



## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

The Bourbonnais Township Park District is committed to conducting its recreation programs and activities in a safe manner and holds the safety of participants in high regard. The Bourbonnais Township Park District continually strives to reduce such risks and insists that all participants follow safety rules and instructions that are designed to protect the participants' safety. However, participants and parents/guardians of minors registering for this activity must recognize that there is an inherent risk of injury when choosing to participate in running/walking events.

You are solely responsible for determining if you or your minor child/ward are physically fit and/or adequately skilled for road race participation. It is always advisable, especially if the participant is pregnant, disabled in any way or recently suffered an illness, injury or impairment, to consult a physician before undertaking any physical activity. You are also solely responsible for selecting and wearing personal protective equipment.

Please recognize that roadways are maintained and intended for motor vehicle use and not pedestrian use. Therefore, surface irregularities and other hazards that do not pose safety risks to motor vehicles, may pose risks to joggers and walkers. Prior to the event, all participants should familiarize themselves with the event route, paying close attention to surface irregularities and other potential dangers. Participants should also familiarize themselves with traffic patterns, check points, and all first aid and water stations. *Most important, remember that this is a voluntary recreational activity. Never compromise your safety in the name of competition.*

## **WARNING OF RISK**

Running and power walking are intended to challenge and engage the physical, mental and emotional resources of each participant. However, despite careful and proper preparation, instruction, medical advice, conditioning and equipment, there is still a risk of serious injury, including death. Understandably, not all hazards and dangers can be foreseen. The very nature of road racing is hazardous and risky, including but not limited to overexertion, dehydration, slip and falls, collisions with other participants, the effects of weather, dangerous conditions of the road, being struck by a vehicle or bicycle, lack of good physical conditioning, poor training technique, and all other circumstances inherent in running/walking events. In this regard, it must be recognized that it is impossible for the Bourbonnais Township Park District to guarantee absolute safety.

## **WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in signing up and participating in this event, you will be expressly assuming the risk and legal liability and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss which you or your minor child/ward might sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with and associated with this event.

I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in this event, and I voluntarily agree to assume the full risk of any injuries, damages or loss, regardless of severity that my minor child/ward or I may sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with this activity. I further agree to waive and relinquish all claims I or my minor child/ward may have (or accrue to me or my child/ward) as a result of participating in this activity against the Bourbonnais Township Park District including its respective officials, agents, volunteers and employees (hereinafter collectively referred as "Parties").

I do hereby fully release and forever discharge the Parties from any and all claims for injuries, damages or loss that my minor child/ward or I may have or which may accrue to me or my minor child/ward and arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with this activity. I further agree that this agreement shall be governed by the State of Illinois.