



APRIL 21, 2012

*Carmel Marathon Championship Weekend, April 21, 2012
Elite Athlete Program*

The Carmel Marathon Championship Weekend is inviting athletes to apply to be included in the event's elite starting corrals for the Marathon, Half marathon, and Championship Weekend 8k. Awards for elite Men and Women in the marathon, the 1/2 marathon and 8k will be based on **gun time** (the order in which the athletes cross the finish line). The overall cash purse for the 2012 event is \$7,450 + \$6,000 in potential bonuses (see all prize breakdowns below).

Based on past performance, the number of registrants is at the discretion of the Carmel Marathon Championship Weekend Management; a limited number of complimentary entries will be available to elite athletes. In addition, travel assistance and hotel accommodations *may* be offered to those meeting certain criteria.

The application process for elite registration involves a thorough check of past performances. APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 1, 2012 to be considered.

Time Requirements Defined: Elite Athlete status (for races completed after January 1, 2011) is as follows:

- **Marathon:** 2:30 for men; 3:00 for women
- **Half Marathon Presented by Runners Forum:** 1:15 for men; 1:25 for women
- **Championship Weekend 8K:** 25:00 for men; 29:00 for women

To apply for individual elite athlete status, please **forward the following information** with the subject line "Elite and Invited Athlete Information" to Todd Oliver at todd@carmelmarathon.com:

- Name, age, citizenship, current address, phone number and email address
- Sponsor/Club/Nation current City and State/Country
- All-time PRs: 1 mile, 3k, 5k, 8k, 10k, half marathon and marathon
- Best race times since November 2009 for the event for which you are seeking elite status. Please include, date, exact distance and where the event was held. Please include a link to online results if available.

All prize money awards are based on gun time. Elite status is not required for age dependent (Masters) awards or age group awards. An athlete can be awarded prize money in only one category.

Prize Money:

The 2012 Carmel Marathon Championship Weekend Marathon, Half Marathon Presented by Runners Forum, and Championship Weekend 8K events offer a combined prize purse of \$7,450 + \$6,000 in bonuses. Purse money will be given to the top three male and female participants for the Marathon, Half Marathon, and Championship Weekend 8K.

Additional information For All Events:

- To avoid a 30% tax on your prize money, US and Resident Foreign Athletes must possess a Social Security number. Non-Resident Athletes are subject to a 30% Federal Income Tax withholding. For more information contact the national USATF office at 317-261-0500.
- USATF Rule 245.1 "The order in which the athletes cross the finish line will be the official finish position."
- Elite Men's and Women's awards in the Marathon, Half Marathon, and Championship Weekend 8k will be based on the previously stated USATF Rule 245.1
- All elite athletes will be expected to follow a mutual respect code of conduct during any and all experiences with the Carmel Marathon Championship Weekend. This includes management, event partners, volunteers and consultants. Any detrimental behavior in which the event will suffer poor media representation will be dealt with immediately.
- Any further costs or expenses incurred during the Carmel Marathon Championship Weekend not agreed upon in this proposal are the responsibility of the individual elite athlete or team.

Event Cash Purse Payout:

	<u>Marathon</u>	<u>Half Marathon</u>	<u>Championship Weekend 8K</u>
Overall M & F Winner	\$750	\$750	\$500
2nd Place M & F Winner	\$500	\$500	\$300
3rd Place M & F Winner	\$250	\$250	\$100

2012 Bonuses Announced:

The Carmel Road Racing Group will pay \$1,000 bonus if a new course record is set for the marathon, half marathon or Championship Weekend 8k. The current course records are as follows:

	<u>Marathon</u>	<u>Half Marathon</u>	<u>Championship 8k</u>
MEN	2:33:05	1:07:49	23:32
WOMEN	3:15:18	1:18:32	28:49

Age Group Awards

Awards are top-3 Male and Female for the following age groups:

Marathon: 16-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70+

Half Marathon: 12-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70+

Championship Weekend 8K: 12-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70+