



# 2026 Kentucky Derby Festival mini & Marathon Resume



## GROUP SNAPSHOT

Venue: Downtown Louisville  
Dates: April 25, 2026  
Attendance: 7,500 athletes for mini/marathon  
2,500 athletes for the full marathon



## DESCRIPTION

**Both mini and full marathon will start at 7am with end time of 2pm.** The miniMarathon will run 13.1 miles starting on main street at Louisville Slugger field running through Churchill Downs and finishing near Waterfront Park. The Marathon course will follow the miniMarathon course, then split at the 12.5 mile mark. Runners will experience old Louisville, downtown Louisville and parts of the Olmsted Park System including Iroquois Park.



## HOTELS

Galt House is headquarter hotel with other downtown hotels to also be used.

**Heavy Arrivals:** Friday 4/24

**Heavy Departures:** Saturday 4/25



## SCHEDULE

Thursday 4/24

4:00pm – 8:00 pm      Packet Pick-up      KEC Freedom Hall

Friday 4/25

11:00am – 8:00pm      Packet Pick-up      KEC Freedom Hall

See website below for details on daily schedule and event information:

<https://derbyfestivalmarathon.com/>

Course map information for list of street closures and route:

<https://derbyfestivalmarathon.com/course-details/>



## DINING

Individuals will be on their own for any meals while they are participating in the races. Please be aware that there will be an increase of foot traffic in the downtown area during this time.



## TRANSPORTATION

**No shuttles will be offered for this event.**



## DIGITAL MEDIA

**Website:** <https://kdf.org>

**Facebook:** @KDFMarathon



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