

## Application

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

How many marathons have you run? \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Gender  M  F Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Half Marathon  Full Marathon  Ultra Marathon

T-Shirt Size:  S  M  L  XL

Med. Insurance Co. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Insurance Co. Address & phone No.  
\_\_\_\_\_

Next of Kin \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

### Polar Bear Marathon Payment Deadlines & Fees

\$150 (Cdn.) due before Sept. 15, 2024 (non-refundable)

\$500 (Cdn.) due before Oct. 1, 2024

The Polar Bear Marathon is in support (fund-raising) for First Nation Community work, please make cheques payable to Athletes in Action and mail to Albert Martens.

### Fees for local Churchill runners only:

\$200.00 (Cdn.) (includes T-shirt, Medal, Awards Dinner and a Running Certificate). All Churchill runners provide their own escort safety vehicles for the run.

Application, Fees and signed waiver are to be submitted before Oct.1, 2024

**Payment of fees** – Cheque or e-transfer (aemart@mts.net) payable to Athletes in Action. Mail cheques to the address on reverse.

## Sponsors & Recommendations:

...recommend this challenging run to those who want to experience Canada's "true north, strong and free". Enjoy the adventure and keep ahead of the polar bears.  
Sir Ranulph Fiennes, UK

„Die Strecke entsprach einer schönen Laufstrecke, entlang der Hudson Bay. Die Tundra zur Rechten, die Bay zur Linken. Wir haben erwartet, daß die Eisbären beide Landschaftsteile durch ihre Anwesenheit verbinden würden. Gut daß keine dies machten, so kamen wir alle gesund und wohlbehalten zurück. Großartig, emotional, landschaftlich eindrucksvoll, perfekt organisiert, tolle Lauffreunde kennengelernt. Das motiviert extrem zur Wiederholung.“

Dr. Holger Finkernagel - Bad Berleburg, Germany

“The best marathon of all other Canadian provinces so far. THE POLAR BEAR MARATHON topped them all.”  
Mike Bedard, - Toronto Canada

“I loved Churchill and seeing the polar bears and was glad your race went to a good cause.”  
Doug Thompson, MD, - NC, USA

### For more Info Contact Albert Martens

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ATHLETES  
IN ACTION



November 23, 2024



*Experience a unique marathon and culture*

Athletes in Action invites Marathon runners to join us for a **Full Marathon** (42.195 km), an **Ultra Marathon** (50km) and a **Half Marathon** (21km) in the world's Polar Bear Capital – Churchill, Manitoba, Canada on

## Flights

This year all International and outside of Churchill runners will arrange their own flights and accommodations to Churchill and in Churchill.

## Hotel recommendations:

**Winnipeg** - Check Winnipeg Airport Website

**Churchill** - BLUEBERRY INN as rooms are available

Toll free 1 866 846 9453

**Churchill** - If Blueberry Inn is full call SEAPORT HOTEL

Toll Free 1 877 558 4555

## Purpose

A winter-adventure-charity marathon in support of the Athletes in Action (AIA) work done in the Sayisi Dene First Nations community of Tadoule Lake – 250 km west of Churchill. AIA has done baseball camps in 3 remote First Nations communities. This work is based on volunteers and donations.

## Runners - Limit of 20 runners

### Costs - \$650.00 which includes:

- ▶ Banquet / Awards Dinner
- ▶ Escort vehicle for runner
- ▶ T-shirt, Medal and other gifts/prizes

## Safety and Protection

Due to the harsh environment, e.g. the weather conditions at this time of the year, runners may have to run in pairs. There is also a real possibility of the presence of bear, wolves, etc, so that we will have vehicles accompanying each pair of runners. These vehicles will also serve as mobile aid stations. All runners must stay close to their escort vehicle. For local Churchill runners, please provide yourself with your own safety escort vehicle. We will try to have one escort vehicle per runner for out of Churchill runners. Runners may bring their own special energy food and drink; however, we will try to have water and some energy bars in the escort vehicles.

## Route **November 23, 2024**

From the town of Churchill we will run along the coast of the Hudson's Bay in the direction of the Study Centre, turning around at the 21 km mark (marathon) and at the Study Centre (24km) (Ultra Marathon). For the Half Marathon – the runners will run out and back – (turnaround at the 10.6 km marker.)

## Athletes in Action (AIA) Canada

is a ministry division of Power to Change that focuses on the domain of sport. Sport is the one language that knows no boundaries and sees no distinctions. It unites cultures, transcends values and defies convention. AIA is committed to using the language of sport to communicate the most powerful message of all: God's passionate love for his children as communicated through his Son, Jesus Christ. In Canada our work is a variety of ministries such as the Pro Ministry - Chaplains to the CFL (Canadian Professional Football League), sports camps and tours abroad with soccer, basketball, volleyball, and hockey teams. It is mentoring, training and educating athletes, physically, emotionally and spiritually. Our home base is in Langley, British Columbia, Canada.

For more information see:

[athletesinaction.ca](http://athletesinaction.ca)

**Churchill, Manitoba, Canada.** Called the polar bear capital of the world, Churchill is also known as Manitoba's beluga whale watching hot spot and is a birder's paradise. The approach of winter also makes Churchill one of the best places to experience the northern lights. October and November are the best months to see polar bears as they get prepared to move out on the newly formed ice in search of seals. Located on the edge of the Arctic, Churchill offers the feel of a frontier town with the amenities of an international tourist destination.

[everythingchurchill.com](http://everythingchurchill.com)



## Polar Bear Marathon Waiver - Consent:

I would like to take part in this Polar Bear Marathon in Churchill, Manitoba as a runner. I understand that this will require good physical health, and that the weather conditions may be extreme – extreme cold temperatures and wind-chill factors, &/or snow storms during the run. Thus I am aware (as an experienced Marathon runner) of the physical and emotional rigors and risks involved. I will not hold the organizer, Athletes in Action Canada or any other organization or person(s) liable for any personal loss, injury, disability, accident, damages, or death. I am aware this is an extreme marathon, aware of the risks, physical hardships, and dangers. I am a conditioned marathoner and in good health. I am aware of the risks of danger due to the frequent presence of animals like Polar Bears, wolves, etc in the community, and thus will not hold anyone liable in case of injury. I acknowledge that this is an adventure run, and that I am solely responsible for my personal health and safety. I also acknowledge full and sole responsibility for any liability claims, damages to property, and for my own medical expenses incurred on my behalf.

Should I become injured, or sick during this event, I authorize the event organizer (Athletes in Action Canada) to secure medical assistance on my behalf at my expense. I further grant permission for the Athletes in Action to use and reproduce images, any audio &/or visual recordings of me for any legitimate purpose, including commercial sales and marketing purposes pertaining to this event. I also acknowledge and agree that I will not be remunerated for such use. I grant Athletes in Action permission to use my visual and running bio for media purpose. Please send a short running bio and a running photos - due Oct. 1, 2023

## Regarding Covid Restrictions:

All marathon participants and their guest are responsible to follow all local, provincial, federal and international covid guidelines and regulations. Athletes in Action Canada will not assume responsibilities and be liable for Covid related sicknesses and circumstances.

Name of Runner: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Runner: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit Application form and fees to  
**Athletes in Action**, cut and mail to:

**Albert Martens** 408-2nd Street, Steinbach, Manitoba  
R5G 0V5, Canada