

Registration

Why is registration through a lottery?

Atlanta Track Club made the decision to switch to a lottery system in 2011 in order to establish a fair and less frantic way for entrants to register for the event. Under the first-come-first served system, the event was filling up faster and faster each year. In 2010, online registration slots were filled in just over four and a half hours.

The lottery provides an equal opportunity for all participants to register and be selected for the event. The lottery system also helps eliminate errors and delays caused by high traffic volume to the registration site.

How does registration for the Peachtree lottery work?

On March 15, an online registration form for the AJC Peachtree Road Race will be available at ajc.com/peachtree. You will fill out the registration form and be asked to provide your credit card information. Your credit card will NOT be charged unless your entry is selected. There is no fee to enter the lottery. Participants may enter the lottery only once. Those entering multiple times will have their entries thrown out and will not be eligible for selection into the event. The lottery will remain open through 11:59 p.m. on March 22.

Regardless of the date and time one registers during the eight day period, all individuals and groups will have an equal chance of being selected for the event.

Is it possible to enter the lottery as a group?

Yes, if you are interested in participating in the event with family and friends, groups of up to 10 people may enter the lottery as a group. Each member of the group must register during the lottery window, March 15 – 22, to be included in the lottery. No one can register or be added to a group after lottery registration closes. During the selection process, if a "Group" is selected, everyone in the group will receive entry into the event with each individual within the "Group" being placed in the appropriate start wave based on their finish time submitted during registration. On the contrary, if a "Group" is not selected, no one in the group will receive an entry.

How much is entry into the 2017 AJC Peachtree Road Race?

Entry into the AJC Peachtree Road Race is \$35 for members (if joined or renewed by February 1, 2017) and \$38 for non-members and members who join after the February 1st deadline and register through the lottery. Those wishing to have their race numbers mailed to them will be required to pay an additional shipping and handling fee.

I've just found out I won't be able to run. Can I get my money back?

As stated on the application and instructions, race fees are not refundable. We do offer a [Number Transfer System](#) and [Deferred Entries](#) are allowed prior to July 3. Please follow the listed instructions to appropriately transfer or defer your number.

What is the minimum age to run Peachtree?

You must be at least ten years old on the day of the race to run.

Will I need to submit my start wave placement time when I register online?

All event participants are encouraged to submit a time for start wave placement during registration since start wave assignments for the AJC Peachtree Road Race are performance based. [Click here](#) for more details on start wave placement details.

During registration event participants will have the opportunity to submit a finish time from a past race run on or after January 1, 2015 on a [USATF certified course](#) (4M, 5K, 8K/5M, 10K, 15K, 10M, 13.1M distance) during registration, and will be placed in the appropriate start wave based on their time. All runners and walkers that have participated in the AJC Peachtree Road Race or another road racing event are encouraged to submit a finish time to receive earlier start wave placement. Those that do not submit a time will be randomly placed in one of the last start waves. You cannot change or add a qualifying time after your registration has been submitted.

Will the time I submit for start wave placement be verified?

Yes, all times submitted for start wave placement will be verified by Atlanta Track Club. If your time is not correct or cannot be verified, you will be randomly placed in one of the last start waves.

I forgot to submit my start wave placement time during registration. Can I submit my time now?

No, all start wave placement times must be submitted during registration. No start wave placement times will be accepted or changed once your registration has been submitted.

I am going to run a race just after the registration period ends. May I submit that time after I register?

No, all start wave placement times must be submitted during registration. No times will be accepted or changed once your registration has been submitted.

Why are you asking people to submit a finish time from a past race for the 2016 Peachtree?

Having a finish time from a past race will help us assign participants to the appropriate start waves. Start waves are organized by performance to help ease congestion at the start as well as along the course.

Do I need to submit a finish time from a past race in order to register for the AJC Peachtree Road Race?

No, you are not required to submit a finish time from a past race, but if you have participated in a USATF certified road race within the past two years, you are encouraged to submit that time. Those that do not submit a finish time during registration will be randomly placed in one of the last start waves. Keep in mind, if you finished the previous two AJC Peachtree Road Races, you can submit that time upon registering for this year's event.

I haven't run a race within the last two years, what should I do?

If you haven't participated in a running event since January 1, 2015, you can participate in a 4M, 5K, 5M/8K, 10K, 15K, 10M or 13.1M event run on a USATF certified course between now and the time that registration opens. A full listing of Atlanta-area running events can be found at atlantatrackclub.org. All submitted race times will be verified by the Atlanta Track Club.

