

The Carolina Half/International is a "point-to-point" race. As such - this race presents participants and race organizers with some unique logistical challenges. We have attempted to make this as easy for participants as possible. It will be important that all participants follow these instructions. At packet pick-up, all participants will be given an envelope containing two plastic bags with drawstrings. These plastic bags will have your race number identified on it. You will use this bag at the swim start and at the swim finish/bike start transition area (T1).

**All participants will need to check in their bikes into the T1/Davidson College Lake Campus transition area on Saturday between 4 PM – 7 PM or race morning from 4:30 AM – 6:30 AM. Please remember there will be no parking allowed at T1/Davidson College lake Campus transition area after all bikes have been dropped off on race morning.**

Paid security will be on duty from 4:00 PM Saturday until 4:30 AM on Sunday morning (when race organizers and volunteers arrive).

You'll notice that the bike racks at T1/Davidson College Lake Campus transition area will be numbered in ranges. Look for your specific rack. These racks at T1/Davidson College Lake Campus are NOT individually numbered (the bike racks at T2/Bailey Rd Park are individually numbered). For the T1/Davidson College Lake Campus, you may rack your bike anywhere on the rack with your number range.

1) On race morning, participants who already picked up their race packets on Saturday and checked their bikes into T1/Davidson College Lake Campus transition area on Saturday, will go directly to T2/Finish Line transition area (proceed to paragraph #3);

2) On race morning, participants who have **NOT** picked up their race packets will go directly to T1/Davidson College lake Campus Location. Those participants will pick up their packets and drop off their bikes and all their bike gear/swim gear at T1/Davidson College Lake Campus Transition Area. The bike racks in the transition area will be numbered in ranges– look for your specific rack. These racks at T1 are NOT individually numbered (the bike racks at T2/Finish Line T.A. are individually numbered). You may rack your bike anywhere on that rack. Remember where you are in the transition area. Security will be present – so participants should not worry about leaving their bikes and gear. Make sure you leave everything you will need for the Swim-to-Bike transition. Included in this will be one of your plastic bags – marked with your race number. When you exit the water and get to the transition area – stuff your goggles, swim cap, and all other belongings (including your wetsuit – if applicable) into the bag – and leave it at your spot.

3) Participants will then drive their cars to T2/Bailey Rd Park (10 minute drive) where the Race Finish is located. Once there, participants will need to park in the designated parking areas (Bailey Rd Park or Bailey Rd Middle School) just a short walk to T2/Finish Line area. Before you drop your run gear in the T2/Bailey Rd Park transition area, grab your run number and pick up your timing chip at the red tent, located near the T.A. and right next to the bus staging area. You will also need to get body marked before boarding the buses. **You will need to show your run number in order to receive your timing chip.** Once you have your timing chip, drop your run gear in the T2/Bailey Rd Park – just down from the finish line. Once again, find your numbered bike rack. At the T2/Bailey Rd Park transition area, the bike racks will be individually numbered. Find your specific spot and lay out your run gear. As with the other transition area – make a note of where you are – to eliminate confusion when you come in off the bike.

4) At this point you're ready to be transported to the T1/Davidson College Lake Campus location. Buses will be provided to take you out to T1/swim start. Friends and family are welcome to ride out on the buses - these buses will be returning to the T2/Bailey Rd Park finish line following the swim finish. Make sure you take your second plastic bag with you to swim start – and **DON'T FORGET YOUR TIMING CHIP & ANKLE BAND.** When the race starts – you can insert anything you're not wearing during the swim into this plastic bag. Leave the plastic bag in the designated “bag drop location” – which will be at the swim start location.

5) When the race is over – your plastic bags from swim start and from the T1 transition area will be transported back to the race finish location. Your two bags will be placed together – all bags lined up in numerical sequence – to allow you to easily find your gear. These bags will be back to the finish line location before the final competitor finishes the race. This will prevent you from having to go back out to the lake following the race.