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Participant guide



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Dear Participant,

Race weekend is right around the corner. We look forward to welcoming you to Chicago for the 40th running of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon. As a part of our anniversary field, you are joining a legacy that was started in our city 40 years ago by a small group of dedicated runners. It's their stories and the story you will write on race day that make the Chicago Marathon more than a 26.2-mile footrace.

While you're in town, our top priority is to make sure you have a safe and successful experience at the Chicago Marathon. Please do your part by reading through all the information in this guide.

The Participant guide is a step-by-step manual to assist you during race week, from your visit to the Abbott Health & Fitness Expo, to race morning in Grant Park and during the race itself.

Bring this guide with you race weekend. We promise it will come in handy!

As always, if you have any questions about the event, please contact our office at 312.904.9800 or send us an email at office@chicagomarathon.com.

My team and I wish you all the best with your final weeks of training; we will see you at the start line on October 8.

Sincerely,

Carey Pinkowski
Executive Race Director
Bank of America Chicago Marathon

Chicagomarathon.com

The Bank of America Chicago Marathon website (chicagomarathon.com) is a great resource for your pre-race, race day and post-race needs. The website houses the most up-to-date participant, event and spectator information.

Event contact information

Bank of America Chicago Marathon
Phone: 312.904.9800
Email: office@chicagomarathon.com

Schedule of events

Friday, October 6

Abbott Health & Fitness Expo; Packet pick-up
McCormick Place, Lakeside Center, Hall D
9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday, October 7

Advocate Health Care International Chicago 5K
Federal Center Plaza (230 S. Dearborn Street)
Race start: 7:30 a.m.

Abbott Health & Fitness Expo; Packet pick-up
McCormick Place, Lakeside Center, Hall D
9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, October 8

Grant Park

Marathon Wheelchair Start	7:20 a.m.
Marathon Handcycle Start	7:21 a.m.
Athletes with Disabilities Start (AWD)	7:23 a.m.
Wave 1 Start (Red)	7:30 a.m.
Wave 2 Start (Blue)	8:00 a.m.
Wave 3 Start (Orange)	8:35 a.m.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon 27th Mile Post-Race Party
Grant Park, Butler Field
9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.



Abbott Health & Fitness Expo

The Abbott Health & Fitness Expo features more than 180 health and fitness industry exhibitors offering Bank of America Chicago Marathon merchandise and the latest in running footwear, apparel, nutrition and technology. The Health & Fitness Expo is free and open to the public.

Abbott Health & Fitness Expo location

McCormick Place, Lakeside Center, Hall D
2301 S. Prairie Ave.*
Chicago, IL 60616

**For driving and parking, use the above address for the best access to the Abbott Health & Fitness Expo. The publicly listed mailing address for McCormick Place is 2301 S. Lake Shore Dr.*

Abbott Health & Fitness Expo hours

Friday, October 6	9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Saturday, October 7	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Abbott Health & Fitness Expo transportation

Free shuttle bus service

Free shuttle bus service to the Abbott Health & Fitness Expo will be provided to and from the following four locations:

- Downtown: Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Avenue (8th Street entrance)
- River North: Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile, 540 N. Michigan Avenue, Rush Street entrance at Ohio (Southwest corner)
- Michigan avenue: Nike Chicago, 669 N. Michigan Avenue, behind the store to the east on St. Clair Street at Erie Street
- Millennium Park: Hyatt Regency Chicago, 151 E. Wacker Drive, upper Wacker Drive at Stetson Avenue

Shuttles will operate every 15 – 20 minutes between 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Friday, October 6, and 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 7. The final pick-up time from the Abbott Health & Fitness Expo will be at 8:30 p.m. on Friday and 6:30 p.m. on Saturday.

CTA transit tips

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) offers an economical and convenient way to get to and from the Abbott Health & Fitness Expo. Learn how to use the CTA bus and rail system to get to the Health & Fitness Expo and Grant Park on race day by visiting transitchicago.com.



CTA fare information

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) encourages runners and spectators to purchase fares in advance to avoid lines. Visit ventrachicago.com for more information.

