

Running of the Squares 5K – Frequently Asked Questions

- How do I register?
 - Online registration is available by clicking the link on our Recreation Page
 - Print a copy of the application and bring complete registration and fee to La Hacienda Regional Recreation Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages
- How much is the registration fee?
 - \$25 per runner prior to March 30, 2026
 - \$40 per runner after March 29th and day of race
- Where do I pick up my race packet and bib number?
 - At La Hacienda Recreation Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages, FL 32159 on Friday, April 3rd from 8:30am – 4:00pm.
 - Transponder is attached to back of race number – DO NOT REMOVE
 - Race number bib is only disposable post-race
- Can I pick up another runner's packet?
 - Yes
- Can an Individual register at Packet Pick-Up and/or Day of Race?
 - Yes, Individual runners NOT running with a registered Team, may sign up at both Packet Pick-Up and Day of Race
 - Fee will be \$40 with no guarantee of a race shirt
- Where is the Start/Finish?
 - Paige Place and Lake Miramar near Veteran's Memorial Park
 - Map available on race page
- What time does race start?
 - 8am – NO LATE STARTS
 - No dogs on leashes, in-line skates, skateboards or bounce boots on route or in start/finish area
 - Day of Race registration is open 7am – 7:45am (NO Team Registrations)
 - NO check-in is required on race day if you come to Packet Pickup on Friday, April 3rd.
 - You may pick up your packet/race number beginning at 7am on race day at registration table
- Will split times and water be available on the course?
 - No
 - Water at Start/Finish and miles 1.5 and 2.5
- How many awards and age groups?
 - Individual awards will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for both men and women in each age group as well as Overall 1st place best time for Men and Women
 - Age groups are as follows: 14 & under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90+
 - Senior Games medals will also be given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in age groups 50-54 and up
 - All finishers will receive a Finisher's Medal
 - Community Team Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for Fastest Time
 - Fastest Time award will be determined by the top four (4) finishing times per team
 - Team members will be eligible for individual age group awards
- Team Division

- How do I form a Community Team?
 - A minimum of five (5) runners is necessary to be considered a team
 - First select a captain and a team name
 - For registration online, the captain will follow instructions at Runsignup.com to set up the team name in race. Team members can then register online by selecting exact team name from drop down list
 - For an In-person Team registration, please indicate team name on the registration form
 - All team members must complete individual registration forms and include the exact name of team as indicated by captain
- Can a Team register at Packet Pickup and Day of Race?
 - NO Teams will be registered on race day
 - All members of a registered team must be registered by 4PM, 4/1/26.