

National Blueberry Festival 5K/10K Run and 5K Walk FAQ's

Where can I pick up my race packet/t-shirts/bibs?

- Friday, August 11, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Blueberry Festival Health Fair at the Huron Street Pavilion (located next to Post Office and Library)
- Friday, August 11, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m., in the park just in front of the Huron Street Pavilion (across the street on Phoenix from City Hall).
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Where can I register for the race?

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How much does it cost to register for the race?

- Prior to race day:
 - 5K Run/Walk: \$28.00
 - 10K Run: \$32.00
 - Both 5K & 10K: \$45.00
- On race day:
 - 5K Run/Walk: \$30.00
 - 10K Run: \$35.00
 - Both 5K & 10K: \$50.00

What are the start times for the races?

- 5K Run: 7:45 a.m.
- 5K Walk: 7:50 a.m.
- 10K Run: 8:30 a.m.

Where does the race start?

- All of the races will start on Kalamazoo Street between Eagle Street and Phoenix Street. Faster runners should start near the front of the line. Slower runners should stay toward the middle or back.

Are the courses the same as last year?

- Yes

Where can I find maps of the courses?

- Online at www.blueberryfestival.com
- Blueberry Central
- Blueberry Festival Health Fair

Are the courses certified?

- Yes

Can I get a race shirt if I register on race day?

- Only those who pre-register are guaranteed a race shirt. If shirts are still available after the race, you may get one then.

Where do funds from this race go?

- The Blueberry Festival 5K/10K Run and 5K Walk are sponsored by Bronson South Haven. \$3,000 from the race goes back to the National Blueberry Festival as our sponsorship, and the remaining funds go to the Bronson Health Foundation. The Foundation uses those funds to help support health initiatives such as free sports physicals for local middle/high school students, free cholesterol screenings, scholarships to the Bronson Wellness Center, and health education programs. For more information on the Foundation, go to www.bronsonfoundation.com.

How can I pay for the race?

- We accept cash, check, or credit card. Make checks payable to Bronson Health Foundation. Please be aware that when paying the morning of the race, it is faster to use cash or a check. Credit card payments take a little bit longer to process.

Do I need a parent with me to register for the race if I am under 18?

- We need a parent's signature on the registration form if you are under 18 years old. You may print the form ahead of time and have them sign it.

Is there someplace that I can leave my phone/keys during the race?

- Yes, we have a gear check under the marina's pavilion. Look for the signs or ask one of our volunteers.

Who should I contact if I have questions before or after the race?

- You may contact Race Director, Kim Wise at wisek@bronsonhg.org.

Can I switch between walking and running if I am in the 5K Walk?

- No. If you are registered for the 5K Walk, you MUST walk. No running is allowed and if you are caught running, your time will be disqualified. If you want to do a mixture of running/walking, you should register for the 5K Run.

Where can I find my race time?

- Times will be posted online at www.classicrace.com.

Will the race be cancelled if it is raining?

- We will race if it raining. If there is lightning, we may delay the start of the race until it is safe to resume. We will take direction from the local police and emergency services on whether we should race, delay the race, or cancel the race. Due to the costs already incurred with hosting the race, no refunds will be distributed if the race is cancelled.