Ventra™ card

Purchase a Ventra Card for \$5 and load passes or transit value at CTA station vending machines, participating Ventra retail locations, by calling 1.877.NOW.VENTRA and online at ventrachicago.com. Once your card is purchased, you can register it to have the \$5 charge immediately returned to you as transit value to pay for rides. Just tap and board CTA trains and buses, and Pace.

Day passes*

The CTA passes offer the best way to follow the race and see the city. CTA passes (1-day, 3-day, 7-day and 30-day) can be put onto a reloadable Ventra Card.

- 1-Day Pass: \$10
- 3-Day Pass: \$20
- 7-Day Pass: \$28

**Please note, passes cannot be shared.*

Transit value

- Full fare: \$2 (bus); \$2.25 (rail); \$5 (from O'Hare)*
- Full fare transfer: \$.25 within two hours of first ride
- Reduced fare: \$1.00 (bus); \$1.10 (rail)
- Reduced fare transfer: \$0.15 (applies to children ages 7 to 11 and to customers with a valid RTA Reduced Fare Permit)

Ventra Ticket

Single-ride (\$3) and 1-day (\$10) Ventra Tickets are available at CTA station vending machines.* These disposable tickets cannot be reloaded. Single-ride Ventra Tickets include one full fare and two transfer rides within two hours.

** \$5 O'Hare rate applies to people paying with Ventra Transit Account pay-per-use value.*

Ventra App

The new Ventra app lets you manage your Ventra account, add transit value or passes on your Ventra Card and buy and use Metra mobile tickets. Also, see real-time arrivals for CTA, Pace and Metra. For more information, visit ventrachicago.com/app.

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Bankcard or NFC-enabled Mobile Phone

Use your own contactless bankcard or NFC-enabled mobile phone with Apple Pay or Google Wallet to tap and travel on the CTA and Pace. Tap your card or phone to pay as you go. This symbol:))) means your card is contactless.

Cash fare

Accepted on CTA buses only. Exact fare (coins and bills accepted). No cash transfers available.

- Full fare: \$2.25
- Reduced fare: \$1.10 (applies to children ages 7 to 11 and customers with a valid RTA Reduced Fare Permit)

CTA transit directions to McCormick Place

From downtown Chicago (south of Chicago Avenue)

From Michigan Avenue, take a southbound #3 King Drive bus to King Drive/23rd (located across the street from McCormick Place). Buses run every 7 to 20 minutes.

OR, take a southbound #4 Cottage Grove bus to Michigan Avenue/Cermak Road and walk two blocks east. Buses run every 6 to 15 minutes.

OR, transfer from all CTA rail lines serving downtown to a southbound Green Line train toward Ashland/63rd or Cottage Grove and exit at the Cermak-McCormick Place station. Walk three blocks east on Cermak to McCormick Place.

From Ogilvie Transportation Center

Walk two blocks north of the Ogilvie Transportation Center to CTA's Clinton station at Lake Street. Take a Green Line train toward Cottage Grove or Ashland/63rd to Cermak-McCormick Place. Walk three blocks east on Cermak to McCormick Place.

From Union Station

Take a #1 Bronzeville/Union Station*, #7 Harrison* or #126 Jackson bus to Michigan. Transfer to a southbound #3 King Drive bus to King Drive/23rd (located across the street from McCormick Place). Buses run every 7 to 20 minutes.

** Weekdays only*

** \$5 O'Hare rate applies to people paying with Ventra Transit Account pay-per-use value.*

Note: CTA does not issue transfers when paying with cash.

Metra train service

Participants and spectators are encouraged to take advantage of Metra's \$8 weekend pass for unlimited rides on both Saturday and Sunday. Expo attendees are encouraged to take the Metra Electric line to and from the Abbott Health & Fitness Expo. Metra Electric provides frequent service between the McCormick Place and downtown. For more information on Metra service, visit metrarail.com or call 312.322.6777.



Reduce your carbon footprint by using our free shuttle service or public transportation to McCormick Place.

South Shore Line

Participants and spectators are encouraged to take the South Shore Line race weekend. The South Shore Line runs from South Bend, Indiana to Chicago with stops along the way. Park your car at one of the convenient South Shore Line stations and ride in comfort to the Abbott Health & Fitness Expo and to Grant Park on race day. For more information about stations and tickets visit mysouthshoreline.com or call 312.836.7000.

