

Race Rules

The following Kiawah Island Golf Resort Marathon rules are to ensure the safety of all participants, to meet the requirements of the Town of Kiawah Island and comply with the rules and regulations of USA Track & Field (USATF).

Any individual requesting a waiver of any of these rules must submit a written request no less than 30 days prior to the Race date specifying the nature of and reasons for the request. Submit requests to Kiawah_Marathon@KiawahResort.com.

Participation

The course limit is 6.5 hours. Registrants must be capable of completing the full distance within this time.

To run the half marathon, participants must be 14 years of age on race day and 18 years old to run the full marathon.

Participant bibs are specific personal identifiers and may not be exchanged, transferred or sold to any other person.

The sale, trade and/or transfer of Race entries/Race number bibs is strictly prohibited and will result in the disqualification and/or banning of any individuals involved from future races.

All Race entry fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. Race entries, not part of a package, may be deferred for one year.

Packet (bib number) Pick-up

Participants must pick up their own packets.

Participants must provide government issued photo identification upon picking up their packets.

Race Day

Participants must follow instructions as given from all Race officials including race staff, volunteers, medical personnel, fire and police officials, security officers and city officials throughout the duration of the Race.

Race attendees who are not feeling well should stay home, not participate in the Race and defer their race registration for one year. Please review the new deferral rules, intended to make the deferral process easier. Please defer your race entry if:

- Have a suspected or diagnosed/confirmed case of COVID-19
- Are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, such as: cough, fever, chills, muscle pain, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell
- Have had exposure to a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 within 14 days of Race weekend, which begins on the Thursday before the Race.

All participants will be provided with a Race bib number, which must be visible on the front of their running attire throughout the duration of the Race. No participant shall be permitted to participate in the Race without their appropriate bib number.

The use of music devices are permitted during the Race; however, Kiawah Island Golf Resort Marathon encourages only one ear bud so runners can hear instructions by course officials, monitors, volunteers; as well as vehicular traffic.

The use of video devices, computers, drones, unmanned aerial devices, or any similar devices are not permitted on Kiawah Island without prior written authorization.

The use of wheeled devices by participants or any other person authorized to be on the Race course shall be strictly limited to: (a) authorized and registered wheelchair, handcycle and duo team participants and (b) authorized course officials on bicycles.

Baby joggers, baby strollers, skateboards, rollerblades, unauthorized bicycles or any other wheeled devices are not permitted on the Race course.

Additional prohibited items on the Race course route include, but are not limited to: large bags (backpacks, suitcases and rolling bags), attire or costumes covering the full face (except COVID 19 masks), any non-forming bulky outfits extending beyond the perimeter of the body, props and non-running equipment, pets/animals (except service dogs to aid a person with a disability. If you plan to race with a service dog, please contact Kiawah_Marathon@KiawahResort.com), alcoholic beverages, illegal substances, chairs, weapons, remote-controlled aircrafts and drones.

Race reserves the right to disqualify any runner who poses a risk to themselves or others.

Course Monitoring

Any participant who refuses to obey the directions of Race officials, including Charleston County Sheriff Deputies, Kiawah Town officials, or who conducts themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner, or who is offensive by action or language to officials, volunteers, participants or spectators, may be disqualified from the Race and from future participation at the discretion of race officials

Any participant who has been found by a course official, race official or surveillance equipment to have gained an unfair advantage by intentionally shortening the route of the Race ("cutting the course") will be disqualified from the Race and from future participation at the discretion of Race officials.

A participant who has received any assistance whatsoever from any other person may be disqualified from the Race.

Any person participating in the Race without a current official Race bib number or timing device officially assigned to them is subject to removal and disqualification from future Races.

No persons are authorized to be on the Race course unless they are registered participants or authorized Race staff. Therefore, no person shall be allowed to accompany a participant if they are not registered in the Race. Any person not properly displaying an official Race bib number will be directed to leave the Race course.

Participant Safety

The use of wheeled devices by participants is strictly limited authorized wheelchair, handcycle and duo team participants. Baby joggers, baby strollers, skateboards, rollerblades, unauthorized bicycles or any other wheeled devices are not permitted.

Participants are responsible for their recognition and understanding of Race signage and symbols relating to participant maps, facilities and directions.

Medical personnel authorized by the Race to do so may examine any participant who appears in distress. If, in the sole opinion of authorized medical personnel, it is in the best interest of the participant's health and welfare, medical personnel may remove a participant from the Race.

Participants must retire at once from the Race if ordered to do so by a member of the Race's official staff, official medical staff or any governmental authority, including fire and police officials.

Participants are responsible and assume liability for any and all medical expenses incurred as a result of training for and/or participation in the Race, including but not limited to ambulance transport, hospital stays, physician and pharmaceutical goods and services.

Race officials reserve the right to delay, cancel or suspend the race due to inclement weather or other conditions or governmental orders or directives in accordance with Emergency Protocol on severe emergencies and/or inclement weather.

Concealed weapons are not permitted on Kiawah Island Golf Resort property, including the race venue and Racecourse.

Timing

Clock time (gun time) is the official time for designated overall winners. Age group awards are based on the chip time (electronic timing device) from when the participant crosses the start line to the point where the participant crosses the finish line.

Participants must wear their assigned timing device, which is permanently attached to their bib number, continuously from start line to finish line to receive an accurate finish time. Bib must remain on outermost layer of clothing and at chest-height to ensure most accurate results.

Participants with missing or irregular split times at official timing checkpoints will be reviewed and may be disqualified.

All finish times are reviewed before times are deemed official. Participants will be given the opportunity to appeal unofficial finish times before the finish times are made official.