

von Bibra |   
*Auto Group*

# gold coast

RUNNING FESTIVAL

presented by MASTERY SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA

**26 April 2026**

**EVENT INFORMATION**

# Acknowledgment of Country

*We acknowledge and pay respects to the Yugambeh people of the Gold Coast and all their descendants both past and present.*



*We also acknowledge the many Aboriginal people from other regions as well as Torres Strait and South Sea Islander people who now live in the local area and have made an important contribution to the community.*

## EVENT TIMETABLE

<b>RACE PACKET COLLECTION TIMES: Race Week</b>		
<i>If you paid for your race packet to be sent, you do not need to also attend race packet collection. Simply attach your bib and turn up to your event ready to run!</i>		
2:00pm - 6:00pm	Wednesday 22 April	The Event Crew Office*
2:00pm - 6:00pm	Thursday 23 April	The Event Crew Office*
10:00am - 2:00pm	Friday 24 April	The Event Crew Office*
5:00am - 9:00am	Sunday 26 April	CBUS Super Stadium

\* 2/28 Hutchinson Street, Burleigh Heads

<b>EVENT START TIMES: Sunday 26 April</b>	
6:00am	3/4 Marathon Start
6.05am	10km Start
6.25am	1/2 Marathon Start
7.40am	2.5km Start
8.45am	5km Start
9.25am	1km Dash Start

# WELCOME MESSAGE

On your marks - get set, go! That's the catch-cry which will ring out at the 15<sup>th</sup> annual von Bibra Mitsubishi Gold Coast Running Festival presented by Mastery Schools Australia.



This magical one-day event is about fun, family, fitness and finish lines. Last year, 3000 competitors lined up for a range of events and distances, and I have no doubt we will crack the 3000-barrier in 2026.

The success lies in the spirit of the festival with race distances for every entrant and every age, as well as a raft of on-site entertainment for all the family.

As mayor, I applaud you for lacing up and getting out to enjoy this incredible day.

Good luck to sponsors, supporters and participants.

**Tom Tate**  
**Gold Coast Mayor**

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to the von Bibra Mitsubishi Gold Coast Running Festival presented by Mastery Schools Australia, an event that celebrates the energy and diversity of the Gold Coast.



The Queensland Government is proud to support this event through Queensland Destination Events Program – Round 1 (2025) – Destination Signature Event Funding, which backs events developed in our state and helps connect them with the unique destinations they call home.

Homegrown events play an important role in showcasing new ideas, celebrating culture, and creating memorable experiences for visitors, all while contributing to Queensland's vibrant and diverse events calendar.

Beyond the event, there is so much to see and experience in the Gold Coast region. I encourage visitors to take the opportunity to explore the area and enjoy the wide range of tourism opportunities that Queensland has to offer.

I want to congratulate The Event Crew and all those involved in delivering this event for their outstanding efforts and playing a vital role in Queensland's dynamic Homegrown events sector.

**Andrew Powell MP**  
**Minister for the Environment and Tourism and Minister for Science and Innovation**

# GENERAL EVENT INFORMATION

## RACE NUMBERS & RACE INFO

Race information and race numbers will come out via email in event week.

## RACE PACKET COLLECTION

If you did not elect to have your race packet and visor posted, you will be able to collect your race packet in race week. Please view the full timetable above for more information.

## SINGLET COLLECTION

You can collect your pre-purchased singlet from us during Race Pack collection times. These are not posted out.

## BAG STORAGE

There will be a **contactless** secure bag storage area at the Northern End of the internal concourse, near Gate F. Participants will receive a numbered bag tag on your race bib which must be fixed to your bag before dropping it off. We also advise that though we provide this service for your convenience, you leave your belongings at your own risk.

## FINISHERS MEDALS

On race day, every competitor will receive a Gold Coast Running Festival finisher's medal as you cross the finish line.

## AID STATIONS & TOILETS

There will be two aid stations on the course which participants in the 10km, 1/2 and 3/4 Marathon events will have access to every 2.5km. Participants in the 5km event will have access to one aid station at the 2.5km mark of the event.

Toilets are available inside Cbus Super Stadium as well as portaloos at the 4km/6km drink station for the 10km, 1/2 and 3/4 Marathon events.

There is also an on-course portaloos available at the near turn for use during the 1/2 and 3/4 Marathon.

## PACERS

Look out for the yellow **GaleForce Running Squad** Pacers at the start line of our 10k, 21km and 32km events - pacers will be wearing their yellow Pacer shirts and will have their pace time bib on their back.