Abbott Health & Fitness Expo parking

Parking will be available to all Abbott Health & Fitness Expo attendees at McCormick Place Parking Lot A for a reduced rate of \$10. You must have your parking ticket validated at the Health & Fitness Expo in order to receive the reduced rate. For driving directions to McCormick Place Parking Lot A visit chicagomarathon.com/expoparking.

Participant packet pick-up

Packet pick-up ticket

Your packet pick-up ticket (the back cover of this guide), or the emailed version of your packet pick-up ticket (whether in mobile or printed form) is your individual proof of entry into the race. You must present this, along with one form of photo ID, at the Participant Packet Pick-Up area of the Abbott Health & Fitness Expo to receive your participant packet (bib number and timing device), participant bag and Nike running shirt.

Review your packet pick-up ticket for accuracy, including your name, address, age, gender and start corral assignment. This information is critical for accurate scoring and mailing of results. To update your information, contact the Bank of America Chicago Marathon by email at office@chicagomarathon.com.

Participant packet

Your participant packet includes:

- Bib number
- MYLAPS BibTag timing device
- Gear check tag
- Complimentary post-race 312 Urban Wheat Ale beer ticket*

**For participants age 21 and over*

Packet pick-up instructions

- You must pick up your participant packet and participant bag in person at the Abbott Health & Fitness Expo during regularly scheduled hours. These items (participant packets, bags and running shirts) will not be available for pickup on race day, and will not be mailed.
- You must pick up your own participant packet and participant bag at the Health & Fitness Expo. Individuals will not be allowed to pick up these items on behalf of others.
- When you arrive at the Health & Fitness Expo, you will be directed to the Participant Packet Pick-Up area where event staff will assist you at one of the check-in stations.

- To check in, you must present your photo ID (driver's license, state ID or passport), along with one of the following documents: your packet pick-up ticket (the back cover of this guide), or the emailed version of your packet pick-up ticket (whether in mobile or printed form).
- If you misplaced or did not receive a packet pick-up ticket or email, go directly to the Participant Services Desk where event staff will, upon verification of your registration, print your packet pick-up ticket.
- You will then be directed to a numbered pickup station to receive your participant packet.
- Proceed to the Participant Bag Pick-Up area to receive your participant bag and Nike running shirt; shirts will be distributed according to the size indicated on your packet.



The Bank of America Chicago Marathon official Nike running shirt is made out of 100% recycled polyester. Using recycled polyester results in fewer environmental impacts during production.

Nike+ Run Club Pacers

The Nike+ Run Club Pacers will help you set the pace on race day. Pacers—nearly 100 experienced marathon runners—will run according to the following finish time goals: 3:00, 3:05, 3:10, 3:15, 3:20, 3:25, 3:30, 3:35, 3:40, 3:45, 3:50, 3:55, 4:00, 4:10, 4:25, 4:30, 4:40, 4:45, 4:55, 5:00, 5:10, 5:25 and 5:45



Visit the Nike+ Run Club Pacer booth at the Abbott Health & Fitness Expo for more information and to sign up to be part of a pace group. Pacers will be available to talk about the race day plan, how to locate your group within the start corrals and to answer general questions about the pacers.

Upon joining a Nike+ Run Club pace team, you will receive a pace bib to wear on your back during the race that will indicate your pace group (e.g. 4:00) and identify you as a member of the team. There is no cost to participate. Sign-up is available only at the Health & Fitness Expo. Pace teams are allocated to specific start corrals. Your start corral assignment may not allow you access to run with a particular pace team.

Exhibitors

For a list of Abbott Health & Fitness Expo exhibitors, go to chicagomarathon.com/expo.

Runner's World Main Stage

Runner's World Main Stage presentations at the Abbott Health & Fitness Expo will give you an opportunity to learn more about the course, receive last-minute tips, see the latest in running gear and technology and hear from industry experts and special guests. Visit chicagomarathon.com/expo or the Bank of America Chicago Marathon Mobile App for more information on the Runner's World Stage programming and schedule.

RUNNER'S WORLD

Bank of America expo booth Connecting all to the marathon

Share your running experience and personal stories about the Bank of America Chicago Marathon with others using #ChicagoMarathon.

