

SANTA MONICA CLASSIC

FINAL RACE INSTRUCTIONS

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REGISTRATION

GENERAL REGISTRATION

- The 5K and 10K are sold out of all general and Team TMF entries.

KIDS RUN PRESENTED BY CIRCLE K

- The Kids Run is sold out of 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
SATURDAY, SEP 6	10AM – 4PM	BIB PICK-UP	3RD STREET PROMENADE BETWEEN BROADWAY & SANTA MONICA BLVD, SANTA MONICA, CA
SUNDAY, SEP 7	5:30AM – 6:45AM	10K BIB PICK-UP	3RD STREET PROMENADE BETWEEN BROADWAY & SANTA MONICA BLVD, SANTA MONICA, CA
SUNDAY, SEP 7	5:30AM – 8:15AM	5K BIB PICK-UP	3RD STREET PROMENADE BETWEEN BROADWAY & SANTA MONICA BLVD, SANTA MONICA, CA
SUNDAY, SEP 7	5:30AM – 9:30AM	KIDS RUN PRESENTED BY CIRCLE K BIB PICK-UP	3RD STREET PROMENADE BETWEEN BROADWAY & SANTA MONICA BLVD, SANTA MONICA, CA
SUNDAY, SEP 7	6:30AM	10K CORRALS OPEN	OCEAN AVENUE AND SANTA MONICA BLVD – NORTH SIDE, SANTA MONICA, CA
SUNDAY, SEP 7	7:00AM	10K START	OCEAN AVENUE AND SANTA MONICA BLVD, SANTA MONICA, CA
SUNDAY, SEP 7	8:00AM	5K CORRALS OPEN	OCEAN AVENUE AND BROADWAY, SANTA MONICA, CA
SUNDAY, SEP 7	8:30AM	5K START	OCEAN AVENUE AND BROADWAY, SANTA MONICA, CA
SUNDAY, SEP 7	9:45AM	KIDS RUN PRESENTED BY CIRCLE K START	OCEAN AVENUE AND BROADWAY, SANTA MONICA, CA
SUNDAY, SEP 7	7:00AM – 11:00AM	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 along with their Big 5 Sporting Goods coupons at these times and locations:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 10AM – 4PM	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 STARTING AT 5:30AM
<p>LOCATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd Street Promenade between Broadway & Santa Monica Blvd, Santa Monica, CA <p>NOTES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is ample public parking in Downtown Santa Monica. See page 5 for more info on parking. 	<p>LOCATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30am – 6:45am: 10K Bib Pick-Up 3rd Street Promenade between Broadway & Santa Monica Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 5:30am – 8:15am: 5K Bib Pick-Up 3rd Street Promenade between Broadway & Santa Monica Blvd, Santa Monica, CA 5:30am – 9:30am: Kids Run presented by Circle K Bib Pick-Up 3rd Street Promenade between Broadway & Santa Monica Blvd, Santa Monica, CA <p>NOTES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 7:00am and the 5K starts at 8:30am. Starts will not be delayed for late arrivals. 5K participants are recommended to arrive by 7am to avoid additional delays for road closures. See page 5 for more info on parking.

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 post-race snacks for you after the race!

Thank you to the over 200 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 on Saturday to wear your shirt on race day. There is no gear check at the Santa Monica Classic.



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. All new this year, participant t-shirts will be distributed at bib pick-up.

KIDS RUN PRESENTED BY CIRCLE K

Kids Run bibs and t-shirts will be available during pick-up times listed above and until 9:30AM 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 6 for more info.

Please be aware that the start line is not in the same location as in years past. It is now on Ocean Avenue near the familiar finish line of the previous years.

Parking rates vary by lot. Rates may range from free for first 90 minutes to \$25 for the day. Click here for more or download the Santa Monica Parking app by clicking here for real-time information and rates: <https://www.parkme.com/santa-monica-parking>

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 6:30am. The 10K will start promptly at 7:00AM. 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 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 new Santa Monica Classic 10K course includes more time on Ocean Ave than years past! The course starts on Ocean Avenue heading south, running down to the old start line before heading back north, turning right on San Vicente with a U-turn at 4th street before heading back to finish on Ocean Avenue. The new start line means that, instead of a climb at the first part of the race, you'll go downhill to near the original start, then return. The second turn-around on San Vicente - where there's a slight hill – now turns on 4th St. (instead of 11th), meaning there are fewer total hills to climb (about 65 feet less). Altogether, this makes for a faster and more scenic course than years past!

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 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 located on the 3rd Street Promenade between Santa Monica Blvd and Arizona Ave.

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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 8:30am. 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 Miles 1 and 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.

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PARTY PACERS

The Party is in the back! Our Party Pace volunteers are bringing an extra layer of high-5s and cheers to the Santa Monica Classic. You'll find these energetic, kind-hearted volunteers throughout the course - but with a special focus on the back of the pack. Find them in their signature bright orange shirts and hats – though you may hear them before you see them!

KIDS RUN PRESENTED BY CIRCLE K

The Santa Monica Classic Kids Run is great for children 3-8 years old and starts on Ocean Ave. at the main event start line 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 9:30AM. To avoid long lines and delays, please plan to pick up early.

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

- Location: 3rd Street Promenade between Santa Monica Blvd and Arizona Ave.
- Time: 7:00am – 11:00am

The Finish Festival has moved to 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, Olé, Optimum Nutrition, ASICS, Lightspeed, Zenni, Electrolit, Big 5 Sporting Goods and Circle K, a DJ from 9-11am, photo ops, and more. Participants will also receive a list of restaurants, shops, and vendors offering a Virtual Swag Bag powered by Lightspeed. Stop by and celebrate with your friends and family.

VIRTUAL SWAG BAG POWERED BY LIGHTSPEED

All participants will receive access to exclusive Runner Perks at various stores, restaurants, and more in Santa Monica.

Click here to learn more: [Virtual Swag Bag powered by Lightspeed](#)

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.

CHALLENGE MEDALS



ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

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2025 SANTA MONICA CLASSIC 10K	2025 SANTA MONICA CLASSIC 5K	2025 SANTA MONICA CLASSIC KIDS RUN
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2026 LOS ANGELES MARATHON March 8, 2026	2026 LA 5K March 7, 2026	2026 LA KIDS RUN March 7, 2026
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*2026 challenge medal images to come.



THE MCCOURT FOUNDATION

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 \$6.7M to neurological research and generated more than \$76M for our 105+ nonprofit charity partners.

We make a difference by focusing on our three pillars:

1. Research: Funding neurological research at our three partner hospitals, Mass General, Brigham & Women's and Cedars-Sinai.
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 Los Angeles Marathon, Rose Bowl Half Marathon & 5K, Santa Monica Classic, LA 5K, Boston Waterfront 5K, and Tour de South Shore.

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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