Pace times for this year are:

- 10km: 0:40:00, 0:50:00, 1:00:00
- 21km: 1:30:00, 1:45:00, 2:00:00, 2:30:00
- 32km: 2:15:00, 3:00:00, 3:30:00

## EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY

post race are our official event photography partner for the Gold Coast Running Festival. The post race team will be on course, at the finish line and in the crowd taking photos for the duration of the event. All photos will be made after the event and can be accessed via your individual results or through <http://postrace.com.au>.

## PRAMS & PETS

We welcome prams in all our distances however we do ask that you start at the back of the field. No prams are to be taken into the seating area of the stadium. Please also leave your furry friends at home - **no pets of any kind** are to be in the event or venue.

## GETTING TO THE VENUE & PARKING

The Venue is located at Cbus Super Stadium, Stadium Drive Robina. For parking details please see the full parking map on the pages that follow.

## COURSE MAPS AND LAPS

It is the responsibility of the participant to know the full course and laps needed to complete the full course. View the maps within this event brief.

## IPODS / HEADPHONES

For safety reason we discourage the use of headphones however if you must run with them, please use on one ear only or at a very low volume so you can hear vehicles and fellow competitors approaching from behind.



## EVENT SPECIFIC INFORMATION

### REC GEN 3/4 MARATHON

The 3/4 Marathon is 3 Laps - each lap is exactly 1/4 of a marathon, each lap starting as you pass the start arch heading out again. The far turn will be indicated by a **RED** 1/2 & 3/4 marathon turn sign - other course turn signs will be out on course so please make sure you only turn at the red sign.

### DRINK STATIONS

There are 5 drink stops on the course per lap (so 11 including the recovery station). Sports drink will be available at the far and near turn drink stations - all other stations are water only.

### SPECIAL NEEDS FOOD AND DRINK

A set of special needs tables will be located at the near turn drink station (so accessible at 10.5km). Participants may place clearly identified food or drinks here for collection (we suggest writing your race number on your bottle and using something distinctive). These tables can be accessed just prior to your start.

### CUT OFF TIMES

You must have started your last lap by 8:30am. Roads will reopen at 9:30am so if you're still on course at this time, you will be asked to finish on the footpath.

### BROOKS 1/2 MARATHON

The 1/2 Marathon is 2 Laps - each lap is exactly 1/4 of a marathon, each lap starting as you pass the start arch heading out again. The far turn will be indicated by a **RED** 1/2 & 3/4 marathon turn sign - other course turn signs will be out on course so please make sure you only turn at the red sign.

### DRINK STATIONS

There are 5 drink stops on the course per lap (so 11 including the recovery station). Sports drink will be available at the far and near turn drink stations - all other stations are water only.

### SPECIAL NEEDS FOOD AND DRINK

A set of special needs tables will be located at the near turn drink station (so accessible at 10.5km). Participants may place clearly identified food or drinks here for collection (we suggest writing your race number on your bottle and using something distinctive). These tables can be accessed just prior to your start.

### CUT OFF TIMES

You must have started your second lap by 8:30am. Roads will reopen at 9:30am so if you're still on course at this time, you will be asked to finish on the footpath.

# EVENT SPECIFIC INFORMATION (cont'd)

## **GOLD COAST SPORTS MEDICINE 10KM**

The 10km event is 1 lap. The far turn will be indicated by a **BLACK** 10km turn sign.

### **DRINK STATIONS**

There are 5 drink stops on the course. Sports drink will be available at the far turn drink station - all other stations are water only.

## **ROKEBY 5KM**

The 5km event is 1 lap. The far turn will be indicated by a **DARK BLUE** 5km turn sign - other course turn signs will be out on course so please make sure you only turn at the blue sign.

### **DRINK STATIONS**

There are 2 drink stops on the course (3 including the recovery station).

## **MASTERY SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA 2.5KM**

The 2.5km event is 1 lap. The far turn will be indicated by a **PURPLE** 2.5km turn sign - other course turn signs will be out on course so please make sure you only turn at the purple sign.

