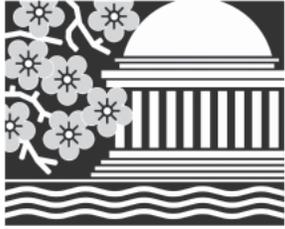


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June 15, 2021

Dear Athlete, Manager and Coach:

It is with pleasure that I introduce you to the 48th running of the Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile Run. The 2021 race was postponed from its traditional April date and will be held on **Sunday, September 12**. The event will start and finish on the Washington Monument Grounds in Washington, DC, the Nation's Capital of the United States. The flat, fast and beautiful route has been the site of numerous world and American records since 1973.

We are pleased to announce that the event has been designated as the **2021 USATF Men's and Women's Ten Mile Championships Presented by Toyota**, so we will be showcasing top American talent alongside our traditional international field. We feel this combination will offer an outstanding opportunity for American runners to take on the World in a mass participation event after 18 months of limited top-flight competitions, mostly in micro-events. This will be the third time one or more of the USATF 10 Mile Championships has been hosted by CUCB: the women's championships were part of the 2013 Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile, while race organizers hosted both the men's and women's championships in 2014.

**Event Prize Money:** In 2021, we will be offering a total of \$53,500 in prize money and over \$40,000 in bonuses divided into our international purse, the American Championship purse, and the RRCA Road Scholars-RunPro Camper purse.

**The prize pool for the 2021 USATF 10 Mile Championships totals \$26,000 for men and women.** An additional \$10,000 bonus will be awarded for the first man or woman who breaks the American Records of sub-45:54 and sub-51:23 respectively. **International elite runners will be competing for \$20,000 in prize money** with an additional \$10,000 bonus for the first runner who breaks the World Records of 44:23 for men and 51:23 for women. The bonus will be split if a man and woman both break either the World Record or the American Record.

The 2021 race will feature an advance start for the International and U.S. elite women meaning the women's winning time will qualify as a performance in a women's only event. A group of approximately 30 elite and seeded women will begin 12 minutes in advance of the main start.

**Health and Safety Protocols for COVID-19:** *The Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile will be following all COVID-19 related guidelines in place at race time and may be cancelled if crowd size limitations are reinstated by municipal authorities.*

**2022 PRRO Circuit:** The Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile is a member of the PRRO circuit. The overall male and female winners will qualify for the PRRO Championship to be held at the Boilermaker 15K on July 10, 2022 where they will be eligible for the \$10,000 PRRO Super Bonus, which is awarded to a qualified athlete who wins the 2022 PRRO Championship (split if an eligible male and female win the PRRO titles). The Credit Union Cherry Blossom winners also are eligible for the PRRO Individual Event Champion's Bonus of \$1,500 for finishing in places 2-10 at the PRRO Championship. (Any athlete who wins the PRRO Super Bonus is not eligible for the



PRRO Individual Event Champion's Bonus.) For complete details about the PRRO Circuit, visit [www.prrro.org](http://www.prrro.org).

As part of the Professional Road Running Organization circuit and as required at all USATF championships, the Credit Union Cherry Blossom will conduct drug testing of elite athletes at the 2021 event. This testing will be conducted in accordance with USA Track & Field and World Athletics rules. Athletes found positive for banned substances or who refuse to be tested will be disqualified from this event and will lose eligibility for future competitions. Some prescription and over the counter medications may contain banned substances. Information regarding banned substances and drug testing may be obtained by calling the United States Anti-Doping Agency – 866-601-2632 – or by visiting the USADA website at [www.usantidoping.org](http://www.usantidoping.org).

**RRCA Road Scholar and RunPro Camper Bonus:** Through a gracious matching donation from the RRCA (Road Runners Club of America), we will offer a special prize purse of \$6,000 to current or former male and female Roads Scholars or RunPro Campers. \$1,500 will be awarded for the first eligible male and female finishers, \$1,000 for the second place eligible finishers, \$500 for third place eligible finishers.)

The RRCA administers both the **RRCA Road Scholars Program** and the **RunPro Camp** (details at <https://www.rrca.org/our-programs-services/programs/roads-scholars>). Past participants in either of these two programs will be given special consideration and are encouraged to apply as an elite athlete.

### **Time Standards**

The time standards for domestic travel reimbursement and lodging consideration are sub 48:00 for men and sub 56:00 for women (or equivalents) in the last twelve (12) months. *Due to the anticipated intense level of interest by both U.S. and International athletes, it may take times considerably faster to receive financial assistance.* Please contact us by August 9, 2021 for optimal consideration.

