



24th Annual Rockets Run 2026 Frequently Asked Questions (FROM A-Z)

AWARDS –

What are the age groups you will be awarding for the races?

We will be awarding all children that participate in the Kids 1K with a participation medal. In the 5K race all participants will receive a medal as well as all 2-mile walk participants. Awards will be presented to the top 3 overall male & female finishers in the 5K. They will be awarded at the Post Race Party by the main stage located in Root Memorial Square Park at the basketball court. The awards ceremony will start approximately at 9:30 AM.

Race results will be posted by 9:15 AM before the awards ceremony. They will also be posted on the Rockets website www.rockets.com 24 hours after the race.

BENEFICIARY –

24th Annual Rockets Run presented by Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital

About Children's Memorial Hermann

Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital is a 310-bed children's and women's hospital located in the Texas Medical Center. The hospital's special compassion and healing expertise has distinguished it as one of the finest children's and women's hospitals in the nation. In partnership with McGovern Medical School at UTHealth, Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital's specialists provide care for more than 150,000 patient visits annually and provide families with the most comprehensive care to mothers, to the tiniest premature infants, through childhood and adolescence. Our team of affiliated doctors, nurses, therapists and other allied healthcare professionals are focused on the personalized needs of women and children with an emphasis on quality, education, outcomes, customer service and innovative research. For more information, visit childrens.memorialhermann.org

CHANGES/CORRECTIONS –

Corrections/Switching events?

Corrections that need to be made to registration or switching events must be made in person at one of the two Packet Pick Up dates.

****No changes will be made on race day****



CORRALS –

The start line and start corrals are secure areas for participants only. Start corrals are used to provide a smooth fast start for faster athletes, as well as a positive race experience with sufficient room to run/walk along the race course. The goal is to keep slower athletes from lining up in front of faster athletes.

Athletes should line up in the start corral that corresponds to the letter on his/her race number. Start corrals were assigned based on the estimated finish time given at registration.

What is a corral?

A corral is a group of runners/walkers that are classified by their estimated finish time.

How are corrals assigned?

Corrals are assigned by the estimated finish time an athlete submits when he/she registers. The Corral assignment will be on the participant's race number, which is picked up packet pickup.

HEADPHONES –

Are headphones allowed during the race?

No, they are not. This is for safety reasons so that all participants can hear the various officials and Houston Police Officers that will be guiding participants along the route.

KIDS 1K RACE –

Where and when does the Kids 1K start?

When - Start time: 7:45am

Where - Start line will be located on Bell Street between Toyota Center and the Tundra garage.

Where does the Kids 1K finish?

Finishes line will be inside Toyota Center on the Houston Rockets center court!

Where can I meet my child/family after the Kids 1K?

Make sure you make arrangements to meet your child/family inside Toyota Center at the bottom of section 113 and 114.

Spectators can make their way inside Toyota Center starting at 7am at the La Branch Street entrance (corner of La Branch and Polk Street).

All Kids 1K participants receive a medal and entrance into the Post Race Party located at Root Memorial Square Park located across the street from Toyota Center (corner of Clay and La Branch).

PACKET PICK UP -

When and Where is Packet Pick Up?

- **Packet Pickup #1:** TBD check back later for more information



Location: TBD

Time: TBD

- **Packet Pickup #2:** Thursday, February 19, 2026
Location: La Branch Street Entrance
Time: 8:00am – 7:00pm
- Sunday, February 22, 2026 (**HIGHLY NOT RECCOMENDED**)
Location: La Branch Street Entrance
Time: 6:30am – 7:30pm
Expect at least 15 minutes for packet pickup day of the race

What information do I gather before I go?

For Packet Pick Up you will need the following information to easily receive your race packet:

- First Name
- Last Name
- Age of participant
- Race participating in (5K, 2 Mile or Kids 1K)

At Packet Pick Up you will be able to pick up your bib number, and other additional items and information for 24th Annual Rockets Run 2026.

Can I pick up packets for other people?

Yes, you may pick up packets for other people. Please make sure you have their first name, last name, age, race they are participating in, and any additional items purchased. This will help speed up the process.

Large Group Packet Pick Up (8 or more people)

If you have a large group to pick up for, please email your group list with the above information to rocketsrun@rocketball.com by **noon on 2/9/26** for Packet Pickup #1 OR by **noon on 2/17/26** for 2/19/26 Packet Pickup #2.

PARKING –

Where is the best place to park for Rockets Run?

FREE parking is available in the Toyota Tundra garage. Please enter on the La Branch side closest to the Leeland intersection. The garage will be accessible until 7:15 AM and after this time you will need to pay for street parking. After 7:15 AM the streets around Toyota Center will be closing down due to the Kids' 1K starting at 7:45 AM.

PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY TO AVOID TRAFFIC!

PETS AT EVENT -

Are pets allowed at the races?

No, unfortunately. We love our 4-legged friends and let us keep them safe by leaving them at home for this event.



POST RACE PARTY -

Located: Root Memorial Square Park (across the street from Toyota Center at Clay and La Branch)

Time: starts immediately following the first race (Kids 1K at 7:45AM)

All participants will enjoy entertainment, food, drink and more!

9:30AM approximately will be the awards presentation of the top 3 male & female finishers of the Rockets Run 5K.

REFUNDS/EXCHANGES -

Refunds/Exchanges?

There will be no refunds or exchanges for this event.

REGISTRATION -

Kids 1K and other races (5K and 2 Mile Walk) – All participants MUST have a parent or legal guardian register on behalf of the minor that would like to participate in any of the Rockets races.

“I would like to participate with my child in the Kids 1K. Do I have to register?”

Yes, anyone who wants to participate in the Kids 1K MUST register and MUST have a bib number in order to run with a child down to the finish line. If you are already registered in the 5K or the 2 Mile Walk you will be allowed to participate in the Kids 1K as long as you wear your proper bib number.

SPECTATOR INFORMATION -

Will cameras and video cameras be allowed at this event?

Video cameras and audio recorders are prohibited inside Toyota Center. Cameras will be allowed inside Toyota Center as long as the camera lens does not exceed 4 inches long.

Where do spectators go to watch participants cross the finish line?

We encourage all spectators to come early to watch the participants cross the finish line inside Toyota Center. Doors for the finish line viewing will open at 7:00 AM at the La Branch Street entrance (corner of La Branch and Polk Street) for the first race – Kids 1K.

ALL entering inside Toyota Center must adhere to the various rules and regulations. See link below for all information regarding bags, cameras and more.

<https://www.toyotacenter.com/plan-your-visit/a-z-guide>

STROLLERS -

May I bring my stroller to participate in the 5K, 2 Mile Walk and Kids 1K?



No, strollers in the 5K race are prohibited. This is for safety reasons for all participating runners. Strollers will be allowed for the 2 Mile Walk and Kids 1K, but NO strollers will be allowed to cross the finish line and will be asked to re-route to the post-race party.

TICKETS -

Additional Tickets?

Each participant entry receives one (1) ticket voucher. Additional tickets are available for purchase starting at \$50 each, this does not include registration to Rockets Run.

When do I get my tickets for the Rockets game?

Participants will receive an email from the Houston Rockets that will have include your CODE to redeem thru a FEVO Link that will also be included. Codes will be able to be redeemed together so fans can sit next to each other. Participants who purchase by February 8th, will receive their email with codes to redeem on February 9th. Participants who purchase after February 8th will receive their email with their codes to redeem on February 23rd.

Group Seating?

Participants can get group seating by redeeming your ticket voucher codes all at once when you redeem your tickets.