



Race Day - October 25, 2015

**NIAGARA FALLS
INTERNATIONAL MARATHON**

Marathon

The Marathon course is a Boston Qualifier.

The Marathon begins at **10:00am** at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, 1285 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY.

<https://www.google.ca/maps/place/Albright-Knox+Art+Gallery/@42.9341114,-78.8741052,15z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x89d312d0a69da47b:0xf90da716ec6e9ace>

Marathon CAP = **1,500**

The Marathon starts in Buffalo, NY at the world famous Albright-Knox Art Gallery which houses one of the finest collections of modern art in the world. All participants will have access inside to warm up and explore before the race. **Upon completion of the 26.2 miles, you have arrived at the magnificent Canadian Horseshoe Falls!**

Please Note:

- **There is No registration or number/packet pickup for any event on race day. No exceptions.**
- Baby Strollers – No strollers are allowed in the Marathon.
- We do not offer a walking division due to the border crossing. However you may pace yourself with run/walk breaks. Marathon participants must be past the halfway point 13.1 miles/21.1 km by 1:00pm.
- All Marathon runners give their consent to release of information to Customs & Immigration.
- All Marathon runners must pick up their own number/packet.

2015 Entry Fees:

All Fees are in Canadian dollars and include Harmonized Sales Tax (HST). Fees for the Marathon event include the bus to the start.

Marathon

\$100 January 1st - March 31st

\$110 April 1st to June 30th

\$115 July 1st to September 30th

\$125 October 1st – October 16th

N/A – Expo

Cancellation Policy

No Refunds, no Transfers, no Deferrals. No exception. We do not offer refunds once a person has registered.

Running Room Changes:

All entry fees are non-refundable, non-transferable to another person and non-deferrable – NO EXCEPTIONS. However, you may change races by emailing us at registration@niagarafallsmarathon.com with your registration number. You may downgrade (no refund) or change to a longer race for the current price differential **if the event has not sold out.** There will be an additional \$15 fee for all changes. Cut-off date for online changes is Friday,

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September, 25, 2015 or at registration at the Expo, Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24 **unless event is sold out.**

Events.com Participant Dashboard Changes:

Changes to your information may be made via your participant dashboard **UNLESS THE EVENT IS SOLD OUT.** You will be able to switch races by paying the difference between races if applicable (no refunds for downgrades). Additionally there will be a \$15 fee to change your race. Cut-off date for online changes is Friday, September, 25, 2015 or at registration at the Expo, Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24 **unless event is sold out.**

REGISTERING MULTIPLE PARTICIPANTS: Please use a **DIFFERENT** email address for each registrant to ensure you receive your individual confirmation bib number email and last minute information.

Course Time Limit: 6 hours. Finish line officially closes at 4:00pm.

Race Time

Sunday October 25, 2015 @ 10:00am

Every Marathon Participant will receive the following as part of your race registration:

- Finisher Medal
- Shirt
- Personalized Bib (if you register by Friday, October 16, 2015)
- Food/Drink at finish line
- Recovery Jacket

Register By Mail



[CLICK HERE](#) to download a printable 2015 mail-in registration form.

Please mail us your completed, signed form and payment in full to this address:

Niagara Falls International Marathon Inc.
5300 Willmott Street,
Niagara Falls, Ontario L2E 2A7

Cheques must be payable to Niagara Falls International Marathon Inc.

Registration Cut-Off Dates

Personalized race bib. – First name will be printed on your bib if you register by **Wednesday, October 14, 2015.**

The cut-off date for changes is **Friday, September 25, 2015** or at registration at the **Expo - Friday, October 23 & Saturday, October 24 unless event has sold out.**

All Registration for the Marathon closes Friday, October 16, 2015 at 11:59pm.

Please note: All printable (email, fax or mailed in) registration forms must be received by **Friday October 9, 2015.** Any printed registrations received after **Friday, October 9, 2015** date will be returned by email.

Age Limit

Participant must be 18 years of age to register for the Marathon distance.

The International Marathon Medical Directors Association, IAAF and Athletics Canada advise that athletes under the ages listed above NOT partake in the Marathon and Half Marathon distance.

Packet Pickup

Please note there is No registration or number packet pickup on race day for ANY EVENT.

Race kits (consisting of your bib number with MyLap Bib Tag, shirt and swag bag) can be picked up at registration at the Expo.

Location: Scotiabank Convention Centre - 6815 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls, ON L2G 3Y9

Dates and Times: (Times subject to change)

Friday, October 23, 2015 – 1:00pm – 7:00pm

Saturday, October 24, 2015 – 9:30am – 5:30pm

Marathon runners will be required to clear Canada Customs & Immigration before receiving their bib number (ID will be required at this time). **YOU MUST PICK UP YOUR OWN NUMBER.**

Lost or did not receive your email confirmation?

Check the confirmation list on the participant or athlete dashboard where you registered. As long as you are on the confirmation list you do not need your email confirmation to pick up your number/packet. Your bib number will be emailed to you the week of October 19th, 2015.

