



Frequently Asked Questions

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What’s new for 2016?

- New logo
- Expanded start area on Griswold near Fort St.
- In addition to the *Drumstick Double*, we will now have the *Cranberry Combo*, combining the Mashed Potato Mile with the 5K Stuffing Strut. Finisher of either the Double or the Combo will receive one unique, awesome medal
- Improved Expo with more accessible merchandise area
- More course entertainment
- Poly-hex tech t-shirts

What is a Wave Start?

Corrals (or waves of participants) are assigned by mile pace at registration. Each corral is color coded to match participant bib numbers. 10K and 5K races start at different times, each with five corrals.

CORRAL	PACE
Yellow	8 minutes per mile and faster
Blue	8 – 10 minutes
Green	10 – 11:30 minutes
White	11:30 – 13 minutes
Red	Slower than 13 minutes & Walkers

We use your “chip time” (on the back of your bib number) for results.

How can I check if I already registered?

You will be notified by email when your registration is processed. There is also a link on our website for runner lookup: http://www.hughesregistrationservices.com/races/PARADECO/turkeytrot/lookup/runner_lookup.php.

Will there be a new course for 2016?

To ease starting line congestion, we plan to move the start over to Griswold near the Penobscot Building. The M-1 rail line (the Q-Line) is schedule to be completed along the race route, which will also make for an easier course. We are not anticipating other major changes. Unexpected road work and construction may lead to last minute changes. Join our Facebook group to be notified of adjustments: <https://www.facebook.com/Strategic-Staffing-Solutions-Turkey-Trot-180057698682761/>

Where and when do the races start?

S3 Turkey Trot 10K	7:30am	Griswold & Fort St.
BCBSM Mashed Potato Mile	7:30am	Atwater, Waterfront behind Cobo Center
Stuffing Strut 5K	8:30am	Griswold & Fort St.

ALL races finish on Atwater, behind Cobo Center, across from the Detroit River.

What should I know if I sign up for the Drumstick Double?

To run both the S3 Turkey Trot 10K and the 5K Stuffing Strut you should run fast enough to register for the yellow or blue corral (under a 10 minute mile).

All Drumstick Double participants (and only DD runners) will receive a PURPLE bib.

You will have to finish the 10K on Atwater, then walk/run back to the start on Griswold.

You receive your unique medal inside Cobo, look for the Drumstick Double Awards Banners. DO NOT take a medal either time you cross the Finish Line.

You MUST have your PURPLE bib to receive your medals.

What should I know if I sign up for the Cranberry Combo?

The Mashed Potato Mile starts at 7:30am on Atwater, behind Cobo Center, and finishes at the same location.

The 5K Stuffing Strut starts on Griswold and Fort St. at 8:30am (about 0.3 mile away).

Cranberry Combo participants will received a special Combo number bib. You will receive a unique medal inside Cobo after you complete the second race. Look for the Cranberry Combo Awards Banners. DO NOT take a medal either time you cross the Finish Line. You must have your Combo bib to receive the medal.

Can someone else pick up my Race Packet or vice versa?

Yes. At the satellite locations, you will need the name & zip code used at registration for any packets you want. Please be sure of the spelling and zip code accuracy for any pickups. It speeds up the process to have names and zip codes written down when you arrive at the pickup location.

At Cobo Center, you will need your bib number. They will be posted alphabetically on the wall in the pre-registration packet pick-up area of Room E in Cobo Center. (Look for the signs).

Can I get the correct shirt size?

Shirts are ordered months in advance of the event, based on estimates. Therefore, we may not have enough of every size available at every location on any given day. We advise you to pick your packet up early in order to insure your size. We cannot exchange sizes at packet pickup locations. For the Drumstick Double and Cranberry Combo, you will receive one shirt.

Where do I find the race results?

Each bib includes a QR code (a computerized identification symbol). If you have a code reader app on your smart phone, you may scan your bib and receive your results within an hour of finishing. Or, you can ask one of our information volunteers to scan it for you. Results are posted online, after 4:00 PM at www.gaultracemanagement.com and www.runmichigan.com. Links will be posted on the Turkey Trot Facebook page.

The 10K, 5K, Double and Combo are all B-tag timed (chip on back of bib number). Those participating in only the Mashed Potato Mile have clock timing.

Are there port-a-potties on the course?

Rest rooms are on the first two levels in Cobo Center. There are a limited amount in the starting area and along the course.

Where should I park on race day? And what time should I get there?

We recommend several locations with access to and from the Start and Finish area near Cobo Center. Most lots are \$10.

Arrive at your parking lot no later than 6:15 AM, no matter which race you attend.

Are there discounts at local hotels if I want to spend the night??

The [Marriott Hotel Detroit at the Renaissance Center](#) is the host hotel for the S3Turkey Trot. The block of specially priced rooms for Wednesday night sell out quickly. A list of downtown hotels may be found on the Detroit Visitors & Convention Bureau site at: http://www.visitdetroit.com/hotel-search?destination_district=Downtown+Detroit

Do people really wear costumes?

Costumes make the race “The Parade before the Parade!” Wearing costumes is an honored tradition and highly encouraged! Costume Judging will be located in the Cobo Center Atrium and take place between 6:30 AM and 9:00 AM. Prizes will be given for Best Overall Male, Female, Girl, Boy and Team.

Do you offer Gear Check?

Yes. You can check in your gear in the Gear Check area located in Cobo Atrium adjacent to the Room E. We will not be responsible for lost or stolen items. You will receive a clear plastic bag for your gear. Any items for gear check MUST fit in that bag. All bags are subject to a security check.

Can I switch races?

If you decide to switch races after you have registered, but before race day, please email your change to mkoehl@theparade.org. If you already picked up your packet, also include your bib number.

Are strollers allowed on the course?

Yes, we do allow people to run with baby joggers or strollers in the slower waves (NOT yellow or blue), but we strongly request that you start in the back of the pack for your safety and the safety of others.

Can I run with my dog?

Because of course congestion and Cobo Center not permitting animals, dogs (or other pets) are not allowed.

Are there any Age Restrictions for the races?

No. We do ask that young children be accompanied by an adult, even for the BCBSM Mashed Potato Mile.

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Didn't find the answer to your question? Give us a call at 313-247-4149 or shoot us an email at TurkeyTrot@theparade.org.