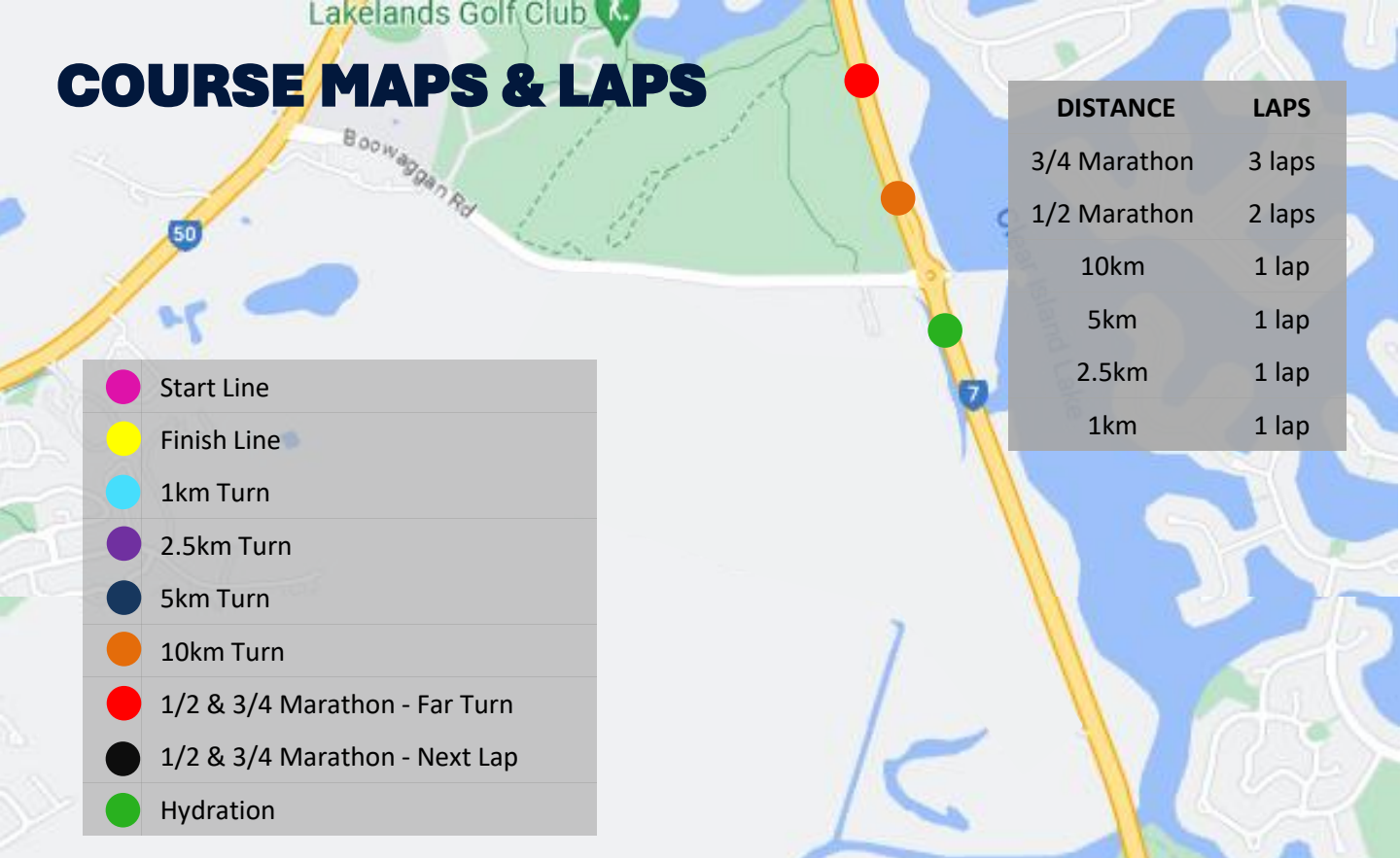
When you are approaching the finish make sure you turn left at the entrance to the stadium - don't run down to the half marathon turn.

## **MICHAEL SHELLEY 1KM**

The 1km event is 1 lap. The far turn will be indicated by a **LIGHT BLUE** 1km turn sign - if you are running out in front, follow the lead bike.