Customs & Immigration – Marathon Only

Requirements

All Marathon participants must have a valid Passport, Enhanced Driver's License or Nexus Card to enter the US/Canada to participate in the Marathon event.

"All persons with the exception of U.S. citizens, returning resident aliens, aliens with immigrant visas, and Canadian citizens visiting or in transit are required to purchase I-94 entry documents prior to race day (\$6.00 fee)". We urge you to take a short walk or drive across the Rainbow Bridge on Friday or Saturday and visit U.S. Customs to obtain your I-94. Please keep in mind that this is an initiative and requirement of the U.S. Government.

Questions:

If you have any questions about entry into Canada due to criminalities (e.g. felony, misdemeanor, DWI/DUI, etc.) or customs requirements, please contact Canada Border Services at <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca> or US Customs and Border Protection at <http://www.getyouhome.gov> to determine if there is any reason why you would be denied entry into Canada and therefore not able to participate in the Marathon.

Procedures:

At the time of registration your information automatically will be sent to customs for pre-clearance. If there are any issues, border personnel will contact you directly. Over race weekend, you will need to bring your Passport, Enhanced Driver's License or Nexus Card to the Registration/Expo (Friday or Saturday) for customs clearance with border crossing officers in person before picking up your race kit. On race day, if you will be using the shuttle/baggage buses to the Marathon start, you will need to bring your same ID with you on the bus in order to cross the border from Canada to US. Please make sure to keep your ID visible at all times. Since you have been pre-cleared through customs prior to race day, you will not be stopped during your run across the Peace Bridge. You may choose to carry your passport with you while you run, or you can leave your passport on the secure baggage bus that will be at the finish area (for you to pick up upon completion of your run.)

Busing

Busing to Start

Busing is included in the registration fees for the Marathon.

YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW ID WHEN YOU BOARD (same ID as used to pick up number).

SCHEDULE

Marathon 7:30am – 8:00am Crowne Plaza Hotel, 5685 Falls Avenue, Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6W7.

Buses will transport participants in the Marathon to the start area, located at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, 1285 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY.

Buses will begin leaving from the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 7:30am with the last bus leaving at 8:00am. Those who arrive after this time will be required to find their own transportation. The trip takes approximately 40 minutes. **Transportation to the Start area is available for participants only.**

Baggage Buses

At the Expo, Marathon participants will be given a plastic bag to use for their belongings on race day. This is the only bag that will be accepted on the baggage bus; **personal bags are not permitted.**

On race day, baggage buses will be located at the start area labeled with numbers that correspond with your bib number. Buses will be monitored and kept secure by official security volunteers at all times.

Buses will then transport your bags to the finish area. **To claim your baggage after the race, locate the bus labeled with numbers that correspond with your bib number.** Show your bib number to the volunteer who will then retrieve your bag and return it to you.

Only official volunteers and event staff are allowed on the buses.

Parking

Start Line (Buffalo, NY): Parking is available at the Albright Knox-Art Gallery, 1285 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY on race day. Transportation is **NOT** provided back to the Marathon start after the race.

Paid parking is available behind the Crowne Plaza Hotel. (Buses leave from the Crown Plaza Hotel).

Finish Area:

FREE parking is available at the Rapidsview parking lot at Upper Rapids Blvd & Portage Rd. (across from Marineland). Mapquest link to webpage map. <http://mapq.st/1qzATNY>

Paid parking is available: Across from Table Rock Welcome Centre (6650 Niagara Parkway) <https://www.google.ca/maps/place/Table+Rock+Welcome+Centre/@43.0797239,-79.0787935,17z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x89d3430906a14f7d:0x2b82046b4569d2ea>

Floral Greenhouse (7145 Niagara Parkway) <https://www.google.ca/maps/search/floral+greenhouse+7145+Niagara+Parkway,+Niagara+Falls,+ON/@43.071991,-79.07651,17z/data=!3m1!4b1>

Shuttles

Complimentary shuttles will be provided near the finish area and are tentatively scheduled as follows:

7:30am – 11:30pm – From the Upper Rapids Blvd. Bus Loop to finish area and back.

12:00pm –4:30pm – From the finish area to the Crowne Plaza.

To be confirmed and subject to change!

Trophies

Trophies will be awarded 3 deep in the Open and Master’s divisions for Male and Female.

Trophies will be presented at the finish line area. Please check Schedule of Events for times.

Prize Money

Cash awards will be handed out at the finish area. Please check Schedule of Events for times.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three in the Male and Female Open and Masters Divisions of the Full Marathon.

Place	Open (M/F)	Masters (M/F)
1st	\$900	\$450
2nd	\$700	\$350
3rd	\$500	\$250

Note: Cash winners are not eligible for age group awards. Masters are eligible for both overall and masters’ cash prizes. Only cash prizes will be mailed out after the event.

Age Group Awards

Commemorative Age Group Awards will be presented **three deep (Male/Female)** in the following age categories in the Marathon Division:

19 & Under	40-49	60-69
20-29	50-59	70+
30-39		

Please check your results at the Results and Age Groups Awards tent at the finish area.

Note that all awards must be picked up at the finish area; they will not be mailed.