

ABOUT THE RACE

The annual Richard S. Caliguiri City of Pittsburgh Great Race started in 1977, when former Pittsburgh Mayor Richard S. Caliguiri established the race as a “community fun run.” Since that inaugural competition, 500,000 people have participated in the Great Race, making the event the largest 10K race in Pennsylvania. The popular fall fitness classic has expanded to include a 5K run/walk, a running clinic and the Dollar Bank Junior Great Race.

TOP STORYLINES

- Former Great Race champions **Jim Spisak** and **Jennifer Bigham** will compete for their third wins in the 10K this year.
- This will be the 41st consecutive race for 21 men know as the **“Perfect Great Racers.”**
- For the first time in over 20 years, the Dollar Bank Junior Great Race will be held on the same weekend as the Richard S. Caliguiri City of Pittsburgh Great Race.

MEDIA INFO

Media check-in is located in Point State Park near the intersection of Commonwealth Place and Penn Avenue.

Pre and Post-Race Interviews

Pre-race interviews are available in the 5K start line area at the intersection of Fifth & Atwood in Oakland and the 10K start line area near the intersection of Beechwood Boulevard and Forbes Avenue in Frick Park. Winners will be available for interviews at media check-in in Point State Park immediately following the race and after the award ceremony.

Media Truck

The media truck will load at 8:15 a.m. in front of the Gateway Center parking garage on Liberty Avenue. It will transport media to the 10K start line and drive in front of lead runners until the finish line at Point State Park, where you will be dropped off.

More information for media is available at www.RunGreatRace.com/News. Please direct all media inquiries to Erin Carlin at:

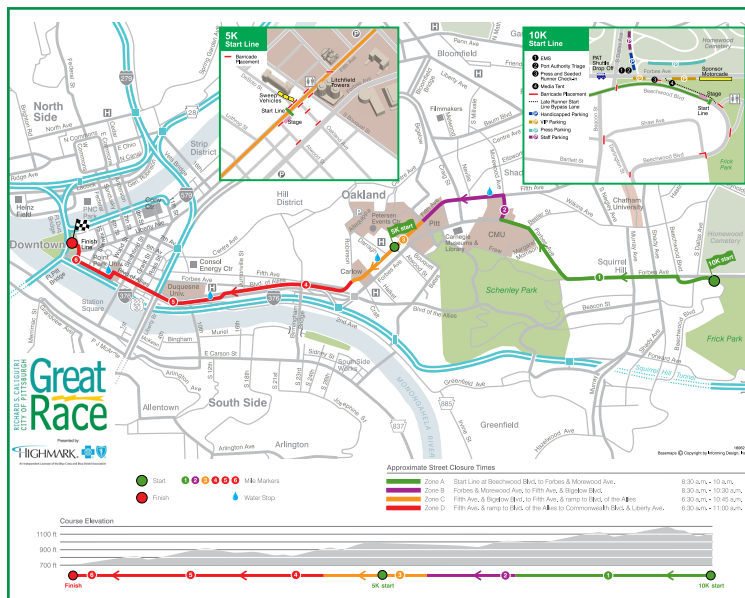
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COURSE

The Great Race 10K — Pennsylvania’s largest 10K and one of the largest 10Ks in the country — follows a predominantly downhill course from Frick Park in Squirrel Hill to Point State Park in Downtown Pittsburgh. The 6.2-mile route passes through several east end neighborhoods and travels past five college campuses.

The 5K run begins in Oakland at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and Atwood Street (at the 10K’s mid-way point). The 3.1-mile course travels along a predominantly downhill course before finishing at Point State Park. A fitness walk starts immediately after the 5K run.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, September 28

- **2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** — Great Race Expo presented by Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield
David L. Lawrence Convention Center

Saturday, September 29

- **9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** — Great Race Expo presented by Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield
David L. Lawrence Convention Center
- **11:00 a.m.** — Dollar Bank Junior Great Race
Point State Park

Sunday, September 30

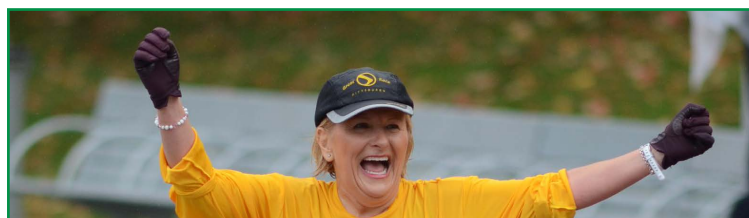
- **8:00 a.m.** — 5K Run & Walk
Start Line: Fifth & Atwood, Oakland
- **9:20 a.m.** — 10K Wheelchair Division
Start Line: Beechwood Boulevard, Frick Park
- **9:30 a.m.** — 10K Run
Start Line: Beechwood Boulevard, Frick Park
- **11:00 a.m.** — Award Ceremony and Raffle
Main Stage, Point State Park

AWARD CEREMONY

The Great Race presents the following awards at the post-race stage ceremony following the 10K:

- 5K Master Male and Female: 1st
- 5K Overall Male and Female: 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th
- 10K Handcycle Male and Female: 1st
- 10K Master Male and Female: 1st
- 10K Overall Male and Female: 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th | 8th

Additionally, the Great Race shares several other awards with participants following the event. For more award information, visit www.RunGreatRace.com/Awards.



