

USATF Certified Course Pending.

This means that we believe, based on advice from one or more sources, that the race route will have attained the requisite USATF Course Certification prior to race day. All good road races will have a valid USATF certified course.

What is course certification? It is the official assurance that the race route has been measured professionally and adjusted as needed to be no shorter that the nominal distance.

Why is this important? Serious runners will avoid racing over an unmeasured course as finish times will be almost meaningless if the race course distance is uncertain. The USATF and World Athletics can not and will not ratify any records set on a course that has not been properly measured and certified prior to the running of the race. Personal bests for a specific distance also can not be meaningfully claimed on a casually measured course.

USATF course certifications are valid for ten years or until the course is altered. World Athletics certifications expire after five years.

You can learn more about USATF Course Certification here: https://www.usatf.org/resources/course-certification

You may inquire about our course measurement services here: RaceMeasure@BuffaloRunners.com