I have qualifying times from several different races, which should I use?

We encourage you to use the one with the fastest pace time.

May I submit a time from a previous AJC Peachtree Road Race?

Yes, you can submit your time from the previous two years.

What information will I need to have on hand to enter a finish time for 2016 Peachtree start wave placement?

Those who wish to submit a finish time from a past race will need to provide the race name, date, distance and net finish time (chip time).

My name has changed since registration, can I change it?

Contact peachtree@atlantatrackclub.org.

My name is listed different in results for my qualifying time, what should I do?

Contact peachtree@atlantatrackclub.org.

Race Numbers

I can't run, so I'd like to give my number to a friend. Is that OK?

No, race numbers are non-transferable, unless transferred using the official transfer procedure. [Click here for information on the official race number transfer system.](#)

I won't be able to run. What can I do with my number?

You have two options:

- 1. Deferred entry** - If you will not be participating in this year's AJC Peachtree Road Race but would like to take part in next year's event, your entry may be deferred. While fees are not waived for next year, a deferred entry does ensure you'll have a spot in next year's Peachtree and will not have to enter the lottery. [Click here](#) for details on deferred entries.
- 2. Race Number Transfer** - If for some reason you are unable to participate in this year's AJC Peachtree Road Race you may officially transfer your race number to another non-registered runner at the Peachtree Health and Fitness Expo at the Georgia World Congress Center (Exhibit Hall C1, 362 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd., Atlanta, 30313) from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on July 2. [Click here](#) for details on the race number transfer system.

What will I need to bring with me when I pick up my race number at the expo?

You will need to provide two items when you pick up your race number

- Valid ID (Valid forms of ID include: Driver's License, Passport, School ID, Utility Bill, School Report Card, etc.) ID is required for all participants, including minors.
- Copy of your race number confirmation. If you selected to pick up your race number at the expo, you will be emailed your race number confirmation in mid to late June.

During registration, I selected to pick-up my number at the expo but now would like to have it mailed.

Once the form is submitted we cannot change the method of race number delivery.

I selected to pick up my number at the Expo, but am unable to pick it up now. Can a friend pick up my number for me?

Yes, if you are unable to pick up your race number at the Peachtree Health and Fitness Expo, your number may be picked up by a third party. The person picking up your race number will need to have the following items with them in order to pick up your number for you:

- Copy of your ID (see above for acceptable forms of ID).
- Copy of your race number confirmation.

Can I change my start wave?

No, race times cannot be added or changed after once you submit your registration.

If I get a number through the race number transfer system, can I update my start wave?

No, start waves cannot be changed. You will receive the same number that was issued to the original registrant.

My address has changed since registration, can I change it?

You may email address changes through April 1. After that date we recommend that you forward the mail to your new address. If you do not receive the number by June 20, please contact peachtree@atlantatrackclub.org.

I am entered in the AJC Peachtree Road Race. When will I receive my race number?

If you selected to have your race number mailed to you, race packets containing your number will arrive by June 22 at the address submitted during registration.

For those that selected to pick up your race number at the Peachtree Health and Fitness Expo, you will receive your race number confirmation via email by June 22. You will be required to show your race number confirmation along with a valid ID when you pick up your number at the Expo.

Why is there a letter in front of my race number?

The letter in front of your race number indicates the start wave that you have been placed in. For example, if your race number is H76455, that indicates that you have been assigned to start wave H. [Click here](#) for more details on start wave placement details.

I've lost my number. Can I get a replacement?

Unfortunately, only one number is issued per runner. Lost numbers cannot be replaced under any circumstance. If you still wish to participate, charity numbers are available. [Click here](#) for more details.

Can I run the race without a race number?

No, you must have an official race number.

Can I sell my race number?

No, the resale of race numbers is prohibited. Numbers worn by unregistered participants are subject to disqualification.

Expo

Where is the Peachtree Health and Fitness Expo located?

[The Peachtree Health and Fitness Expo](#) will take place at the Georgia World Congress Center (Exhibit Hall C1, 362 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd., NW, Atlanta, 30313) on July 2 and July 3.

Do I have to attend the Expo?

If you selected to pick up your number at the Expo during registration, you will need to attend the Peachtree Health and Fitness Expo.

Is there a cost to attend the Expo?

No, the Peachtree Health and Fitness Expo is free and open to the public.

Can anyone attend the Peachtree Health and Fitness Expo?

Yes, the expo is open to the public, so anyone can attend.

What is there to do at the Expo?