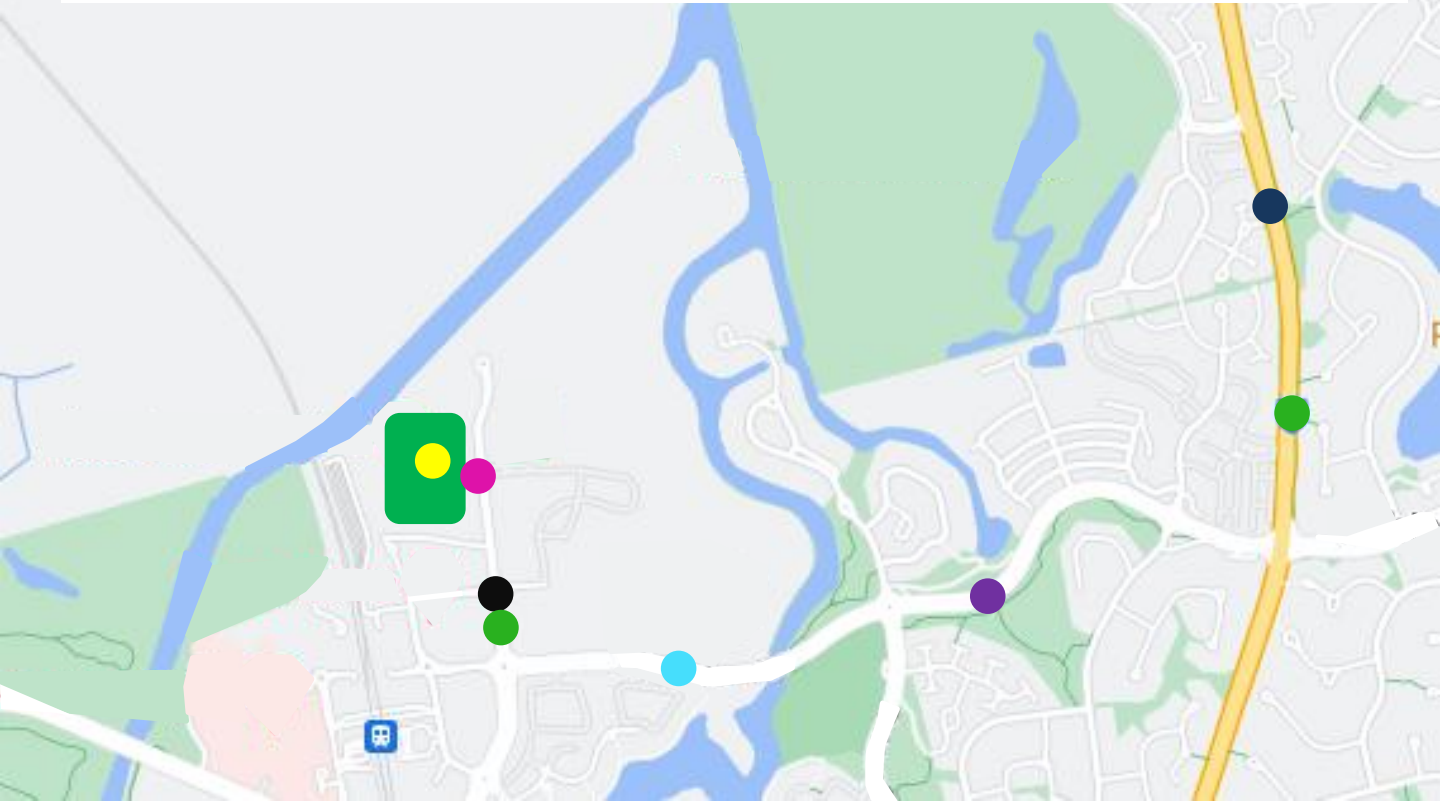
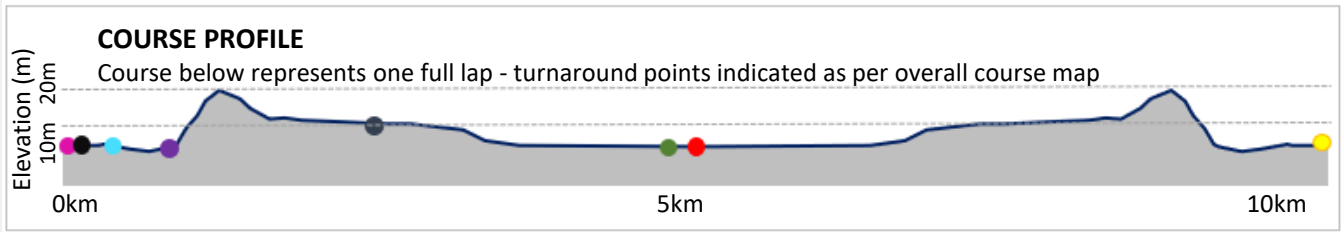
Parents you are welcome to run with your kids. **If you are running in an earlier event**, please remove your bib before you start the 1km dash to avoid confusing our timing system.