For international athletes given financial support, there are no substitutions once international commitments are made. International airfares are reimbursed upon arrival at the event.

Elite athletes — or managers and coaches representing elite athletes — who are interested in competing should email or send a running resume to:

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Bartow, FL 33831-0866  
Phone 863-533-0654  
E-Mail: [borr@cherryblossom.org](mailto:borr@cherryblossom.org)

## 2021 Credit Union Cherry Blossom Fact Sheet

**Deadline for optimal elite athlete consideration:** Monday, August 9, 2021

• **Total Prize Purse:** \$46,000 in total prize money (\$20,000 in the International division and \$26,000 in the U.S. division), plus time incentives of \$1,000 for the 1st male sub-46:00 and female sub-52:00 respectively, and \$750 for the 2nd male sub-46:00 and 2nd female sub-52:00 respectively. \$10,000 World Record bonus to the first male and female breaking 44:23 or 51:23 respectively, and a \$10,000 American record bonus for first U.S. male and female breaking 46:13 or 51:23 respectively. *(Bonuses will be split if both male and female first place finishers break either the World or American records.)*

### ***International Prize Structure***

Place	Men	Women
First	\$5,000	\$5,000
Second	\$2,000	\$2,000
Third	\$750	\$750
Fourth	\$600	\$600
Fifth	\$400	\$400
Sixth	\$350	\$350
Seventh	\$300	\$300
Eighth	\$250	\$250
Ninth	\$200	\$200
Tenth	\$150	\$150
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>

***Total International Prize Purse: \$20,000***

### ***U.S. Prize Structure***

Place	Men	Women
First	\$5,000	\$5,000
Second	\$2,500	\$2,500
Third	\$1,000	\$1,000
Fourth	\$900	\$900
Fifth	\$800	\$800
Sixth	\$700	\$700
Seventh	\$600	\$600
Eighth	\$500	\$500
Ninth	\$500	\$500
Tenth	\$500	\$500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,000</b>	<b>\$13,000</b>

***Total U.S. Prize Purse: \$26,000***

**No appearance fees; - No per diems; - Limited meals but food generally available in Elite Suite**

The race course is USATF certified. The event is sanctioned by USATF and the RRCA. USATF rules will govern the competition.

In the absence of any other withholding arrangements agreed upon with the Elite Athlete Coordinator in advance of race day, any non-resident foreign athlete will have 30% of his or her prize money earnings deducted for tax purposes. Exceptions will be evaluated for foreign athletes who are citizens of a country that has a tax treaty with the United States, or who are resident foreigners ("green card" holders) with Social Security Numbers. To be eligible for the tax treaty exemption, the Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten

Mile must be provided with an original of IRS form #8233 for the calendar year of 2021. The athlete must sign this form. The signed form will verify his or her citizenship of the exempted country. These forms will be available in the Credit Union Cherry Blossom hospitality suite during race weekend. The Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile Run will abide with any procedures set forth by the foreign federations with respect to direct payment of prize money to athletes.

The athlete, prior to a race number being issued, must sign the following forms:

- 1) Race Registration Form;
- 2) IRS W-9: Request for Taxpayer ID Number and Certification (U.S. citizens or U.S. residents –"Green Card" holder);
- 3) 8233 / W-8ECI: Exemption from Withholding on Compensation for Independent Personal Services of a Non- Resident Alien (non U.S. residents);
- 4) Statement acknowledging that the athlete understands that elite athletes will be subject to drug testing. If no protests are filed and all drug tests taken at the event are negative, winners will be mailed their checks within 5 days after notification of the negative test results by USADA or the drug testing agent (this should occur not more than 5 weeks after race day). In the event of a positive drug test, checks may be delayed 90 days or more pending adjudication of the positive test. The race organizers are committed to working with the drug testing authorities to expedite payment of prize money to the unaffected athletes but there will be lengthy delays. In the event of a protest, checks will be mailed to all finishers unaffected by the protest as soon as possible. Athletes involved in the protest will be mailed checks when the protest is resolved. If prize money winners are subsequently banned prior to the distribution of prize money, the prize money will be redistributed to runners finishing behind the affected athlete.