The Peachtree Health and Fitness Expo features 100+ vendors from the running/health and fitness industries. You can stop by the Expo to find deals on the latest and greatest gear and apparel. The Expo will also feature a Fitness Zone with interactive track and field events as well as opportunities to win a 2017 Peachtree entry at some sponsor booths.

Course

Is water available on the course?

Yes, water stations are located approximately every mile along the course. Several water sprays will also be located along the course. [Click here](#) to view course map.

Is there a course time limit?

The Peachtree course will officially close at noon.

When does the start line officially close?

The start line closes immediately following the last runner in the last start wave. Unfortunately, we are not able to leave the start line open for additional time.

I would like to cheer on my family and friends as they make their way down the course. Where is the best spot to watch the event?

[Click here](#) to view the best places along the course to watch the race. If driving, be sure to familiarize yourself with road closures, available [here](#).

Is the course closed to traffic?

Yes, the entire 10K course is closed to traffic; however, please be mindful of your surroundings in case of any emergencies. [Click here](#) to view course road closures.

Are there any items that aren't allowed on the course?

For your safety and that of others, we do not allow the following items on the course: any wheeled conveyance including baby strollers, inline skates, skateboards, bicycles, skateboards, scooters, iPods or mp3 players.

Which streets will be closed for the race, and when will they close?

[Click here](#) for complete list of closures.

I live along the course, will I be able to enter or exit my residence?

[Click here](#) for complete list of closures. Police will be located at each intersection to direct traffic.

I'd like to be at a certain point to watch someone run the race. How can I get there?

The key to getting the best vantage point is to get there early, plan ahead, and be patient both on the way to your vantage point and when leaving. Your best bet is to take [MARTA](#) to where you will be watching the race.

Where can I meet up with my family or friends after the event?

The best place to meet up with family and friends after the event is in the BlueCross BlueShield of Georgia Family Meeting Area located in Piedmont Park near the Park Tavern. Alphabetical arranged balloons will be located in the area to help you determine an appropriate spot to meet up with your family and friends. [View finish map here](#).

Start Waves

I'm an Atlanta Track Club member. Why was I not placed in an early start wave?

Atlanta Track Club membership does not guarantee special start wave placement. To be fair to everyone, member and non-member, start wave assignments are based on performance. [Click here](#) for additional information regarding start wave placement.

My family has been assigned numbers in different start waves. How can we run together?

If you'd like to run with someone assigned to a different start wave, you may do so by running together in the start wave with the highest number. For example, if your number is in Start Wave A and your friend or family member is in Start Wave L, you may run together in Start Wave L. You may not move to an earlier start wave. The start wave that you are assigned is indicated on your race number.

How are start wave standards determined?

Start wave standards are used as a guideline each year to determine wave placement. Start wave standards are determined based off the range of qualifying times that were submitted during registration. During the verification and assignment process, it may be necessary to adjust the standards from the previous year in order to accommodate the range of qualifying times that are submitted and the volume of runners within the physical space allotted.

Can I change my start wave?

No, race times cannot be added or changed after once you submit your registration.

What happened to the sub-seed start wave?

This year, we have made some adjustments to the start waves to help improve and simplify the start line experience. Seeded runners will continue line up at the start line in front of Wave A. Those that have historically qualified as a "sub-seed" will now, based upon the new time standards, start in Wave A. The start time for both the Seeded Wave and Wave A will be at 7:30am.

What is the reason for the change?

Several different waves starting at the same time created unnecessary confusion and no real benefit to the runners in those divisions. Combining those waves makes timing the runners more manageable, efficient and most importantly accurate.

Can I submit a new time?

All times submitted during AJC Peachtree Road Race registrations are final and cannot be changed.

Are runners in Wave A still eligible for prize money and awards?

Overall awards, prize money, Top 1,000 and Top Georgia Resident* are based on the official race gun times. Women in the seeded section and Wave A (7:30 a.m. start time) will not be eligible for overall prize money or overall awards as there is a separate elite women's start (7:18 a.m.), however they will be eligible for Top Georgia Resident. Female registrants who would like to be considered for the separate elite women's start at 7:18am, please contact eunislawski@atlantatrackclub.org.

Men in Wave A are eligible for prize money and awards. With no separate elite start, Male Wave A and seeded runners begin at the same time (7:30am) and compete for the same prizes.

*Valid Georgia driver's license, non-driver ID or utility bill addressed to finisher required for Top Georgia Resident prize money.

Timing/Results

Is the Peachtree a timed event?

