



Dear Runners,

First, I would like to personally thank you for your participation and dedication to the Calgary Police Half Marathon and 5K Run & Walk. We consider ourselves incredibly privileged to have been able to host this event for 31 years.

Second, the race committee sincerely appreciates all of the constructive comments left on our website following the 2011 race. Each year we strive to make the event better for everyone involved. With your input, we believe we can continue to improve.

We heard from a great number of you that the lime green race shirts for 2011 weren't a hit. You want a wearable shirt with more neutral colours and patterns.

Therefore, we think you'll love the 2012 race shirt. This year's half marathon shirt is a long-sleeve dry-fit from ATAC Sportswear. The shirt is CPS blue, with an outline of the cityscape across the bottom. Our trademark running man is down both sleeves.

Our 5K Run & Walk shirts are also fantastic. Also from ATAC Sportswear, the short-sleeve shirt is white, with our trademark running man pattern throughout. Photos of shirts and sizing are available on our website at www.calgarypolicehalf.ca.

Thanks to your comments, we've also beefed up the medals that will be awarded to half marathon participants. The 2012 medal is based on a Challenge Coin which bears the CPS logo as well as that of the Half Marathon. Challenge coins have a long history within the CPS and represent tradition and confidence.

We think you'll be pleased with the new medal and will appreciate the significance and ritual behind its meaning.

We all know the weather in Calgary can be hit and miss, and as is the case each and every year, we work closely with the city to ensure the roads and pathways along the race route are as clean and dry as possible.

Despite this, Mother Nature certainly puts up a good fight and can often make this difficult. For those of you who participated in the 2011 event, there's no doubt the course was one of the most challenging due to the large snowfall in the days leading up to the race.

We will continue to work closely with the City and have arranged for additional plowing and shoveling if necessary. Extra gravel will also be made available to volunteers along the route should they notice slippery spots that need supplementary traction.

Again, thank you for your continued support over the years and we hope to see you at the 2012 race on Sunday, April 29. Online registration opens Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012.

In the meantime, if you need additional information about the race, please go to our website at www.calgarypolicehalf.ca or email us at halfmarathon@calgarypolice.ca.

Sincerely,

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