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## PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME MARATHON SELECTED FOR THE 2020 ROAD RUNNERS CLUB OF AMERICA CENTRAL REGION HALF MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIP

**CANTON, OHIO** – The Pro Football Hall of Fame Marathon will host the Road Runners Club of America Central Region Half Marathon Championship as part of Marathon Weekend scheduled for April 24-26, 2020. All runners participating in the Half Marathon event will be eligible to win overall and age group Regional Championship Awards in addition to the event specific awards.

“We are thrilled to have been selected to host this prestigious event here in Canton,” said Jim Chaney, Executive Race Director. “The events that placed bids to host the event are well known nationally and are formidable. We look forward to showing the Road Runners Club of America what a great event we have here in Canton along with the backdrop of the Pro Football Hall of Fame as our partner.”

The Pro Football Hall of Fame Marathon is entering its seventh year with participation expected to reach 10,000 total runners for the 2020 event. Marathon Weekend begins on Friday, April 24 with the Health & Fitness Expo at the Canton Civic Center. On Saturday, April 25 the Draft Day 5K will take place while the Health & Fitness Expo. The Full Marathon, Half Marathon and Team Relay events will take place on Sunday, April 26. Additional activities include the Kids Mini Marathon, the award-winning film ‘Like Harvey Like Son’ in conjunction with the Canton Film Festival, and a variety of programming throughout the community to celebrate Marathon Weekend.

Interested participants can learn more about the events and register at [www.hofmarathon.com/](http://www.hofmarathon.com/).

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## **ABOUT THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME MARATHON**

The Pro Football Hall of Fame Marathon was established to create and sustain a nationally recognized event that builds upon the brand recognition of the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton Ohio, provides a high touch personalized running experience for its participants and benefits the community at large.

## **ABOUT THE ROAD RUNNERS CLUB OF AMERICA**

The Road Runners Club of America is the oldest and largest national association of running organizations dedicated to growing the sport of running since 1958. The RRCA champions the development of community-based running clubs and events that serve runners of all ages and abilities in pursuit of health and competition.

## **ABOUT THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME**

Located in Canton, Ohio, the birthplace of the National Football League, the Pro Football Hall of Fame is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit institution with the Mission to Honor the Heroes of the Game, Preserve its History, Promote its Values, & Celebrate Excellence EVERYWHERE.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. AAM accreditation is national recognition for the museum's commitment to excellence and the highest professional standards of museum operation and public service.

Hundreds of thousands of fans from across the globe travel to Canton annually to experience "*The Most Inspiring Place on Earth!*" that chronicles America's most popular sport. Fans can also enjoy the Hall of Fame Store at the Hall, and online at [www.profootballhof.com/store](http://www.profootballhof.com/store), for merchandise from all 32 NFL clubs plus the Hall of Fame. Proceeds from the Store support the Hall's Mission.

Construction on Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village, a mixed-use development project, is under way in Canton to transform the Hall of Fame's campus.

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