EVENT RECORDS

10K

Open

Men's record: 27:09 set by Stephen Nyamu in 1995

Women's record: 31:02 set by Laura Mytok in 1994

Masters

Men's record: 28:52 set by Artemio Navarro in 1991

Women's record: 33:30 set by Mary Knisely in 1999

5K

Open

Men's record: 14:25 set by Martin Lyons in 1997

Women's record: 16:29 set by Sonja Friend-Uhl in 1995

Masters

Men's record: 16:01 set by John Ausherman in 1997

Women's record: 19:04 set by Heather Melzer in 2013

2017 GREAT RACE - 10K TOP 10 FINISHERS

Men

PLACE	ATHLETE	TIME
1	Jennifer Bigham	35:23
2	Nicole Hilton	36:41
3	Leilani Rios	36:57
4	Kathryn O'Regan	37:02
5	Lisa Lucas	37:03
6	Maura Carroll	37:11
7	Erin Persson	37:19
8	Allison Schroeder	37:26
9	Gianna Guerino	38:35
10	Lauren Perish	39:30

Women

PLACE	ATHLETE	TIME
1	Samuel Mueller	31:02
2	Kenneth Sullivan	31:37
3	Caleb Muller	31:39
4	Kenny Goodfellow	31:58
5	Nathaniel Alter	32:22
6	Travis Dean	32:28
7	Brian Floyd	32:29
8	Josef DiPietrantonio	32:30
9	Travis Myers-Arrigoni	32:35
10	Alan Burns	32:42

2017 GREAT RACE - 5K TOP 10 FINISHERS

Men

PLACE	ATHLETE	TIME
1	Clay Burnett	15:05
2	Stewart Jones	15:17
3	Adam Smith	16:01
4	Sean McDonnell	16:16
5	Matthew	16:50
6	Dan Reese	16:53
7	Michael Schueller	16:54
8	Evan Conti	16:55
9	Steve Williams	17:02
10	Heath Piper	17:05

Women

PLACE	ATHLETE	TIME
1	Natalie Bower	17:22
2	Lisa Burnett	17:25
3	Susan Gogniat	17:56
4	Erika Suhay	18:31
5	Megan Zitner	19:00
6	Kourtney Watkiss	19:22
7	Shelley Cameron	19:58
8	Elizabeth Hunkele	20:35
9	Amanda Sargent	20:07
10	Amy Moody	20:09

HISTORICAL 10K WINNERS

Men

YEAR	ATHLETE	TIME
1977	Carl Hatfield	30:42
1978	David McDonald	28:59
1979	Malcolm East	28:46
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1981	Don Norman	29:28
1982	Malcolm East	27:57
1983	John Doub	28:51
1984	Greg Beardsley	28:35
1985	Greg Beardsley	28:04
1986	Paul Rugut	28:24
1987	Keith Brantly	28:17
1988	Are Nakkim	27:46
1989	Jerry O'Reilly	27:54
1990	Marcos Barreto	28:24
1991	Juan Quintanilla	27:43
1992	Alejandro Cruz	27:56
1993	Phillimon Hanneck	28:14
1994	William Koech	27:49
1995	Stephen Nyamu	27:09
1996	Joseph Kamau	27:45
1997	Ondoro Osoro	27:14
1998	Simon Rono	28:09
1999	Sammy Ng'eno	27:54
2000	Alena Emere	27:49
2001	Gilbert Koech	27:42
2002	John Itati	27:31
2004	Linus Maiyo	29:10
2005	A.J. Kelly	31:03
2006	Ricky Moore	30:51
2007	Daniel Mazzocco	30:37
2008	Ryan Place	30:45
2009	Andrew Carnes	30:35
2010	Sam Luff	30:34
2011	Curtis Larimer	30:48
2012	Trent Binford-Walsh	30:46
2013	Jim Spisak	28:54
2014	Jim Spisak	28:43
2015	Samuel Mueller	31:23
2016	Nick Edinger	30:36
2017	Samuel Mueller	31:02

