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# *"Florida's Fastest Half"*

## **FAQ**

**PACKET PICKUP / ATHLETE CHECK-IN**

Packet pickup will be available Friday, March 18 from 4-6 pm and Saturday, March 19 from 1-5 pm at the following location:

**Fleet Feet Sports-Sarasota**

1830 S Osprey Ave, Suite 104  
Sarasota, FL 34239  
(941)894-3338

We encourage all athletes to pick-up packets on Friday or Saturday to avoid long lines on race day. However, late packet pick-up will be available on Sunday at 6am.

Upon packet pick-up, athletes are required to provide proof of current USAT membership or purchase a one-day license. A photo ID is also required.

**RELAY TEAMS**

All relay team members must be present, at the same time, to pick up packet. There will be no substitutions of relay team members after March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**MANDATORY BIKE CHECK-IN**

Athletes will be able to check their bikes in on Saturday, March 19 starting at 6 pm. Only athletes with wristbands will be allowed into transition area. No exceptions! Race day bike check-in will begin at 5:30 am until 8:00 am. **If you do not arrive by 8 am, you will not be allowed to check in your bike.**

**RACE DAY PARKING**

Race day parking is at the Fruitville Library or along the sides of Coburn Road. Please be sure to pull completely on the grass and do not block the roadway.

**RACE NUMBERS**

Athletes will receive 2 race numbers at check-in. One number is to be placed on top tube of bike frame and the bib number must be affixed to shirt or race belt. Both race numbers should be clearly visible and must be displayed on your body/bike during the bike and run portions of the race. Pin your bib number to your shirt or race belt with the safety pins provided in your race packet.

**BODY MARKING**

Body marking will take place from 5:30 am – 8 am on race day at the entrance to the transition area. You will not be permitted in the transition area on race day without your body marked and/or wristband. Be sure that the volunteer who marks you does so using the race number printed on your race bib.

**TRANSITION AREA ACCESS**

The transition area will be open on race day from 5:30 am – 8 am only. Any athlete, including relay team members, who arrives after 8 a.m. will not have access to the transition area. Only athletes who are body marked will be allowed access. You will not be allowed access to the transition area to reclaim your bicycle and gear until after the last athlete has started the run.

**RELAY TEAM TRANSITION AREA ACCESS**

To reduce congestion, only the relay team cyclist will have access to the transition area. Relay teams must pass the timing chip to their teammates in the holding areas just outside the transition area following each segment. The relay team cyclist may secure all personal items belonging to the swimmer and runner at the relay team's bike rack.

**TIMING CHIPS**

You are required to pick up your timing chip the morning of the race. **Don't lose your chip.** Each chip is encoded with your specific registration data so do not trade your chip with another athlete! The chip must be affixed to either ankle prior to the swim start and must be worn during the entire event. Athletes are responsible for crossing the timing mats at the end of each segment (e.g., swim finish) and for the safe return of the chip at the finish line. Relay team members must pass the chip to their teammate after completing their segment of the race. Crossing the timing mats as you re-enter transition to re-claim your gear with your chip in place will erase your transition times.

**SWIM CAP**

The swim cap distributed at packet pickup must be worn during the swim. Do not trade your swim cap with another athlete, as the caps are color-coded to assist race management in organizing you at the swim start.

**WETSUITS**

The use of wetsuits during the swim will be allowed if the water temperature on race morning is 78.0 degrees or less. If the water temperature exceeds 78.0 degrees but is less than 84.0 degrees, an athlete may wear a wetsuit but will be ineligible for awards and USAT national ranking points. A water temperature measurement will be conducted on race morning and instruction will be given whether wetsuits will be allowed.

**SWIM START**

Athletes racing the half distance will need to be at the lake start no later than 7:20 am and expect race to begin at 7:30 am. Athletes racing the Olympic distance will need to be at the lake start by 8:20 am and start is 8:30 am. Wave starts will be announced at packet pick-up or the morning of the race.

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