



We can't tell you how excited we are for the Republic Bank Big Hit ½ and ¼ Marathon next weekend! It is sure to be an amazing race experience, and we can't wait to see you there! Thank you for your support!

By signing up for this race, you are committed to having a REALLY GOOD TIME! We are excited to bring you a competitive, fun and professional race. We couldn't do it without our amazing sponsors who have helped to make this race a SUCCESS: Republic Bank, Louisville Slugger Field, Louisville Bats, Fleet Feet, Thrifty and Louisville Water Company!

In order for you to have a stress-free race experience, please read this info thoroughly! It is JAM-packed with important info about the Republic Bank Big Hit ½ and ¼ Marathon!

### **Race Routes**

The race routes are both posted online at <http://www.bighitmarathon.com/CourseMap.php>. The ½ Marathon route is 13.1 miles, and the ¼ Marathon route is 6.55 miles. Both races will start on Main Street in front of Louisville Slugger Field and end by crossing home plate on the baseball field! Both races begin at 7:45 am EST.

Due to the closing of the Sherman Minton Bridge, we have had to make some adjustments to the routes. Don't worry....you will still run by some of the greatest sports landmarks in Louisville!

### **Route Split Points**

Please be aware that there are **2** places along the route where racers will need to 'split' depending on whether you are running the ¼ marathon or the ½ marathon. These locations are at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street & Broadway and 5<sup>th</sup> Street & Chestnut St. Please make sure to pay attention to the signs and volunteers at these two locations so that you follow the correct route.

### **Packet Pickup and Expo**

The Packet Pickup and Expo will take place on Saturday, October 29 from 10 am – 6 pm at Louisville Slugger Field. We will have many vendors onsite for your last minute race needs! Every participant must show a VALID PICTURE ID in order to pick up his/her packet. You MAY NOT pick up a packet for another athlete. We HIGHLY encourage all runners to pick up their packets on Saturday to avoid last minute stress. Packet Pickup will be open from 6 am – 7 am on Sunday morning as well (but this is not recommended).

### **Bib Numbers**

In order to expedite Packet Pick-Up, we will email a link to bib numbers on Thursday, October 27 by 8 pm. All bib numbers will be posted on the website as well. Please bring your bib number with you to Packet Pick-Up. If you are unable to get your number, we will have them listed at Louisville Slugger Field.

### **Kids Day**

Because this is a family friendly event, we are excited to have Kids Day on Saturday, October 29! Here are the events that will be taking place:

### ***TRICK OR TREAT - Saturday from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm (FREE)***

Stop by to see each of our vendors for delicious treats. Costumes are not required to participate. Treat bags will be provided for each child in attendance.

***COSTUME CONTEST- Saturday 11:00 am (FREE)***

There will be prizes awarded to the top boys and girls in the following age groups: 6 and under, 7 and up. There will also be cool door prizes and other awards!

***REPUBLIC BANK BIG HIT KIDS FUN RUN- Saturday 11:30 am (\$10)***

Be sure to catch all of the action as you watch your little one cross the finish line at home plate! There are sure to be plenty of "Kodak Moments," and every child will be awarded a medal upon finishing the race. The first 250 kids to register will receive a water bottle and drawstring bag!

Click here to register or to see more info: <http://www.bighitmarathon.com/Kids/>

**Race Timing/Immediate Timing**

End Result will be the official timing company of the Republic Bank Big Hit ½ and ¼ Marathon. Immediately upon completion of the race, there will be a tent on the field where you can pick up your race time. This is provided by End Result and sponsored by Fleet Feet!

**Race Pacers**

Need some help to reach your goal or to PR? We can help! We will have pacers ranging from finishing times of 1:30 to 2:30 (and several in between). You can sign up to be on a Pace Team at Packet Pick-Up on Saturday, and it's FREE!

**Bathroom Locations**

We all know bathrooms are a hot commodity at the beginning of a race, so we've got you covered! We will have several portable units at the start line of the race, but we encourage all runners to use the restrooms inside Slugger Field on the concourse. The gates will be unlocked, and the restrooms along the 3<sup>rd</sup> base line will be open for use! We will also have a couple portable units at each water stop along the race.

**Swag**

All participants of the ½ Marathon, ¼ Marathon and relay will receive an awesome goodie bag with a long sleeve tech shirt and other swag. Every participant will receive on course and post-race food & drink, on course entertainment, a finisher's medal and more!





### **Awards**

For the ½ Marathon, Louisville Slugger bats will be awarded 3 deep in each age group division. The top 3 overall male and female finishers will receive special edition custom Louisville Slugger bats!

For the ¼ Marathon, Louisville Slugger bats will be awarded to the winner of each age group division. The top overall male and female finishers will receive special edition custom Louisville Slugger bats!

### **Event Photos**

brightroom is the official race photo provider for the Republic Bank Big Hit ½ and ¼ Marathon. brightroom will have photographers along the way and at the finish to capture your best race moments!

[Click here to see photos following the race or to sign up for email notification when photos are available for viewing!](#)

### **Hotel Info**

If you are coming from out of town, welcome to Louisville! We have special discounted rates at area hotels for race participants and their families. We have three options for you: Springhill Suites, Fairfield Inn & Suites and Marriott Downtown Louisville. Please click here for all hotel info - [www.bighitmarathon.com/HotelInfo.php](http://www.bighitmarathon.com/HotelInfo.php).

### **Volunteers**

We know that volunteers are a BIG part of your race experience, and we have the BEST volunteers. If you know anyone who would like to be a part of the weekend (either Saturday or Sunday), please email us ASAP at [info@getjamactive.com](mailto:info@getjamactive.com).

### **St. Jude Heroes**

It is not too late to become a St. Jude Hero! JAM Active is a supporter of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Turn your passion for running into something heroic - fundraising to help St. Jude Children's Research Hospital save children as they battle cancer and other catastrophic diseases.

As a St. Jude Hero, you have the opportunity to receive:

- Personal fundraising web site

- St. Jude Heroes race day singlet
- Access to a St. Jude area with refreshments and massages on race day
- E-newsletters with fundraising tips and St. Jude patient stories
- Fundraising incentives
- Satisfaction in knowing that you are making a difference in the fight against pediatric cancer worldwide.

For more information on participating as a St. Jude Hero in the Republic Bank Big Hit ½ Marathon, please contact Allyson Moore at 502.584.9802 or [allyson.moore@stjude.org](mailto:allyson.moore@stjude.org).

[Click here to learn more or to register to become a HERO!](#)

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We can't wait to see you on October 30! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us at 1-866-611-2JAM or email us at [info@getjamactive.com](mailto:info@getjamactive.com).

Thanks and Happy Training!

