

# *Welcome to the 4th Annual Florida Inline Skating Marathon!*

## *Please read all of the materials in your race packet.*

WORLD CLASS RACE - 7:30am Start time: World Class / World Cup / Pro / Open / Elite / Cat 1

WORLD CLASS RACE – OPEN - no age limit

\*all WORLD CLASS skaters will be scored in the OPEN Division, first!

\*any 17U or Master skater achieving the OPEN Podium (top 5), will result in 'roll-up' placement for the remaining skaters from within the affected 17U and/or Master division.

**\*\*NO cross-drafting between the men and women within the WORLD CLASS Category\*\***

AGE CLASS RACES - 9:30am Start time: Advanced / Fitness / Recreational / Novice / Beginner / Cat 2,3,4,5

AGE CLASS MARATHON, 25K, 13K; \*all age divisions

FIVE K FUN SKATE (Saturday - 6:00pm Start time): The FIVE K Start line is on the Park's PATH across the water from the Tower, South of the Bridge. The event runs counter-clockwise on the path(entirely); Finish line is at the water's edge by the Tower. The FIVE K FUN SKATE is NOT a timed event; therefore, there are no awards. Participants WILL receive a Finisher Medal!

FISM "RULES OF THE ROAD":

Cross-Drafting between men and women is allowed in all Age Class (9:30am Start) ..non-World Class Races.

Skaters are required to wear a helmet, and carry personal identification. Wrist/hand protection is recommended.

Failure to start in the Race you registered for may result in disqualification. Slower skaters please stay to the far right of the roadway. Overtaking skaters - announce yourselves as passing on the LEFT/right.

FISM World Class participants are expected to finish the event within 1:30:00. Any WC skaters still on the race course beyond that time may be directed to skate on the far right (perimeter) of the race course for the duration of their event; in order to maintain the remainder of the event schedule.

The Passing or Over-taking of other skaters during a mass start event is the most dangerous condition on the race course. In order to create a safer condition for all participants:

All Marathon Distance (7.3 laps), 25K (4.3 laps) and 13K (2.3 laps) participants are requested to move to the right-hand side of the roadway as soon as they have been lapped by full distance racers; and are to remain skating on the perimeter of the course for the remainder of their event.

TIMING: ALL SKATERS – You will receive a PRO CHIP TRANSPONDER that MUST BE RETURNED after the race.

You are responsible for exchanging your TRANSPONDER for your FINISHER MEDAL.

A \$50 Fee (replacement cost) MUST be assessed to any Skater who does not return their TRANSPONDER.

RACE NUMBER BIBS:

Your Race Packet contains two race number bibs; x1/ea to be pinned on BOTH sides of your body.

WORLD CLASS SKATERS - Your race numbers are to be pinned to your LEFT and RIGHT hip or thigh.

AGE CLASS MARATHON / 25K / 13K / – Your race numbers are to be pinned to your LEFT and RIGHT hip or thigh.

PACKET PICKUP (Saturday): Packet Pick-up is at/under the NBP Tower. Please make every effort to obtain your race packet on Saturday. Late Packet Pick-up (SUNDAY) may be available near the Finish Line.

VENDOR EXPO (Saturday): Will be held at/adjacent to the NBP Tower from 12:00 noon until 6:00pm.

PARKING: Parking (\$10) opens at 6:00am at NBP (Park). There is no parking at the Start line.

**STARTING LINE:** The Remote Starting Line location is 1 mile South (clockwise-against the 'grain' of the race route) from the Finish Line. Please plan accordingly, in order to travel that distance- in time to make your Race Start!

**RACE COURSE CONDITIONS:** The NW corner of the course; Park Service Road entrance (gated); Lapped/Slower skaters may be directed to take a right-side-of-the-road, perimeter route through the apex of the turn.

**WATER:** Race Course Water will be available at two locations on the Race Course.

You may require more water or energy (food) during the event. Please carry it with you and dispose of it properly. If you slow or stop at a water station, please stay to the right side of the road to avoid collisions and congestion. Discard trash properly. Bottle caps are dangerous to other skaters!

**TOILETS:** There are three bathroom facilities within the Park. There will also be porta potties near the Start line.

**MEDICAL SUPPORT:** All medical expenses incurred by the participant are the responsibility of the participant. First aid will be available on the race course throughout the duration of the event(s).

**LOST AND FOUND:** The FISM will not be responsible for items lost nor left along the race course.

**PROTESTS / TIMING PROBLEMS:**

Should you have a protest, forms will be provided near the preliminary results board at the Timing Trailer. Race Judges will resolve protests involving awards prior to the awards ceremony.

**RACE RESULTS:** Preliminary results will be posted asap. Please review and report any problems/protests to a Race Official ASAP!

**AWARDS CEREMONY:** will take place as soon as all Results are Final and Official (aiming for 2:30pm). Please refer to the FISM website for the Podium placement breakdown for each race.

**2025 REGISTRATION:** will be available during packet pick-up at the Registration Table. Race Date is Saturday Nov 8!

**RACE MORNING SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:**

6:00 AM – PARKING (\$10) ACCESS OPEN AT NATHAN BENDERSON PARK

7:15 AM – ALL WORLD CLASS SKATERS = GO TO THE START

7:25 AM – NATIONAL ANTHEM / CLEAR THE COURSE

7:29 AM – 1 MINUTE WARNING

7:30 AM – SEEDED MASS START = MEN

7:31 AM – SEEDED MASS START = WOMEN

8:50 AM – ANY REMAINING SKATERS ON THE COURSE WILL TAKE A PERIMETER PATH UNTIL FINISHED

9:00 AM – WORLD CLASS RACE COURSE CLOSED

9:15 AM – AGE CLASS MARATHON / 25K / 13K / SKATERS = GO TO THE START

9:25 AM – WORLD CLASS SKATERS PLEASE JOIN ALL SKATERS AT THE START LINE FOR PHOTO / VIDEO

9:29 AM – 1 MINUTE WARNING / CLEAR THE COURSE

9:30 AM – AGE CLASS MARATHON / 25K / 13K = SEEDED MASS START

12:30 PM – ALL SKATERS ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR DISTANCE BY THIS TIME

12:30 PM – ANY REMAINING SKATERS MUST MOVE TO THE INTERIOR 'PATH' TO FINISH THEIR RACE.

1:00 PM – TIMING PROBLEMS, PROTESTS, RESULTS FINAL; RACE COURSE CLOSED

2:30 PM – AWARDS CEREMONY > NBP TOWER (time approximate)

***Welcome to Sunny Sarasota, Florida!***  
***Please Skate Safely! Good Luck in the***  
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