



ThedaCare™

2017 ThedaCare Half Marathon Competitive Walk Guidelines

SPOTTERS WILL BE POSITIONED THROUGHOUT THE COURSE LOOKING FOR VIOLATORS

- A participant who registers for the Half Marathon Competitive Walk agrees to walk the entire 13.1 miles
- **This event is strictly a 100% walking event** with no mixing of running, trotting or light jogging. That means every step taken from start to finish is walking. No exceptions.
- One foot must be on the ground at all times. No excessive head bounce.
- Violation of the rules will result in disqualification from awards. *It is the discretion of the judge to offer a warning prior to disqualification based on degree of violation.*
- **The overall awards for this race will be determined by a foot race and – not chip timing.** This is the same format as the Full and Half Marathon races.
- **The Half Marathon Competitive Walk will have a separate start that will begin approximately 5 minutes after the Marathon & Half Marathon clears the start line.** The race begins with an air horn start. Anyone who leaves before the official start of the Half Marathon Competitive Walk race will be disqualified by your electronic timing chip.
- Competitive Walkers are provided **TWO** bibs to be **visibly worn** at all times. **The numbered Half Marathon Competitive Walk bib must be worn in the front and the blank 'WALK' bib is to be worn on the back.** The blank bib helps Course Marshals as well as fellow race participants spot violators. **Failure to visibly wear both bibs will result in awards disqualification.** All walkers must have visible bibs at all times.
- Awards will be issued to the top 3 male and female finishers. Awards for top 3 male and top 3 female in seven age groups will also be awarded. Foot race determines overall awards; chip timing determines age group awards. No double dipping in awards will be allowed (age and overall).

Half Marathon Competitive Walk Start: All Walkers must assemble in the Pentecostal Church parking lot on the south side of Midway Road near the Start Line. After the Marathon & Half Marathon race begins (at 7:00am), Walkers will then move on to the road and up to the start line. At approximately 7:05, the Walkers race will start with an air horn start. As with all participants, your timing chip will electronically record your actual race time that begins at the start line and ends when you cross the finish line.