Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you for your interest in the Jimmy Fund 5K & Fun Run! Please don’t hesitate to contact us with any additional questions.

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REGISTRATION QUESTIONS

Q: When is the deadline for registration?

A: If the field size has not yet been met, online registration will close at the end of the day on Thursday, August 20, 2020. If you miss the online registration cutoff, you may register in person on race day, however, we strongly encourage pre-race sign up. Registration prices will increase by $10 on race day! Guarantee your bib, and avoid the lines and extra cost by signing up early.

Q: Can adults participate in the Fun Run?

A: Yes! The half mile Fun Run is open to all ages.

Q: Can children participate in the 5K distance?

A: Yes! Children may participate in the 5K race distance; however, we recommend the Fun Run option for children under 8 years old.

Q: Can I register my kids, family members, or other people in my group?

A: Yes! To register multiple runners, you need to complete a separate registration for each person and process each registration payment as a separate transaction.
RACE-DAY QUESTIONS

Q: Can I register on race day?

A: Yes, however, we strongly encourage pre-race sign up. Registration prices will increase by $10 on race day! Guarantee your bib, and avoid the lines and extra cost by signing up before end of day Thursday, August 22.

Q: How do I get to Millennium Park?

A: Millennium Park is located at 300 Gardner Street off VFW Parkway in West Roxbury. It is a quick drive from Boston and its surrounding suburbs. Carpooling and ride sharing are encouraged. Note that the Jimmy Fund 5K has moved to Field A.

Q: Where do I park on race day?

A: Click here to view our parking map. Volunteers will be onsite to direct traffic as needed.

Q: What is the course route?

A: Due to feedback we received from last year’s post-event survey, we are taking a look at our course to ensure it meets the expectations of our runners. We will be modifying the route and will post it here once it’s final.

Q: Can I bring a stroller? What about my dog—can he run with me?

A: Strollers will be welcome on the Fun Run course. We will ask 5K runners with strollers to self-seed towards the back of the race. If you are planning to run with your dog, please keep it on a short leash and self-seed towards the back with the strollers.

Q: When will I receive my bib number?

A: Bibs can be picked up Saturday, August 22 from 12:00 – 2:00 P.M. or on race morning from 8:00 – 9:45 A.M., both at the bib pick-up tent on Field A of Millennium Park.

Q: What happens at the post-race party?

A: All participants are invited to celebrate their accomplishments at our post-race party! Immediately after the 5K, we will kick off the party with food, drink, and music. Our awards ceremony will follow. There will be complimentary food from Shake Shack and Papa Gino’s and D’Angelo’s for all participants. 21+ registrants with valid identification will receive a wristband good for two drinks from our sponsors, Harpoon Brewery and
Arctic Summer. Many of our other sponsors will also be onsite with giveaways, games, and more.

Q: Are there volunteer opportunities available?
A: Yes! Group opportunities are also available. Contact us to receive volunteer registration information once it's available.

Q: Will there be a rain date?
A: The Jimmy Fund 5K & Fun Run is rain or shine. The event may be rescheduled for extreme weather conditions.

FUNDRAISING

Q: How much do I need to fundraise to participate in the Jimmy Fund 5K & Fun Run?
A: Fundraising for this event is optional, but strongly encouraged! Your registration gift ($35 for adults, $15 for children 12 and under) is a tax-deductible contribution to Dana-Farber and the Jimmy Fund, which will count towards your fundraising total. A fundraising page will be activated for you upon registration. We encourage you to personalize your fundraising webpage and send the link to friends and family. Spread the word that you are running to make a difference in the lives of cancer patients and their families.

Q: I want to fundraise; what should my goal be?
A: We suggest aiming for a goal of $250 per individual. You can always raise or lower your goal later on via your Participant Center.

Q: What happens if I don’t meet my fundraising goal?
A: Nothing! We appreciate any and all efforts to support Dana-Farber and the Jimmy Fund.

Q: Where does the fundraising money go?
A: The money that you raise benefits Dana-Farber Cancer Institute directly. Eighty-nine cents of every dollar given to the Jimmy Fund directly supports cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber.
Q: How do I use my online fundraising webpage? Where do I go if I have questions about fundraising?

A: If you are having trouble accessing your web page, or have any questions whatsoever about fundraising, please contact our office for help.

Q: Will I receive a Jimmy Fund 5K & Fun Run t-shirt?

A: Runners who raise or contribute $100 or more ($50 or more for children 12 and under) by race day will receive a Jimmy Fund 5K & Fun Run tech shirt! Your registration gift is a tax-deductible contribution that counts towards your fundraising total. Tech shirts can be picked up on race day before or after the race.

Q: How do I submit check gifts?

A: Checks and money orders can be mailed to the following address:

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
ATTN: Running Programs
PO BOX 849172
Boston, MA 02284

Please be sure to include your name, Jimmy Fund 5K, and your participant ID number, which can be found on the main page of your Participant Center. Please allow 2-3 weeks for the funds to be processed and posted to your fundraising page.

Q: How long do I have to fundraise?

A: Your fundraising webpage will remain active from the date you register until one month after race day.

Q: What is Dana-Farber’s tax ID number?

A: 04-2263040

Have a question not answered here?
Please contact the Running Programs staff at dfrunners@dfci.harvard.edu, or 617-632-1970.

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