Then join us at the Bank of America expo booth to have your supporters submit messages of inspiration for you that will appear on-course as you approach the Bank of America Cheer Zones on race day. Spectators can also create their own fan signs to display and cheer you on along the course.



Connect to the Bank of America Chicago Marathon, its neighborhoods, the city and each other at bankofamerica.com/chicagomarathon or at #ChicagoMarathon.

Run in the Advocate Health Care International Chicago 5K

The Bank of America Chicago Marathon attracts runners from all 50 states, more than 100 countries, and brings Chicagoans together for a weekend of excitement. Wherever you arrive from, we invite you to join us on Saturday, October 7 for the 2017 Advocate Health Care International Chicago 5K. The race is the perfect way for marathoners, fans of the sport and friends and family to experience this international city and take part in the Bank of America Chicago Marathon weekend. Don't miss your chance to run through the streets of downtown Chicago and celebrate running in a world class city!



To learn more about the Advocate Health Care International Chicago 5K and to register visit Chicago5K.com.

Event Alert System

The color-coded Event Alert System (EAS) will communicate the status of race conditions leading up to and on race day. EAS levels range from Low (Green) to Moderate (Yellow) to High (Red) to Extreme (Black) based primarily on weather, as well as other conditions.

- Email and website communication during race week will inform you of the current EAS level and provide race weekend preparation tips.
- Updates will be made at the Abbott Health & Fitness Expo via public address announcements and color-coded signs.
- On race day, stay tuned to the current EAS level via public address announcements and color-coded signs/flags at the start and finish areas and at each of the 20 aid stations along the course.
- If necessary, additional emergency information will be communicated via email and/or text message.

Familiarize yourself with the Event Alert System prior to race day, remain alert for directions from race officials, announcers and volunteers, and take precautions to prepare properly for varying conditions on race day.

Race day timeline

Grant Park opens to runners	5:30 a.m.
Gear check opens	5:30 a.m.
Start corrals open	5:30 a.m.
Wave 1 (red) start corrals close	7:20 a.m.
Wheelchair Start	7:20 a.m.
Handcycle Start	7:21 a.m.
Athletes with Disabilities Start	7:23 a.m.
Wave 1 Start	7:30 a.m.
Wave 2 (blue) start corrals close	7:45 a.m.
Wave 2 Start	8:00 a.m.
Wave 3 (orange) start corrals close	8:10 a.m.
Wave 3 Start	8:35 a.m.
27th Mile Post-Race Party/spectator access to Grant Park begins	9:30 a.m.
Gear check closes	3:30 p.m.
27th Mile Post-Race Party Ends	4:00 p.m.

Grant Park: Start line

Public transportation and parking

You are strongly encouraged to use public transportation to get to Grant Park on race day. If you drive, allow sufficient time for traffic congestion and street closures due to the race. More information on race day parking options is available at chicagomarathon.com/racedayparking.



Transit directions to Grant Park from the Chicago Transit Authority

For best access to Grant Park, take a Pink, Green, Orange, Purple or Brown Line train to Adams/Wabash and walk east toward Grant Park. Or, take a Red or Blue Line train to Monroe Street and walk east toward Grant Park. For the most up-to-date travel information, visit the CTA website at transitchicago.com or contact the transit information center at 312.836.7000.

Metra train service

On race day, Metra will run special inbound and outbound trains. These trains will operate in addition to regularly scheduled Sunday train service. Participants and spectators are encouraged to take advantage of Metra's \$8 weekend pass for unlimited rides on both Saturday and Sunday. For more information on Metra service, visit metrarail.com or call 312.322.6777.

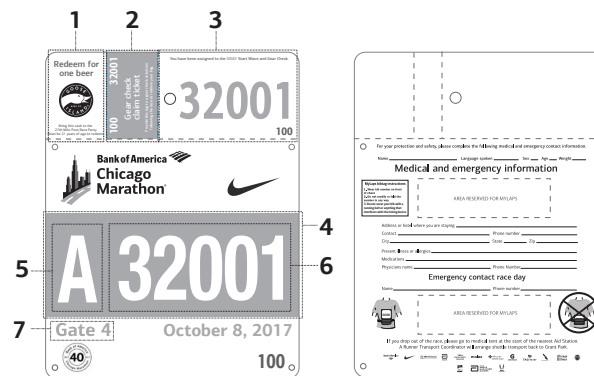
Bib number

Your 2017 Bank of America Chicago Marathon bib number is a unique identifier and must be visible and worn on your outer layer of clothing at all times on race day. Your bib number indicates the area of your gear check (White, Red, Blue or Orange) and start corral assignment (Wheelchair, Athletes with Disabilities, American Development, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J, K or L).