Yes, the AJC Peachtree Road Race is a timed event. All event participants will receive a Chrono-Track B-tag timing tag attached to their race numbers. The tag is activated when you cross the start line mat and stops timing when you cross over the finish line mat. Wear your bib on the front of your shirt and do not cover under any layers such as a fuel belt for accurate timing. If you do not cross the timing mats at the start, you will be disqualified and removed from results.

When will race results be posted?

Unofficial race results will be posted on atlantatrackclub.org and ajc.com/peachtree the evening of July 4. Results inquiries will be accepted for 30 days after the race. At this time the results will be finalized and made official.

Why do the official results show me running slower than the time I recorded on my watch?

The quality of different GPS units can vary, but all of them can be affected by conditions such as buildings or large crowds that can interfere with reception of satellite signals causing them to be inaccurate. The chip time is your official time.

Are there age group awards?

Age group awards for the top three men and women in each age group (14 & under, five-year increments up to 90+) are mailed to participants after results are finalized thirty days following the event.

Are runners in Wave A still eligible for prize money and awards?

Overall awards, prize money, Top 1,000 and Top Georgia Resident* are based on the official race gun times. Women in the seeded section and Wave A (7:30 a.m. start time) will not be eligible for overall prize money or overall awards as there is a separate elite women's start (7:18 a.m.), however they will be eligible for Top Georgia Resident. Female registrants who would like to be considered for the separate elite women's start at 7:18 a.m., please contact eunislowski@atlantatrackclub.org.

Men in Wave A are eligible for prize money and awards. With no separate elite start, male Wave A and seeded runners begin at the same time (7:30 a.m.) and compete for the same prizes.

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Transportation

How do I get to the start area?

Parking is not available in the start area, so it is advised that you take [MARTA](#). MARTA will begin running at 5 a.m. on race day. The [Lenox station](#) off of the gold line is the closest station to the start line. Race participants are discouraged from using the Buckhead station as it is not set up to handle the large numbers of people that will be arriving in the start area. Participants using the Buckhead station will also have a more difficult time getting to the start area once the wheelchair and footraces begin.

How do I get back home after the event?

All race participants are highly encouraged to take MARTA after the event since parking in the area surrounding Piedmont Park is limited. The [Midtown](#) station off of 10th Street and the [Arts Center](#) station near 14th Street are both approximately a 15-20 minute walk from Piedmont Park.

For those planning on heading to the Midtown station, be sure to take 8th Street when heading to the station as 10th street will still be closed off for participants finishing the race.

Will there be busses to take us from Piedmont Park to the MARTA stations?

No, busses will not be provided to take finishers to the MARTA stations. Both the [Midtown](#) and [Arts Center](#) stations are a 15-20 minute walk from Piedmont Park.

What time does the event start?

- 6:43 a.m. - Wheelchair Race
- 7:18 a.m. – Women’s elite start
- 7:30 a.m. - Main Start

[Click here](#) to view start map/times.

[Click here](#) to view road closures.

Rules

May I run with my iPod or MP3 player?

For safety reasons, music players and headphones are strongly discouraged on the course. If music motivates you, don't worry: music will be playing at many points along the course, and spectators are known to bring their own music to help you along as well.

Are baby joggers or strollers allowed in the event?

No. For everyone's safety, no wheeled conveyances of any kind are permitted on the course. With 60,000 runners space is tight and any sort of wheeled item on the course could be a hazard.

Can I bring my backpack?

We recommend that you pack light and leave valuables at home. If you do bring items with you to the event, they may be subject to search and should not be left unattended.

Are pets allowed in the event?

We're sorry, but pets and wheeled conveyances, including baby joggers or strollers, skateboards, bicycles, and skates, are not permitted on the course.

Are there any items that aren't allowed on the course?

For your safety and that of others, we do not allow the following items on the course: any wheeled conveyance including baby strollers, inline skates, skateboards, bicycles, skateboards, scooters, iPods or mp3 players.

Miscellaneous

I am a very slow runner. Can I still run the race?

Runners and walkers of all abilities are welcome. If you're relatively slow, however, you should stay towards the right hand side of the course. Be sure not to stop suddenly or veer into the paths of other runners. If you are running with friends, run no more than two abreast. Doing this will keep traffic on the course moving smoothly.

I am not able to run the race. Can I still get my T-shirt?

The Peachtree shirt is a finisher's shirt. Only those completing the entire race are allowed to receive the Peachtree T-shirt. No exceptions.

How do I get my pictures from the race?

Race photos are handled by [MarathonFoto](#). You will receive an e-mail with a link to pictures of you after the event.