

# 3rd Annual Mississippi Blues Marathon & Half Marathon

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## Prize Money and Certification Announced for 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mississippi Blues Marathon and Half-Marathon

Jackson, MS - Race officials with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mississippi Blues Marathon and Half-Marathon are pleased to announce a total prize money purse of \$30,000 to the field of runners. The race, which will be held on Saturday, January 9, will offer prizes in the following categories:

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$4,000	\$4,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	3,000	3,000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	2,000	2,000
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	1,500	1,500
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	1,000	1,000
Wheelchair	\$ 500	\$ 500
Handcycle	500	500
 <u>Masters</u>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$1,000	1,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$ 700	700
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	500	500
 <b>Tri-County</b>	 \$ 300	 300

In addition to the first place prize money, an additional \$1,000 will be awarded to the male and female runners who break the course records of 2:18:53 (male) and 2:46:29 (female). The Tri-County prize money will be awarded to the top male and female finishers from the Jackson metro area, including Hinds, Rankin and Madison County.

Officials with the Mississippi Blues Marathon and Half-Marathon also recently redesigned the course, making it faster, and covering more of the historic downtown Jackson area. The new start finish area will be at the corner of State and Capitol streets and pick up the original route and eliminating much of the out and back stretch along Lakeland Drive. As of this date, more than 1,300 runners from 46 states, the District of Columbia and four countries have registered to take part in this world-class racing event. For more information and registration, visit [www.msbluesmarathon.com](http://www.msbluesmarathon.com).