Bib number guidelines:

- Your bib number must be fastened with four (4) pins to the front of your outer layer of clothing and be visible to gain access into Grant Park and your start corral.
- Your bib must be visible throughout the entirety of the race.
- Do not physically alter (cut, fold or obscure) your bib number in any way.
- Wearing your bib improperly (pinned at your waist, pinned to race belts or fuel belts etc.) could result in improper scoring and possible disqualification.*
- Pinning your bib directly on top of a fueling belt or other running pack, especially one containing electronics may cause a malfunction of your bib timing device.*
- Fill out the back of your bib number with your emergency contact and medical information.
- Your bib number is non-transferable and must be worn only by you, the registered participant.
- The sale and/or transfer of your bib number is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification.
- If your bib is altered or worn improperly on race day, you risk improper scoring and possible disqualification.

* The 2017 Bank of America Chicago Marathon will use the MYLAPS BibTag timing device to record your net finish time. The timing device is permanently attached to the back of your bib number. Important: Do not remove the timing device from your bib or fold it in any way. Wearing your bib improperly could result in improper scoring and possible disqualification. Your time will be recorded from the point that you cross the timing mats at the start line until you cross the timing mats at the finish line.



1. **Goose Island beer ticket:** Participants age 21 and over (photo ID required) can redeem this tear-off portion of their bib number for one free Goose Island beer at the 27th Mile Post-Race Party.
2. **Gear check claim tag:** Present this tag at your gear check tent following the race to facilitate the process of connecting you with your gear check bag.
3. **Gear check tag:** Attach this tag to your clear plastic gear check bag.
4. **Color of event bib number:** The color of your bib number indicates your gear check tent location (White, Red, Blue or Orange).
5. **Start corral letter:** This letter identifies your start corral assignment (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J, K or L).
6. **Unique race number:** This number is your unique race number and identifier. For this reason, your bib number is non-transferable and must be worn only by you. Transfer of your bib number is strictly prohibited.
7. **Suggested gate entrance:** The suggested entrance gate based on your start assignment.

You are strongly encouraged to fill out the back of your bib number with your emergency contact and medical information.

Security checkpoints and bag screening

Prior to entering Grant Park on race day, you must pass through one of seven designated security and bag screening entrance gates located off Michigan Avenue. Your event-issued bib number must be fastened to your front outer layer of clothing and visible to security personnel to gain entry into Grant Park.

Your arrival time and entrance gate will be determined by your start corral assignment. To help us facilitate a smooth entrance process and reduce the wait time at gates, we ask that you please follow the instructions specific to your starting corral assignment.

All bags will be screened by security personnel. Personal bags (backpacks, luggage, etc.) will not be permitted; all participants must use the clear plastic event-issued participant bag for gear. Participants who opt not to check gear and are not carrying a bag can access Grant Park through designated express security lanes.

Gear check

You may store small personal items or articles of clothing during the race at your designated gear check area, which is determined by your start wave: White, Red, Blue or Orange.

Gear check guidelines:

- Gear check is available to participants only; spectators are not allowed in the gear check area.
- You must use your race-issued gear check bag (your clear plastic participant bag); no other bags will be accepted at gear check.
- Remove your gear check tag from your bib number and attach it to your gear check bag.



Step one: Close the gear check bag by pulling on the drawstrings of the bag.



Step two: Fold one drawstring in half and insert through the hole in the gear check tag. Pull the drawstring through the hole to create a 3 inch loop.



Step three: Pull the gear check tag through the loop.



Step four: Hold the gear check tag and pull the drawstring of the bag, securing the tag to the gear check bag.

