



IMT Des Moines Marathon Pro & Elite Athlete Field Information

Athletes who wish to compete in the IMT Des Moines Marathon (IMT DMM) elite athlete program should contact John Tope, professional athlete director, directly at 303-931-2226 or onthrunus@comcast.net to initiate all elite athlete requests.

The athlete should be prepared to provide a current bio including supporting documentation that they can qualify to run within the established time standards set forth by the IMT DMM. Accepted athletes will receive a written letter confirming their acceptance into the elite athlete field.

Waived race entry into the IMT DMM elite athlete program is based upon athlete accomplishments at the time of acceptance based on the limited number of waived race numbers offered.

Waived race entry is offered to athletes who placed within the open men's and women's marathon and half marathon division overall categories in the previous year's race.

The top 2 men and women accepted into the elite athlete program in the marathon will receive hotel accommodation (shared room) the night before the race at the elite athlete host hotel.

Time Standards

A limited number of waived race numbers (free entry) are available for accepted athletes into the elite athlete field who have qualified for the following:

MARATHON

MEN Under 2:20: eligible for waived seeded elite race number.

WOMEN Under 2:40: eligible for waived seeded elite number.

HALF MARATHON

MEN Under 1:09: eligible for waived seeded elite race number.

WOMEN Under 1:19 eligible for seeded elite race number.

Seeded race numbers (paid entry) are available for accepted athletes into the elite athlete field who have qualified for the following:

MARATHON

MEN 2:20 - 2:39: eligible for seeded elite race number.

WOMEN 2:40 - 2:59: eligible for seeded elite race number.

HALF MARATHON

MEN Under 1:20 eligible for seeded elite race number.

WOMEN Under 1:29 eligible for seeded elite race number.



Prize Money

An athlete can be awarded prize money in only one category. The IMT DMM does not duplicate or double-dip overall and age division awards.

Prize money winners cannot qualify for age division awards, which are offered for the top 3 men and women in each age category starting and 14 and under up to 80 and over.

If a runner places in two prize money categories, prestige takes precedence. (Example: If runner qualifies 3rd in the marathon and as Top lowan, he or she would be awarded 3rd in the marathon and the next lowan to finish would receive Top lowan.)

Cash awards and gift card awards are based on gun time, not chip time.

Runners must be officially registered for the race division they competed in, in order to qualify for any awards or cash prizes.

Scheels and/or Altra Running gift cards will be issued for the amount listed in the Half Marathon and for Top lowan finishers in the Marathon.

* Overall awards including prize money and gift cards are not offered for the Mercy Live Up Loop 5-Mile Run or Principal 5K Road Race.

MARATHON

Male and Female – cash awards.

1st place \$2,500, 2nd place \$1,000, 3rd place \$500.

\$1,000 cash bonus for male & female winner if finish time is under 2:20 and 2:40, respectively.

\$2,500 additional cash bonus for male & female winner setting new event record (see records below).

Master's Male and Female – cash awards.

1st place \$350, 2nd place \$200

lowan's Male and Female – Scheels gift card awards.

1st place \$100 gift card.



HALF MARATHON

Male and Female – Scheels gift card awards.

1st place \$750, 2nd place \$500, 3rd place \$250.

Master's Male and Female – Scheels gift card awards.

1st place \$200, 2nd place \$100.

Iowan's Male and Female – Scheels gift card awards.

1st place - \$50.

Event Records

Event records are based on the fastest event time since the inception of the Des Moines Marathon in 2002 and continuing with the IMT Des Moines Marathon in 2006 regardless of course changes.

MARATHON

Marathon Male: 2:12:19, Phillip Lagat, Kenya - 2014.

Marathon Female: 2:32:38, Abnet Simegn, Ethiopia - 2014.

Masters Marathon Male: 2:37:14, Dave Johnson, USA - 2005.

Masters Marathon Female: 2:49:32, Tatyana Byelovol, Ukraine - 2011.

Marathon Male Iowa: 2:24:42, Marty Dalton, Earlham - 2008.

Marathon Female Iowa: 2:41:32, Robyn Friedman, Newton - 2009.

HALF MARATHON

Half Marathon Male: 1:03:20, Samuel Ndereba, Kenya - 2012.

Half Marathon Female: 1:14:19, Jane Murage, Kenya - 2013.

Masters Half Marathon Male: 1:10:55, Keith Mulhollan, USA - 2011.

Masters Half Marathon Female: 1:22:48, Lisa Marshall, USA - 2010.