

Boilermaker 40

Now in its' 40th year of existence, the Boilermaker has reached an unprecedented level of popularity and prestige amongst national road races. Likewise, the Wheelchair Division is working to expand its field by increasing prize money, offering travel stipends and providing accommodations in order to attract more elite and recreational athletes than ever before. We are certain that once you experience our one-of-a-kind event, you will be hooked.

To celebrate the 40th year, we are expanding our field to 40 participants in 2017.



What is the Boilermaker?

The Boilermaker Road Race is an internationally renowned racing event located in Utica, New York, nestled in the foothills of the scenic Adirondack mountains. Known as the nation's best 15k, it combines an entertaining yet challenging and rewarding course. 2017 marks the 40th anniversary of "Utica's World Famous Event." Our race is a community event like no other, drawing upwards of 30,000 spectators that line the entire course.

Wheelchair Divisions

- Men's Open
- Women's Open
- Men's Master's
- Women's Master's
- Athletes with Quadriplegia (men's and women's combined)

Race Details

Date: Sunday, July 9, 2017

Start Time: 7:45 am

Distance & Course: 15 kilometers (9.3 miles) USATF recertified in 2012. Course is well marked with over 20 official water and aid stations. Splits are given every mile and at the 5k and 10k marks.

Start Location: Culver Ave. near Beechgrove Pl. in Utica, NY

Pre-Race Transportation: Buses for wheelchair athletes depart from MVCC and Boilermaker headquarters at 6:15am

Safety: Course access is restricted to registered runners, wheelchair athletes and official race personnel. We strongly discourage the use of headphones.

Packet Pickup: Boilermaker Expo, July 7th and 8th

Registration: Registrations begin on Saturday, March 18th. Please register online. Information is available at boilermaker.com

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Prize Money

The Boilermaker is now offering nearly \$37,000 in prize money to wheelchair athletes, placing the race in very elite company. Payouts are offered to the first 10 finishers in the men's and women's open divisions. New for the 2017 race, first place finishers in the open divisions will receive \$4,000 each!

Wheelchair Challenge

The Boilermaker Wheelchair Challenge, sponsored by Sitrin Health Care Center, awards a custom-built racing wheelchair to a challenge participant who can finish the race in less than 2 hours and 15 minutes with a standard wheelchair. Challenge participants are chosen through an application process. If not chosen to participate in the challenge, athletes are still eligible to compete in the race but not win the racing chair. Typically, one chair is awarded per year. Winners of the racing chair are not eligible to win prize money.

Travel Stipends and

Accommodations

Travel stipends and accommodations are available for wheelchair athletes but are limited, so register and request both as early as possible.

Expo

The Boilermaker Health and Wellness Expo takes place on the Friday and Saturday before the race and serves as the official kick-off of Boilermaker festivities. It also serves as the site of packet pickup and a pre-race pasta dinner for wheelchair athletes.

Post-Race Party

Part of what makes our race so special is the best after-party in all of road racing. Hosted by F.X. Matt Brewery and serving free Saranac beer and soft drinks, the party routinely attracts crowds of 40,000 enthusiastic athletes, spectators, and community members.