- **"Double dipping"** is allowed by Americans who place in the top 10 in both the International and U.S. division.
- **Open time incentives:** \$1,000 for the 1st man under 46 minutes, \$750 for 2nd man under 46 minutes and \$1,000 for the 1st woman under 52 minutes, \$750 for 2nd woman under 52 minutes.
- **U.S. time incentives:** \$10,000 for first American male or female breaking the World record (44:23 for men and 51:23 for women; \$10,000 for the first American male and female breaking the U.S. 10 mile record (45:54 for men and 51:23 for women).

**2021 Potential Payout for U.S. Athletes - \$31,000 possible top payout**

Place	Int'l Purse	U.S. Purse	Time Bonus	WR bonus	AR bonus	Total
1st	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$1,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$31,000
2nd	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$750			\$5,250
3rd	\$750	\$1,000				\$1,750
4th	\$600	\$900				\$1,500
5th	\$400	\$800				\$1,200
6th	\$350	\$700				\$1,050
7th	\$300	\$600				\$900
8th	\$250	\$500				\$750
9th	\$200	\$500				\$700
10th	\$150	\$500				\$650

*Example:* A U.S. man or woman, winning the overall race with a time of sub 44:23 for men or a time of sub 51:23 for women could earn \$31,000: \$5,000 first place overall prize; \$5,000 first place American prize; \$10,000 world record bonus for the first finisher to break the World record; \$10,000 American record bonus for the first U.S eligible finisher to break the American record; \$1,000 for first men's sub 46:00 minute time or first women's sub 52:00 minute time. *Bonuses are split if winning male and female both break records.*

*Example:* A non-U.S. man or woman, winning the overall race with a time of sub 44:23 for men or a time of sub 51:23 for women could earn \$16,000: \$5,000 first place overall prize; \$10,000 world record bonus;

\$1,000 for first men's sub 46:00 minute time or first women's sub 52:00 minute time. *Bonuses are split if winning male and female both break records.*

### **RRCA Roads Scholar/RunPro Camper Prize Money - \$6,000 in prize money**

A special prize purse for current or past RRCA Road Scholars and/or RunPro Camp attendees.

Place	Men	Women
1st	\$1,500	\$1,500
2nd	\$1,000	\$1,000
3rd	\$500	\$500

## **Summary**

### **Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile**

**Washington, D.C. DATE:** Sunday, September 12, 2021

**DISTANCE:** 10 Miles

**AVERAGE SEPTEMBER WEATHER AT 7:00 A.M.** 63 degrees F / 17 degrees C

**STATUS:** USATF Sanctioned and certified, member PRRO Circuit

**COURSE:** Flat, fast, certified course. Site of numerous World Record performances.

**EVENT RECORDS:** The **men's event record** is held by Allan Kiprono of Kenya set in 2012 with a time of 45:15. The **men's American event record** is held by Greg Meyer set in 1983 with a time of 46:13. The **women's mixed-gender event record** is held by Colleen de Reuck of South Africa set in 1998 with a time of 51:16. The **all-women's event record**, which was the **all-women's world record** at the time, is held by Teyba Erkesso of Ethiopia set in 2007 with a time of 51:44.

### **2019 Over-all Prize Money Winners (race not held in 2020 due to Covid-19) :**

***Prize money limited to women starting in the advance start.***

1st Jamal Yimer, ETH, 46:17 \$8,000	Buze Diriba, ETH, 53:45 \$8,000
2nd Aweke Ayalew Yimer, ETH, 46:22 \$4,000	Hiwot Gebrekidan, ETH, 53:48 \$4,000
3rd Philip Langat, KEN, 46:25 \$2,000	Hiwott Yemer, ETH, 53:51 \$2,000
4th James Kibet, KEN, 46:36 \$1,500	Alemitu Hawi, ETH, 53:53 \$1,500
5th Chris Derrick, USA, 46:53 \$1,000	Diane Nukuri, USA, 53:56 \$1,000
6th Edwin Kibichiy, KEN, 46:55 \$900	Vicoty Chepngeno, KEN, 53:59 \$900
7th Mohamed Hrezi, LBY, 46:58 \$800	Emma Bates, USA, 54:45 \$800
8th Abbabiya Simbassa, USA, 47:04 \$700	Bethany Sachtleben, USA, 54:59 \$700
9th Matthew McClintock, USA, 47:10 \$600	Samantha Bluske, USA, 55:19 \$600
10th Andrew Colley, USA, 47:12 \$500	Aliphine Tuliamuk, USA, 55:43 \$500

I truly hope you will join us on September 12, 2021. I promise you an excellently managed event, a fast course, and superb hospitality in a truly International city during the early autumn.

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