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2016 Bank of America Chicago Marathon Race Week Media Information

Media Center

Hilton Chicago
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Chicago, IL
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Media Center Hours of Operation

Thursday, October 6: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Friday, October 7: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday, October 8: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Sunday, October 9: 6 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Media Credentials

We are no longer accepting applications for media credentials.

Credentials are available for pick-up Thursday through Saturday at the media center in the Hilton Chicago. Please bring a photo ID.

Post-Race

Race recap, photos and race results will be available following the event on chicagomarathon.com.

High-resolution photos will be available to the media for download at chicagomarathon.com/mediaphotos. Contact the media center for access information.

Photo credit: Bank of America Chicago Marathon.

Downloadable race results can be accessed by following these directions after the conclusion of the elite race:

1. Go to chicagomarathon.com/press
2. Enter user name: **chicago**
3. Enter password: **pressroom**
4. Search results by category (e.g. city, state, country)

For questions, please contact: Media Center – 1.312.294.6708.

Media Guide

The 2016 Bank of America Chicago Marathon media guide is available for download at chicagomarathon.com/mediaguide. Hard copies may be picked up at the media center during regular hours of operation.

Press Conferences and Media Availability

Unless noted, events will be located in the event media center.

Tuesday, October 4 until Saturday, October 8 at 2 p.m.*

Filming or news live shot opportunities of the Grant Park marathon preparations
Location: *West of Columbus on Harrison foot path, near grey gear check tent*

**Grant Park will be closed for a security sweep at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 8.
No press will be allowed in the park after that time.*

Thursday, October 7

11 a.m. Kick-Off Press Conference

Carey Pinkowski, Executive Race Director Bank of America Chicago Marathon
Paul Lambert, Chicago market president, Bank of America
Bob Marshall, Ronald McDonald House Charities
Beth Bracco, Park Grill/Blue Plate
Maureen Lesak, managing director, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Open Heart
Magic

Friday, October 7

8:30 – 8:55 a.m. Opening Ceremony, Abbott Health & Fitness Expo

Location: *McCormick Place Convention Center, Lakeside Center, Hall D*

Carey Pinkowski, Executive Race Director Bank of America Chicago Marathon
Elaine Leavenworth, senior vice president, chief marketing and external affairs
officer at Abbott
Joan Benoit Samuelson, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Champion, U.S.
Olympian

9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Abbott Health & Fitness Expo

Location: *McCormick Place Convention Center, Lakeside Center, Hall D*

Chicago Sister Cities International Presentation (9:30 a.m.)
Representatives from the Athens, Chicago, Hamburg, Mexico City, Osaka, Paris
and Toronto Marathons

Training: How to Get Faster and Go Longer and Stay Injury Free (11 a.m.)
Coach Bud Coates, Blue Benadum, Chris Wehrman

Women's Running: Why It's Different for Us (12 p.m.)
Katie Neitz , Nutritionist Allison Parker, Dr. Maura Brennan

Fuel: Priming Your Body for Peak Performance (1:00 p.m.)
Katie Neitz, Nutritionist Allison Parker, Monique Ryan

Abbott World Marathon Majors: Tips from the Race Directors (3 p.m.)
Tad Hayano, Carey Pinkowski, Peter Ciaccia

Insider Tips: Bank of America Chicago Marathon Course Strategy (4 p.m.)

My Life on the Run (5 p.m.)
Bart Yasso

Mental Motivation: Preparing for Race Day and for Life (6 p.m.)
Joan Benoit Samuelson, Dr. Beth McQuiston

11:30 a.m.

Photo Opportunity

Carey Pinkowski, Executive Race Director Bank of America Chicago Marathon
Rob Riggle, Celebrity and charity participant

Tatyana McFadden, United States
Kurt Fearnley, Australia
Dickson Chumba, Kenya
Florence Kiplagat, Kenya

12 p.m.

Elite Athlete Press Conference

Carey Pinkowski, Executive Race Director Bank of America Chicago Marathon

Kurt Fearnley, Australia
Tatyana McFadden, United States
Dickson Chumba, Kenya
Tsegaye Kebede, Ethiopia
Stephen Sambu, Kenya
Luke Puskedra, United States
Elkanah Kibet, United States
Diego Estrada, United States
Serena Burla, United States
Sarah Crouch, United States
Alia Gray, United States

Florence Kiplagat, Kenya
Edna Kiplagat, Kenya
Atsede Baysa, Ethiopia

1 p.m.

Elite Athlete Cluster Interviews
Location: *Astoria Room*

Kurt Fearnley, Australia
Tatyana McFadden, United States
Dickson Chumba, Kenya
Tsegaye Kebede, Ethiopia
Abel Kirui, Kenya
Abayneh Ayele, Ethiopia
Micah Kogo, Kenya
Paul Lonyangata, Kenya
Gideon Kipketer, Kenya
Koji Gokaya, Japan
Takuya Fukatsu, Japan
Luke Puskedra, United States
Elkanah Kibet, United States
Kazuya Ishida, Japan
Diego Estrada, United States
Stephen Sambu, Kenya
Florence Kiplagat, Kenya
Edna Kiplagat, Kenya
Atsede Baysa, Ethiopia
Valentine Kipketer, Kenya
Gulume Chala, Ethiopia
Visiline Jepkesho, Kenya
Purity Rionoripo, Kenya
Meskerem Assefa, Ethiopia
Serena Burla, United States
Freya Ross, Great Britain
Jessica Draskau-Petersson, Denmark
Tera Moody, United States
Agnieszka Mierzejewska, Poland
Sarah Crouch, United States
Alia Gray, United States

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9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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Dr. Beth McQuiston

Maui Jim Sunglasses Q&A with Meb Keflezghi (4 p.m.)
Meb Keflezghi

2 p.m. Media Availability
Carey Pinkowski, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Executive Race Director
Dr. George Chiampas, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Medical Director

Sunday, October 9

10:30 a.m. (approx.) Champions Press Conference

11:30 a.m. Media Availability
Carey Pinkowski, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Executive Race Director

2:30 p.m. Media Availability
Carey Pinkowski, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Executive Race Director
Dr. George Chiampas, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Medical Director

About the Bank of America Chicago Marathon

In its 39th year, the Bank of America Chicago Marathon welcomes thousands of runners from more than 100 countries and all 50 states, including a world-class elite field, top regional and Masters runners, race veterans, debut marathoners and charity runners. The race's iconic course takes runners through 29 vibrant neighborhoods on an architectural and cultural tour of Chicago. In 2015, an estimated 1.7 million spectators lined the streets cheering on 37,459 runners from the start line to the final stretch down Columbus Drive. As a result of the race's national and international draw, the Chicago Marathon assists in raising millions of dollars for a variety of charitable causes while generating \$277 million in annual economic impact to its host city. The 2016 Bank of America Chicago Marathon, a member of the Abbott World Marathon Majors, will start and finish in Grant Park beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 9. In advance of the race, a two-day Abbott Health & Fitness Expo will be held at McCormick Place Convention Center on Friday, October 7, and Saturday, October 8. For more information about the event and how to get involved, go to chicagomarathon.com.

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