Women

YEAR	ATHLETE	TIME
1977	N/A	N/A
1978	Lisa Matovcik	35:53
1979	Nina Crampe	37:14
1980	Nina Crampe	35:38
1981	Eileen Petrone	35:36
1982	Lee Lee Geiser	36:56
1983	Kelly Spatz	34:05
1984	Kelly Spatz	33:28
1985	Sue King	32:49
1986	Lynn Jennings	32:56
1987	Maureen Custy	32:36
1988	Betty Geiger	31:07
1989	Elaine Van Blunk	31:15
1990	Franci L. Smith	31:41
1991	Judi St. Hilaire	31:17
1992	Judi St. Hilaire	31:50
1993	Uta Pippig	31:52
1994	Laura Mykytok	31:02
1995	Colette Murphy	31:32
1996	Delillah Asiago	31:37
1997	Elena Viazova	32:00
1998	Teresa Wanjiku	31:51
1999	Catherine Ndereba	32:11
2000	Jane Ngotho	32:06
2001	Gladys Asiba	32:10
2002	Victoria Klimina	31:05
2004	Teresa Wanjiku	33:16
2005	Olga Romanova	33:27
2006	Olga Romanova	34:20
2007	Tatiana Chulakh	34:22
2008	Leah Shouey	35:32
2009	Mary Gill	35:59
2010	Leah Ahlin	35:35
2011	Lisa Burnett	35:15
2012	Sara Raschiatore	34:46
2013	Clara Santucci	32:54
2014	Carly Seymour	34:02
2015	Clara Santucci	33:00
2016	Jennifer Bigham	34:24
2017	Jennifer Bigham	35:23

HISTORICAL 5K WINNERS

Men

YEAR	ATHLETE	TIME
1993	Jesus Padilla	15:50
1994	Richard Hill	15:07
1995	James Hamilton	14:31
1996	David Keen	15:15
1997	Martin Lyons	14:25
1998	Ryan Serkins	16:09
1999	James Hamilton	14:53
2000	Andrew Jenkins	15:09
2001	Andrew Jenkins	15:15
2002	Dan Holland	15:51
2004	Derek Miller	16:03
2005	Derek Miller	16:07
2006	Danny Fink	16:14
2007	Joe DeMatteis	15:22
2008	Eric Burnett	15:13
2009	Ryan Anderson	15:06
2010	Paul Thistle	14:59
2011	Mark Grogan	15:15
2012	Justin Taylor	15:09
2013	Caleb Muller	14:47
2014	Steve Kirkland	15:50
2015	Clay Burnett	14:32
2016	Caleb Muller	14:42
2017	Clay Burnett	15:05

Women

YEAR	ATHLETE	TIME
1993	Donna Anderson	19:04
1994	Renee Dupps	17:10
1995	Sonja Friend-Uhl	16:29
1996	Renee Peck	16:46
1997	Gina Pacitti	18:28
1998	Stephanie Agosta	17:09
1999	Susan Lobos	18:34
2000	Susan Lobos	18:58
2001	Tricia Snyder	18:47
2002	Tricia Snyder	18:21
2004	Megan Sinicki	19:00
2005	Emily Beckwith	19:08
2006	Sherri Martin	19:50
2007	Heather Melzer	18:17
2008	Sarah Flament	17:20
2009	Stephanie Sproule	18:28
2010	Morgan Ansell	18:30
2011	Heather Melzer	18:27
2012	Kristen Leslie	17:56
2013	Larissa Park	16:39
2014	Michelle Corkum	17:45
2015	Lisa Burnett	18:17
2016	Larissa Park	17:06
2017	Natalie Bower	17:22



NOTABLE DATES IN THE EVENT'S HISTORY



1977

Mayor Richard S. Caliguiri establishes the Great Race as community "fun run" and appoints Leonard Duncan race director.

1981

The Great Race drew more than 10,000 people from three countries and 25 states.



1983

The Runner magazine named the Great Race one of the top 10 largest road races.



1993

The City of Pittsburgh Great Race was officially renamed the Richard S. Caliguiri City of Pittsburgh Great Race, and the 5K Run/Walk was established.



1995

The Junior Great Race was established.



2003

The Great Race was canceled due to City of Pittsburgh financial crisis.



2004

The Great Race returns with nearly 8,000 runners and walkers.



2011

The Great Race becomes one of 31 races worldwide to receive "green" certification from the Council for Responsible Sport.



2017

Approximately 21 men – known as "Perfect Great Racers" – keep streak alive by completing 40th consecutive race.



GIVING BACK

Shortly after beloved Pittsburgh mayor Richard Caliguiri passed away on May 6, 1988, of amyloidosis at the age of 56, the Richard S. Caliguiri Fund was established at The Pittsburgh Foundation as a funding pathway that would lead to a cure for amyloidosis. Amyloidosis is a rare protein disorder in which one or more organ systems in the body accumulate deposits of abnormal proteins known as amyloid.

One dollar from every Great Race registration since 1993 has been donated to the Caliguiri Fund, raising over \$250,000 in the past 25 years. The fund now enables groundbreaking research on noninvasive ways to detect amyloidosis.

PARTICIPATION

Richard S. Caliguiri City of Pittsburgh Great Race

Participants come from

34 states

as well as

5 countries

The oldest runner is

85

for the 10K and

89

for the 5K

5K participants are

62% female

and

38% male

10K participants are

54% female

and

46% male



Dollar Bank Junior Great Race

The youngest runner

is **1** for

the Diaper Dash

The 50 yard Tot Trot

is for ages

4 and **under**

The oldest runner

is **12** for

the Family Fun Run

More than **500**

kids are expected to participate

