



## **Pensacola Sports moves to a virtual-only race for its Bayou Hills Run in September *Pensacola Women's Half Marathon to offer a virtual race experience***

PENSACOLA, FL (July 24, 2020) – Pensacola Sports announced today that they will move to a virtual-only race for their Bayou Hills Run, originally scheduled for September 7, and there will be a virtual race experience for the Pensacola Women's Health Marathon presented by Publix on November 8.

“Due to the current COVID-19 conditions, we have decided to cancel the in-person race experience for the Bayou Hills Run in September and offer a virtual experience only,” said Ray Palmer, President & CEO of Pensacola Sports. “As we closely monitor the situation with COVID-19, we are offering the virtual option to provide another way for runners and walkers to stay active.”

### **Bayou Hills Run**

The Bayou Hills Run is one of Pensacola's oldest running events. Runners are encouraged to run their own 5K and 10K and submit their times and view the leaderboard. The crowning of the City of Pensacola 5k/10k championship will be postponed to 2021. The Bayou Hills Run, City of Pensacola 5K/10K Championships will honor health care workers for their work during the COVID-19 pandemic with a free entry for the first 200 health care workers registered. Registration is open at [PensacolaSports.org](https://PensacolaSports.org).

Virtual race registration includes: a custom designed scrub top, a Headsweats visor compliments of Covenant Care, race bib, Dick's Sports Goods drawstring bag, \$10 Dick's Sporting Goods Coupon and special discounts from local businesses and restaurants. Escambia and Santa Rosa residents will be able to pick up race swag before the race and those outside the area will be mailed their items following the race.

- 5K Race: \$30
- 10K Race: \$30
- Kids Race: \$15
- Health Care Workers: Free to first 200 registered

With the new format, the pre-race bike rides and post-race party and festival will be cancelled. Virtual participants are no longer eligible for awards and there will be no winners this year.

“At this time, we are still planning for an in-person event for the Pensacola Sports Women's Half Marathon weekend in November,” said Palmer. “Registration is open and we are adding a number of new health and safety protocols for the race experience.”

### **Pensacola Sports Women's Half Marathon presented by Publix**

The second annual Pensacola Sports Women's Half Marathon presented by Publix features a half marathon, 5K and one mile race (both in-person and virtual race), and is the perfect weekend for a girl's getaway trip. Registration is open at [PensacolaSports.org](https://PensacolaSports.org) and fees increase on August 7.

- In person race registration includes: race shirt, race bib, finisher medal, canvas tote bag, Emily Ley planner for Half Marathon and Emily Ley Notepad for the 5K, and opportunity to place for a medal and award
  - Half Marathon: \$90

- 5K: \$38
- One Mile: \$20 (race entry only, no race swag)
- Virtual race registration includes: race shirt, downloadable race bib, finisher medal, canvas tote bag, Emily Ley planner for Half Marathon and Emily Ley Notepad for the 5K, (Escambia and Santa Rosa residents will be able to pick up race swag before the race and those outside the area will be mailed their items following the race)
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  - 5K: \$38

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### **About Pensacola Sports**

Pensacola Sports is one of the oldest sports associations/commissions in the United States, beginning in 1954. Today, Pensacola Sports manages or assists in numerous events a year throughout the Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Okaloosa county areas. Events include a high school all-star series, flag football, 5K-15K runs, marathons, triathlons, bicycle races, collegiate national championships, and annual awards and scholarships banquets to name a few. Pensacola Sports is dedicated to building a better community through sports.