



# Women's 6K Festival

## Welcome and Thank You

We are pleased to welcome you to the 2023 Women's 6K Festival. Below are IMPORTANT details about the event. Please pay close attention to the parking instructions! We will have buses running from 6:30am to 7:50am from Downtown Canton (Finish) to Malone University (Start). It is critical that you park in Downtown Canton and NOT at Malone University.

## Weekend Schedule

The weekend will start with PACKET PICKUP on Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> in Akron at Second Sole in the Valley. We will be there from 2pm until 7pm. We continue on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> in Downtown Canton at the Run to You Racing Office – 132 5<sup>th</sup> St NW, Canton OH 44702. We will be there from 11:00am until 8:00pm. You will pick up your race bib, t-shirt, and assorted materials for the race. You may have a friend pick up your items for you! We HIGHLY recommend that you pick up your packet on one of these two days.

**If you cannot make it on Wednesday or Thursday, we will continue the PACKET PICKUP on Saturday morning at the race site FINISH LINE from 6:30am to 7:45am. Look for the PACKET PICKUP signs as you come into the race site. The last bus to the Starting Line will depart at 7:50am.**

## Race Day Schedule

- 6:30am – Packet Pickup Starts at Centennial Plaza on the stage under the large screen
- 6:30am – Buses start to transport runners to the Starting Line at Malone University
- 7:00am – Vendor Move In / Parking at Run to You Racing Lot
- 7:15am – Warm up session with Fitz Koehler begins at the Starting Line
- 7:45am – Packet Pickup CLOSES
- 7:50am – Last bus to start line leaves Downtown Canton
- 7:45am – Final Start Line Announcements Begin
- 7:55am – National Anthem
- 8:00am – Festival opens at Centennial Plaza
- 8:00am – Start of the CHAMPIONSHIP 6K
- 8:05am – Start of the Community 6K
- 8:17am – First Championship Finisher
- 9:00am – USATF National 6KM Championships presented by Toyota Awards Ceremony
- 9:25am – 70's Costume Contest
- 9:45am – Community Division Awards Ceremony – Overall Runners
- 10:15am – Community Division Awards Ceremony – Age Groups



## Getting Here / Parking

**Downtown Canton** – There are a variety of parking decks, surface lots, off-street parking available. The address of the Finish Line is 300 Market Ave N, Canton, OH 44702. Please use this as reference for your GPS. Streets will be OPEN until roughly 7:40am. Recommended locations are the YMCA on McKinley Ave NW and 4<sup>th</sup> St, the Nationwide Lot on Market Ave N across from the Canton Civic Center, and the Millenium Deck on 2<sup>nd</sup> St NW.

Four buses will run between Downtown Canton (Corner of Cleveland Ave N and 4<sup>th</sup> St NW) and Malone University (Admissions Building) back and forth from 6:30am to 7:50. Please make sure to keep this timetable in mind throughout the morning. We HIGHLY recommend you arrive early and get to the starting line.

## Race Details

**Start / Course / Finish** - The race is a Point-to-Point course, which means we start in one location and finish in another. It is mostly a downhill course, but there will be minor uphill sections along the way. The surface is a mix of concrete streets and brick paved streets. You will be past the brick streets by mile 1.6. Each turn along the course will be shaped by Orange Construction Cones. Mile markers and Kilometer markers will be placed along the entire route. The final HALF MILE will take you around a large rectangular area and lead you to the Finish Line. ***You will see the finish line at mile 3.2 but you still have a HALF MILE to go.*** Just follow the race route to the Finish Line.

**Finish Line** – You will receive your Finisher Medal upon completion of the race. Proceed towards the stage at Centennial Plaza to receive your post-race food and drink. Please stick around for the Festival, visit our vendors, and enjoy the festivities at Centennial Plaza.

**Awards** – Finisher medals will be given as you cross the finish line. The Awards Ceremony will start promptly at 9:00am for the CHAMPIONSHIP Division and 9:45am for the COMMUNITY Division. Make sure you stick around. We are awarding the top 3 runners in each age group a trophy, along with the Overall and Masters awards. Some runners will still be finishing during the Awards Ceremony. Results will be posted continuously throughout the race and can be found at [www.womens6k.com](http://www.womens6k.com). **YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO COLLECT YOUR AWARD. WE WILL NOT MAIL OUT AWARDS AFTER THE RACE. NO EXCEPTIONS. PLEASE STICK AROUND FOR THE FEW EXTRA MINUTES AFTER YOU RUN.**

**Race Photos** – Free race photos will be available just after you finish the race! We would love it if you posted your photos on your social media channels over race weekend. You can view your photos on the Race Results link at [www.womens6k.com](http://www.womens6k.com)

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## Thank You Sponsors

We want to say thanks to our partners for the weekend! Make sure you thank our volunteers!



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