



Christmas Run FAQ

Registration

- **Is there day-of registration?**

Yes, we will have registration available at the Starting Area. We highly recommend that you register in advance to assure that we will have a shirt and medal available for you.

- **Do I have to register online?**

You can register online or visit any of our YMCA branches to sign up.

- **What happens if I cannot participate for any reason? Can I transfer my registration to someone else or roll it over into next year?**

Our race policy is as follows:

Cancellations made less than 15 days prior to the race/event will receive no refund.

Cancellations made more than 15 days prior will receive a 50% refund either as a check or a system credit. The system credit may only be applied to another YMCA race/event within the current calendar year. Entries, once purchased, may not be transferred, resold, exchanged, or given to another person.

- **Can I make changes to my registration after I register?**

Yes! Please speak with a Race official, give them your name, bib number and inform them of the change you would like to be make.

Race Packet Pickup

- **Where and when can I pick up my race packet?**

Friday, Dec 22nd from 4–7 pm at Boise High School (1010 W Washington St.) in the cafeteria. We highly recommend early packet pick up to avoid the lines on Saturday morning. In the event that you can't make it on Friday, day-of packet pickup will be available near the starting area on Saturday.

- **Can someone else pick up my packet for me?**

Yes, Friends can pick up each other's packets- no ID required. Be sure to track what bib belongs to which participant.



Timing & Results

- **Should I put my bib on the front or back of my shirt?**

Please place your bib on the front of your shirt. This assures accurate timing and helps our timers do their job.

- **Where can I find my results?**

Results will be available online following the race. QR codes will be visible on site to link you with the results pages.

- **How are the races being timed?**

All timed events will be timed using chip tag technology. This disposable timing device is on the back of each race bib and does not need to be returned after the race. All results are based on net/actual time (not gun time, as previously practiced). Each participant's time will start when they cross the start line.

In order to receive an accurate time, please confirm that throughout the race your bib is:

- Clearly visible on the front of the torso
- Unaltered and unmodified — Do not fold or wrinkle
- Pinned in all four corners
- Not covered by jackets, belts, water bottles, etc.

The Course

- **Where does the race start and finish?**

The races start on Franklin St behind of Boise High and finish on Washington St between Boise High and the Downtown YMCA.

- **Are miles marked on the course?**

Miles should be marked.

- **Where is the best place to park?**

We have many lots in the area that are available for Christmas Run participants. Check the website for a map to see which lots. Please do not park in the Downtown Y lot. The Y is still open and that lot is designated strictly for patrons using that facility. Race participants will be towed.



- **Will there be medical personnel onsite?**

The Y will have lifeguards on site throughout the course to assist with any issues. There will also be a medical kit located in the start/finish area. Local EMS services will be alerted of the event and may stage on the course for ease of access.

Medals & Swag

- **Does everyone get an award?**

The top finishers of each gender in both the 2 mile and 6 mile courses will receive awards. Awards will start as soon as we have the results available, usually around 11 am in the Boise High Cafeteria. Overall winners, costume contest winners, and raffle winners receive holiday floral arrangements courtesy of Hillcrest Floral!

Each participant will receive a Finishers Christmas Ornament Medal at the finish line.

- **Does my race entry include a shirt or do I have to pay extra?**

Everyone participating in the YMCA Christmas Run will receive a t-shirt and a medal. The first 1,000 people to pick up their packets will also receive Christmas Run Gloves!

- **Where do I get my shirt?**

You will get your shirt at packet pickup.

Can I bring my...?

- **Headphones?**

The use of headsets is highly discouraged but not outright prohibited at our events. Please make sure you can hear instructions by volunteers or course officials for your safety.

- **Dog?**

Yes, dogs are permitted but not encouraged and must be on leash at all times. This event has many different ringing bells, costumes, and other noises that may be disturbing to your furry friend. If you do bring a dog, we ask that you start near the back of the race for safety reasons. Dogs are not allowed inside Boise High.

- **Stroller?**

Yes, strollers are allowed and respectfully asked to start in the back of the race for safety reasons.



- **Bike/Skates/Skateboard?**

No. No wheels or wheeled apparatus are allowed on the course except for registered wheelchairs and official course vehicles.

Race Day

- **What time should I get there on race day?**

If you have your bib, please plan on arriving at least 45 minutes before the start of your race to give you enough time to park and walk to the starting area.

If you have not yet picked up your bib please report at least 1 hour before the event to make sure you have enough time.

- **My child is racing in the 1 mile, can I run with them?**

Yes, you may run with your child if you yourself are registered for the same race. Infants being pushed in strollers do not need to be registered, but the parent does.

- **Are there other events happening before or after the race?**

There will be a costume contest at 9:30 on the steps of Boise High. After you finish, enjoy a complimentary Christmas Cookie from Life's Kitchen and a bagel from Blue Sky Bagels. Food Trucks as well as Coffee and Hot Coco Trucks will be available for after your race to help you warm up!

- **Will anyone be taking professional photos?**

Idaho Sports Pics will be at the race taking pictures and will have photos available for purchase after the race here: <https://www.idahosportpics.com/>

A photo booth will also be available to take holiday themed photo strips of you and you crew!