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CHALLENGE

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FAQs

Will masks be required at the event?

For the protection and safety of our immunocompromised community, the Dempsey Challenge kindly requests that all participants and spectators wear a mask while moving throughout the park regardless of vaccination status. Additionally, participants, spectators and volunteers are asked to practice healthy hand hygiene and social distancing when appropriate.

Will I need to wear a mask while I run, walk, or ride?

No, masks will not be required while participating in either the run/walk or cycling events, however, we encourage all participants to practice social distancing while on the courses. When stopping at a rest stop, we ask that participants put on their mask for the safety of our volunteers.

How will packet pickup work this year?

In order to assist with crowd controls, your run/walk or ride bib will be mailed to you along with everything you will need for event day. There will be a Help Tent located near the start line to assist you with any issues you may have. You can pick up the incentives you have earned by visiting the new Incentive Tent after completing the Challenge.

Can I register the day of the event?

Unfortunately, we will not be able to accept any walk up registrations for 2021. In order to participate in person at the Local Challenge, you need to be registered and meet your fundraising minimum by September 23, 11:59PM.

What changes have been made to the start of the Challenge?

In order to assist with crowd controls, there will not be an official start time in a start chute. There will be open start times for all events. This means you may start your event at any time during the window offered for your event.

What are the start times for each event?

Saturday, September 25th

- 8:00-9:00am Open Start Time for 10k Run
- 9:30-10:30am Open Start Time for 5k Walk/Run

Saturday, September 26th

- 7:30am-9:00am Open start time for all cyclists
25-, 50-, 65-, 100-mile rides
- Clip and Ride-Style Start

What health & safety precautions are being taken in the park?

We ask that you wear a mask as you move throughout the park. A helpful reminder regarding mask wearing is when you stand up, mask up. Disposable masks will be available in multiple locations, as well as numerous hand washing and sanitizing stations throughout the park. All volunteers will be masked and those staffing rest stops or handling food will be wearing gloves. We have additional safety precautions in place to reduce the number of contacts between participants such as new filling processes, sanitizing, and pre-packaged goods.

Are spectators allowed for this year's Dempsey Challenge?

Gathering spaces in Simard-Payne Memorial Park are open to friends, family, and participants. Seating areas (tables, chairs, lounge furniture), will be spread across the venue to keep groups of people distanced as much as possible.

Will there be food and beverages offered in the park this year?

In an effort to encourage social distancing in the park, the food and beverage offered at our event this year will be simplified. Participants will be able to enjoy food and drinks from our generous partners in our Food and Beverage Tent. For spectators and families, the Maine Craft Beer + Wine Garden and food trucks will be available on site and will adhere to Maine CDC guidelines for food service.

Will there be a merchandise tent in the park?

Yes! Since the merch tent is enclosed, there will be limited capacity allowed at any given time. Contactless payment will be available. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer dressing rooms for try-ons this year.

In an effort to eliminate touchpoints and minimize close contact of participants, we have removed the following events for 2021:

- *Massage Services*
- *KidZone*
- *Vendor/Health & Wellness Expo*
- *Packet Pick-Up + Registration Tent*