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## 2016 Fast Facts

* Shepherd Center’s Wheelchair Division of the Peachtree Road Race is considered one of the largest and fastest wheelchair 10Ks in the country.
* Sixty-two (62) wheelchair racers are scheduled to compete this year – 54 men and 8 women.
* The 2016 race is the 35th annual race. Start time is 6:43 a.m. The Wheelchair Division follows the course set for the foot racers – 6.2 miles down Peachtree Road, starting at Lenox Road and ending on 10th Street at Piedmont Park.
* Shepherd Center’s therapeutic recreation staff coordinates all wheelchair race logistics – reviewing applications, orchestrating the start and finish, monitoring the times and overseeing the needs of the athletes.
* Shepherd Center and its Junior Committee fund and organize the race in cooperation with the Atlanta Track Club. Funding provides pre-and post-race brunches, defrayed travel and lodging expenses for racers and a $43,000 purse for winners.
* This year, the Wheelchair Division draws racers from six countries, including Canada, Columbia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Spain and the United States.
* Racers use specially designed racing wheelchairs with a lower center of gravity and tires similar to bicycle wheels with a steering handle in front.
* On average, it takes racers about 2,500 pushes to complete the 6.2 miles of the Peachtree.
* Oldest racer: Rafael Ibarra, 60, of Atlanta, Ga. He has competed in 30 Peachtree races.
* Most-winning racer: Clayton Gerein of Canada holds the record for the most first place finishes. He won the Open Quad Division 12 times from 1991 to 2002.
* Record-setting racer: Saul Mendoza of Mexico set the course record of 18:38 in 2004.
* Fastest female racer: Edith Hunkler of Switzerland, with a time of 22:09 in 2009.

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**Race Highlights:**

* Open Men’s Division – 23 racers
  + Joshua Cassidy of Canada is the top seed and returning 2010 & 2013 Peachtree Champion. This division has a combined 7 Open Men champions since 2002 and 3 time Master Division champion.
  + Top competition:
    - Aaron Pike of Champaign, IL; 2014 Peachtree Runner-Up
    - James Senbata of Savoy, IL; 1st Place LA Marathon 2016 and 3rd Place Peachtree 2015
    - Josh George of Champaign, IL; 2015 Peachtree Runner-Up
* Open Women’s Division – 11 racers
  + Top seed is Tatyana McFadden of Clarksville, Md.; 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014,2015 Peachtree Champion
  + Top competition*:*
* Amanda McGrory of Savory, IL.; 2007 Champion
* Susannah Scaroni of Champaign, IL.
* Open Quad Division (some upper-body paralysis) – 9 racers
  + Top seed is Santiago Sanz of Spain; 10-time Champion 2005-2012, 2014, 2015
  + Top competition:
* Ray Martin of Champaign, IL.; 2013 Peachtree Champion
* T-1 Quad Division (more paralysis with limited hand function) – 3 racers
  + Top seed is Scott Stokes of Atlanta, GA; Peachtree Champion 2008-2013, 2015
* Masters Division (40 to 50) – 6 racers
  + Top seed is Krige Schabort of Cedartown, GA.; Men’s Open Champion 2002, 2003, 2006, 2011, 2014
  + Top competition:
* Scot Hollonbeck of Atlanta; 2014 & 2015 Runner-Up
* Juniors (under 21) – 3 racers
  + Top seed is Daniel Romanchuk of Urbana,IL.
* Grand Masters (over 50) – 4 racers
  + Top seed is Ramiro Bermudez, Columbia
* Push Assist – 5 racers
  + Top seed is Justin Knight of Atlanta, Ga.