# COURSE MAPS & LAPS

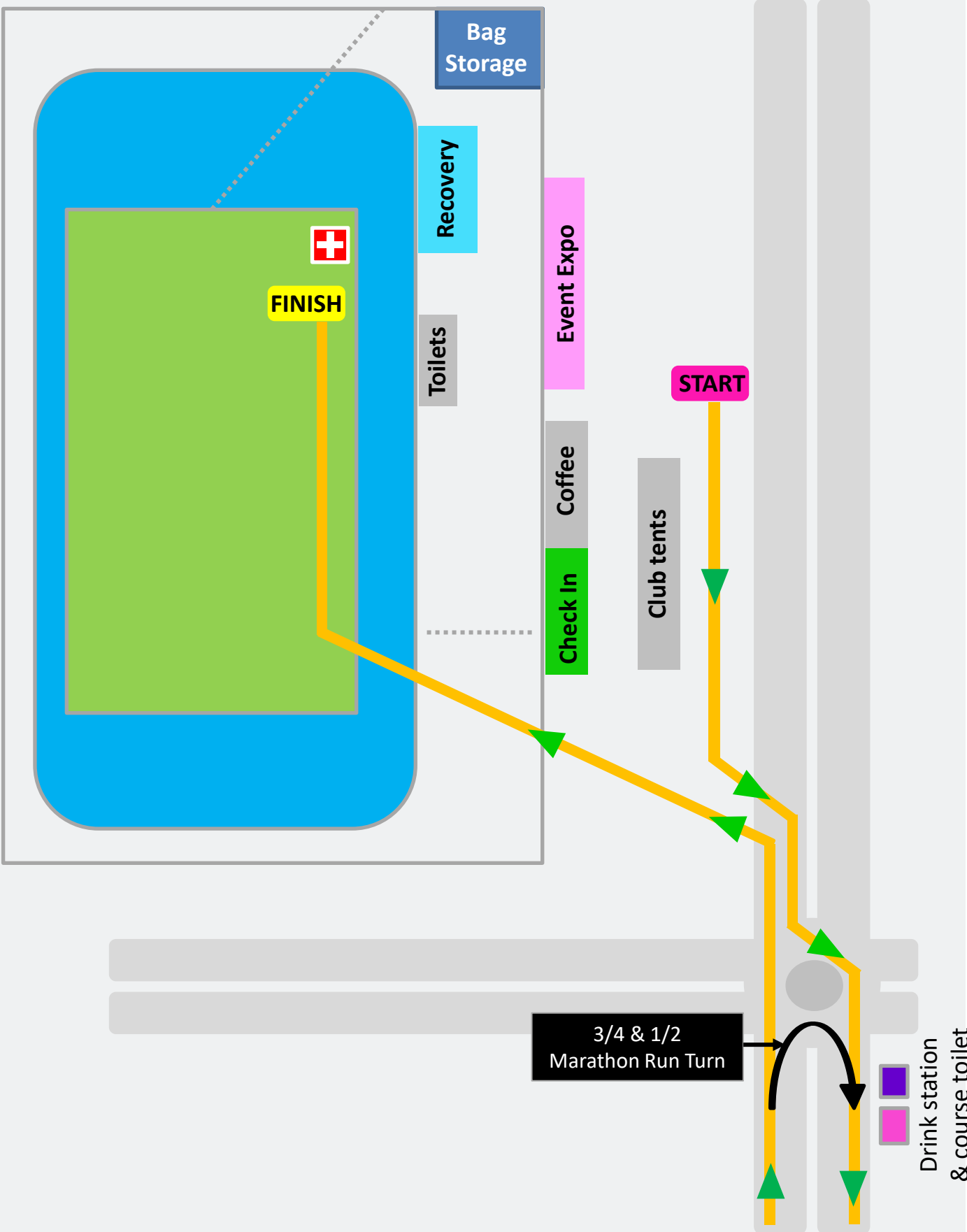


DISTANCE	LAPS
3/4 Marathon	3 laps
1/2 Marathon	2 laps
10km	1 lap
5km	1 lap
2.5km	1 lap
1km	1 lap

- Start Line
- Finish Line
- 1km Turn
- 2.5km Turn
- 5km Turn
- 10km Turn
- 1/2 & 3/4 Marathon - Far Turn
- 1/2 & 3/4 Marathon - Next Lap
- Hydration



# VENUE MAP



# EVENT PARKING

**Parking A:** Parking will open and available from 5am.

**Parking B:** Parking here has no time restrictions. Parking is limited. Please follow the boardwalk for Pedestrian access over the train lines to the venue.

All other parking on side streets and surrounding areas as per local council rules.



Follow the boardwalk for Pedestrian Access to Venue

Parking A Access via Robina Station Road

Runner drop off point

**NOTES:**  
Red shaded areas indicate closed roads  
Westbound Cheltenham Drive open  
Southbound Laver Drive open from roundabout