on our three pillars:

1. Research: Funding neurological research at our partner hospitals.
2. Education: Hosting free educational forums for those affected by neurological diseases such as ALS, MS, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.
3. Partnerships: Building strategic partnerships and leveraging our mass participation athletic events as platforms to drive broader health and wellness impact. Our events include the ASICS Los Angeles Marathon, Rose Bowl Half Marathon & 5K, Santa Monica Classic, LA 5K, and Boston Waterfront 5K.

Within our mission we support youth health and wellness programs for school age kids in the Greater Los Angeles region. These programs include Students Run LA and 26th Mile, which is part of the Los Angeles Unified School District's after school program. These programs are proven models that have inspired similar programming across the country.



THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

We are very thankful for our partners and their contributions, which help make this incredible race a reality. Please visit their websites and say hello when you see them on race day!

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