

## 2012 Wheelchair Policy

The information listed in this policy has been created to promote the safety of all registered participants, sponsors, volunteers, vendors and spectators on the Chevron Houston Marathon, Aramco Houston Half Marathon, and EP5K official race courses.

The use of wheelchair devices by participants authorized to be on the course shall be strictly limited to competitive racing wheelchairs only.

1. The wheelchair shall have two (2) large wheels and one (1) small wheel. The small wheel must be at the front of the chair.
2. All registered wheelchair participants **MUST** wear a helmet to participate in any of the marathon, half marathon or 5K events.
3. No mechanical gears or levers are allowed to propel the wheelchair.
4. The use of mirrors is not permitted.
5. It is the responsibility of the athlete to ensure that no part of their lower limbs can fall from their wheelchair to the ground or road during the event.
6. A limited number of registered marathon, half marathon or 5K participants may push a wheelchair on the course with special authorization from race organizers. Email requests to [marathon@houstonmarathon.com](mailto:marathon@houstonmarathon.com).

The following wheelchairs are prohibited on all of the official race courses, with the exception of number 6 above: standard basic wheelchair, electric wheelchairs, hand crank wheelchairs, and sports chairs (i.e. basketball wheelchairs) other than the aforesaid competitive racing wheelchair. Any questions or concerns about wheelchair participation in the marathon, half marathon or 5K events should be directed to [marathon@houstonmarathon.com](mailto:marathon@houstonmarathon.com).

If the Houston Marathon Committee, Inc. officials believe that a wheelchair or the athlete using it represents a safety risk, they shall be authorized to disqualify the athlete from the event and prohibit them from participating. The athlete shall not receive a registration fee refund for failing to follow the above policy and missing the opportunity to participate.