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Updates to 2016 Bank of America Chicago Marathon Elite Field

Today the Bank of America Chicago Marathon announced changes to the elite field for the Oct. 9, 2016 race.

Dennis Kimetto (KEN), current marathon world record holder and Bank of America Chicago Marathon course record holder, has withdrawn from the race due to injury.

Third place finisher in 2015, Sammy Ndungu (KEN) has also withdrawn from the men's field, and Nick Arciniaga (USA) will not be a part of this year's elite field; he will participate in the Berlin Marathon this Sunday.

Paul Lonyangata (KEN) has been added to the men's field.

2015 runner up Yebrgual Melese (ETH), Meskerem Assefa (ETH), Purity Rionoripio (KEN) and Visiline Jepkesho (KEN) have been added to the women's field.

For more information on the 2016 Bank of America Chicago Marathon elite field, visit chicagomarathon.com/2016elites.

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 \$254 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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