



THANKSGIVING DAY DISTANCE RUN

FACTS

Started in 1984

Thanksgiving Day tradition

Estimated 5,000 runners

Half Marathon and 6K

Turkey Trot, one-mile fun run

Course winds through Mandarin neighborhoods

Prize money for half marathon top overall winners

Awards given for top runners in age groups

Custom finisher medals

Post-race celebration



OVERVIEW

It is a Thanksgiving Day tradition on the First Coast. The Thanksgiving Distance Classic was first started in 1984. It is a half marathon, 6K and Turkey Trot, one-mile fun run. About 5,000 runners take part each year. Runners start along San Jose Blvd. and work their way through the Mandarin neighborhoods before making their way back to Pickwick Plaza parking lot. Half marathon runners have the chance to take home prize money up to \$500 for the first man and first woman who finish the race. Prize money is also awarded to second and third place finishers of the half marathon. Awards are given to the top runners in each age group in both races. All half marathon and 6K runners who complete the race receive a finisher medal. A post-race celebration follows the run.

