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**The Dick's Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon Announces Race Date of
Sunday, May 15, 2011**

July 9, 2010; Pittsburgh, PA – The Dick's Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon announces a race date of Sunday, May 15, 2011. Online registration will open on Monday, August 2, 2010, at www.PittsburghMarathon.com. Like last year, there will be special, one-day savings on the opening day of registration.

Those familiar with the race will notice that the date is a slight shift from the traditional timing of the first Sunday in May. According to Race Director Patrice Matamoros, "A convention in town that weekend has completely sold out hotel rooms. With the help and support of many city and county departments, we worked out this one-year date change as the best possible solution to accommodate our runners."

"In its two years back, the Dick's Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon has exceeded our expectations with record registration numbers," said Allegheny County Executive Dan Onorato. "Even with a change of date, we know runners will turn out in great numbers and enjoy what has become one of the most respected races."

In 2010, combined registration for the Dick's Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon, UPMC Health Plan Pittsburgh Half Marathon and FedEx Ground Pittsburgh Marathon Relay reached a sold-out 16,000. The event has seen unprecedented growth, powered by sponsorships from a world-class collection of fitness and wellness brands. In addition, the event is garnering local and national acclaim for a great all-around runner experience, including excellent race amenities, a top-quality medical staff from UPMC Sports Medicine, excellent volunteer support, and entertainment before, during and after the race.

The Dick's Sporting Goods Pittsburgh Marathon is a non-profit organization that promotes the love of long-distance running and enhances community involvement in fitness activities through high quality events for a wide variety of ages and abilities.

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