



# 2011 Illinois Marathon Relay Official Information

Thank you for choosing to participate in the Illinois Alumni Association Marathon Relay. Please review the following information before Saturday, April 30, to ensure a smooth race day experience. Each team receives 5 race numbers (one per runner plus one on a race number belt) and 4 relay back bibs.

Note: All relay teams that are meeting at the starting line should park in the lots south of St. Mary's Road and west of First Street. See the start/finish map at this link: [http://www.illinoismarathon.com/pdf/map\\_start\\_finish.pdf](http://www.illinoismarathon.com/pdf/map_start_finish.pdf)

## IMPORTANT QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### What are the approximate distances for the four different relay legs?

Leg 1 = 6.7; Leg 2 = 6.9; Leg 3 = 6.9; Leg 4 = 5.7

### Does the team pick which runner runs which leg?

Yes, you determine the order of your runners?

### Where are the 3 relay exchange zones, and what are the best directions to drive there on race day?

**Exchange Zone A (mile 6.7)** is located on Amber Lane, just east of the Meijer store in Urbana, on the left (south) side of the street.

**Follow this route to get to Exchange Zone A parking (at the Meijer grocery store) from the starting area.**

Go south on First Street out of the Research Park lot to Windsor Road. Go east on Windsor Road to Race Street. Go south on Race Street to Curtis Road (1 mile). Go east on Curtis Road to Philo Road (1 mile). Go north on Philo Road to the intersection of Philo and Windsor and turn east on Philo and enter the Meijer parking lot. Park in the north side of the lot.

**Exchange Zone B (mile 13.60)** is located on Logan Street at the intersection of Market and Logan.

**Follow this route to get from Exchange Zone A to Exchange Zone B.**

Drive out of the Meijer parking lot on the south end. Go right on Windsor (west) and then left (south) on Philo. Turn right (west) on Curtis and then right (north) on Race Street. Go left (west) on Windsor all the way to Neil St (Route 45). Turn right (north) on Neil Street. Cross Kirby Ave, Green St., and Springfield Ave, and then turn right on Marshall Avenue (look for the Tumble Inn). The Exchange Zone B parking lot is on your left, and Logan St runs parallel to Marshall.

**Exchange Zone C (mile 20.5)** is located on Duncan Road, right by Robeson Park. **Please arrive early at Zone C.**

**Follow this route to get from Exchange Zone B to Exchange Zone C.**

Exit the exchange zone parking lot and turn right on Marshall and then left (south) on Neil Street. Keep traveling south on Neil to Windsor and then turn right (west) on Windsor, all the way to Duncan. Turn right (north) on Duncan. You have two parking options. The first is the Crossing at the corner of Windsor and Duncan (park and jog north one half mile to the exchange zone). Or you can drive north *past* the exchange zone (it will be on your right) to reach the parking lot at Meadowbrook Church, also on your right. The second option will have more traffic and potentially more delays.

**Follow this route to get from Exchange Zone C to the stadium.**

Go left (south) out of the church parking lot on Duncan and then turn left (east) on Windsor Road. When you reach First Street, turn left (north) back toward the stadium. Park in either the Research Parking lot (south of St. Mary's Road) or in the Assembly Hall lots, if available.

### How do we make the "exchange" with our teammates?

At Number Pickup, your team will receive a race belt with a number attached that has timing strips on it. The belt needs to be worn by the runner currently running for the team. At the Exchange Zone, the arriving runner finds his/her teammate, then takes off the race number belt and gives it to the waiting runner. That runner then puts on the race number belt and begins his/her running leg to the next exchange station.

## How do I find my relay teammate at the relay exchange stations?

All relay participants should determine an estimated time it will take to run their individual legs and then communicate that to their teammates. Another helpful hint is to know the color of your teammate's running attire or to all wear the same running attire.

## How do we know we're at an exchange zone?

Each exchange zone will have a huge sign, and the exchange area will be flagged.

## Who is in charge at the relay exchange stations?

The relay exchange zones are managed by official course marshals. The head marshal will be wearing a bright security vest and will be using a megaphone for communication.

## Will there be any water at the relay exchange zones?

The relay exchange zones will provide bottled water for the runners finishing their legs at the exchange zone.

## MISCELLANEOUS RACE DAY TIPS

- Relay Runner #1 starts the race at the official starting line at the intersection of St. Mary's Road and First Street and runs to Exchange Zone A.
- Relay Runner #2 reports to Exchange Zone A and exchanges with Runner #1.
- Relay Runner #3 reports to Exchange Zone B and exchanges with Runner #2.
- Relay Runner #4 reports to Exchange Zone C and exchanges with Runner #3.
- Relay Runner #4 finishes the race at the official finish line inside Memorial Stadium. All four relay team members may cross the finish line together. Teammates should meet their fourth runner on First Street outside the stadium and then run in together.
- Remember to wear the race number belt. **No race number belt, no time.**
- There will be Port-a-Potties available at each relay exchange.
- There is no official sweats drop-off system for the relay. Relay teammates will need to communicate with each other on the exchange of sweats or warm-up clothes.

### IMPORTANT

There is no marathon-sponsored transportation to relay exchange zones. As such, you and your teammates need to determine your time requirements for getting to the exchange zones.

OUR suggested transportation process would be to take one vehicle per team:

- Team drops runner #1 at the start, and runners # 2, 3, and 4 drive to Exchange Zone A.
- After the first exchange, runners #1, 3, and 4 drive to Exchange Zone B.
- Runner #2 exchanges with runner #3 at Exchange Zone B. Runner #1, 2, and 4 drive to Exchange Zone C.
- Runner #3 exchanges with runner #4 at Exchange Zone C.
- After Runner #4 has received the race number belt and has started his/her portion of the relay, runners #1, 2 and 3 depart for Memorial Stadium, parking in the Assembly Hall lots or the Research Parking Lots off of St. Mary's Road.
- If you are driving to your exchange zone, you should be very cautious as the streets will be filled with race participants, volunteers, and spectators. Please give yourself ample time to get to your exchange. Follow the driving directions suggested above.

**You should plan to be at your exchange zone AT LEAST 30 to 50 MINUTES BEFORE THE EXPECTED ARRIVAL OF YOUR TEAMMATE!**

**Above all else, do not park anywhere on the course!**