



# Top 9 Reasons to Run HALF or FULL MARATHON

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2. Be one of 600-plus runners expected
3. Run one of the best courses in the United States
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5. Enter 5K and/or 10K at no additional cost
6. March in Opening Ceremony at Quicken Loans Arena
7. Enjoy GG9-provided shuttles between host cities
8. Join biggest LGBT sports party held every 4 years
9. Teach the sports world a lesson in inclusion - on welcoming courses!

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# Half/Full Marathon FAQ

## When?

Games Week: 9-16 August 2014

Marathon: 16 August 2014; starts at 6:30 a.m.

## Where?

Start and finish line: downtown Akron

Follows first half of the Akron Marathon course. Full marathon runs the circuit twice.

## What about transportation?

Participants can access GG9-provided transportation, including public transportation and private shuttle service to select venues. Shuttle service also is provided between central locations in Cleveland and Akron.

## What is the course like?

The Akron Marathon course is a USA Track and Field-certified course.

## How will the marathon be run?

Participants in the Marathon and Half Marathon will receive a bib with a B-Tag timing chip. Bib colors and numbers will be differentiated to designate Marathon and Half Marathon participants.

Participants registering for the Marathon and Half Marathon are eligible to compete in the 5K and 10K Road Races without paying an additional fee when they complete their event registrations. The 10K is Tuesday, Aug 12, in the Cleveland-Akron parks system, while the 5K is Thursday, Aug 12, at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

## What are the rules?

A participant may compete only in the Marathon or Half Marathon, and only in one age division. The Marathon must be completed within 6 hours and the Half Marathon within 3.5 hours.

## How do I register?

General registration is \$195 per participant before 31 May 2014. Upon completion, each participant can register for a specific sport. The fee for marathon/half marathon is \$95 before 15 January 2014 and increases to \$105 on 15 January. Marathon/half marathon participants may run 5K and 10K event at no additional charge.

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## Divisions

### MEN and WOMEN

Age Categories:

- 18-29
- 30-34
- 35-39
- 40-44
- 45-49
- 50-54
- 55-59
- 60-64
- 65-69
- 70-74
- 75-79
- 80-84
- 85-89
- 90-94
- 95-99
- 100+

**Parameters:** The best three times in each gender's age group will receive a medal.

A participant's age group is determined by that person's age as of the first day of competition, 9 August 2014.