- Do not check valuable items such as wallets, money, jewelry, cell phones, cameras, music or electronic devices, etc.; the event is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.
- You must show your bib number when dropping off and picking up your gear.
- Loose articles of clothing or other personal items that are not placed in your clear plastic event-issued gear check bag will not be accepted at gear check.
- All bags must be picked up by 3:30 p.m. on race day. Bags that are not picked by 3:30 p.m. will be taken to the Grant Park Lost & Found tent located at Harrison St. and Michigan Ave. where they can be picked up in person from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- If picking up your bag at the Grant Park Lost & Found tent or following race, please visit chicagomarathon.com/lostandfound or call 312.904.9800 to confirm that your bag is available for pick up.
- Any items unclaimed by Tuesday, October 31, 2017 will no longer be available.



Reuse and recycle! We encourage you to reuse your participant bag following the race. When you're ready to dispose of the bag, think about bringing it to a facility in your area that accepts plastic bags for recycling.

Wave start and start corrals

The Bank of America Chicago Marathon features a wave start and start corral process. Your start wave is determined by your start corral assignment: Wheelchair, Athletes with Disabilities, American Development, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J, K and L. Your start corral assignment is indicated on your Packet Pick-Up Ticket and event-issued bib number.

Start corral guidelines:

- Your bib number corresponds with your start corral assignment (Wheelchair, Athletes with Disabilities, American Development, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J, K or L).
- Your bib number must be fastened to the front of your running attire and be visible to gain access to your start corral.
- You will be granted access to your assigned start corral only.
- Wave 1 Start Corrals (American Development, A, B, C, D and E) will close at 7:20 a.m.
- Wave 2 Start Corrals (F, G and H) will close at 7:45 a.m.
- Wave 3 Start Corrals (J, K and L) will close at 8:10 a.m.
- Family and friends will not be allowed to accompany participants to the start area.

Wave 1 (Red)

Red Gear Check*

Start corrals: A, B, C, D and E

Suggested arrival time: 5:30 a.m.

Suggested entrance gates

- Start Corral A: Entrance Gate #5
- Start Corral B: Entrance Gate #4
- Start Corral C: Entrance Gate #3
- Start Corral D: Entrance Gate #2
- Start Corral E: Entrance Gate #1

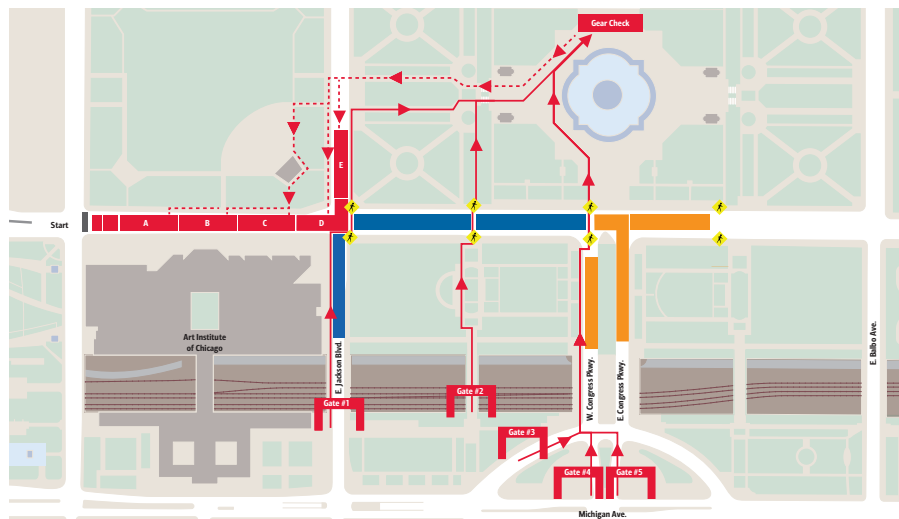
Start corrals close: 7:20 a.m.

If you are not in your start corral by 7:20 a.m. you must start at the back of your assigned Wave.

Race start: 7:30 a.m.

**Runners in the American Development Program Start Corral will start in Wave 1. Runners in this program will receive specific start instructions in advance of race weekend.*

Wave 1 (Red) directional map



Wave 2 (Blue)

Blue Gear Check

Start corrals: F, G and H

Suggested arrival time: 6 a.m.

Suggested entrance gates

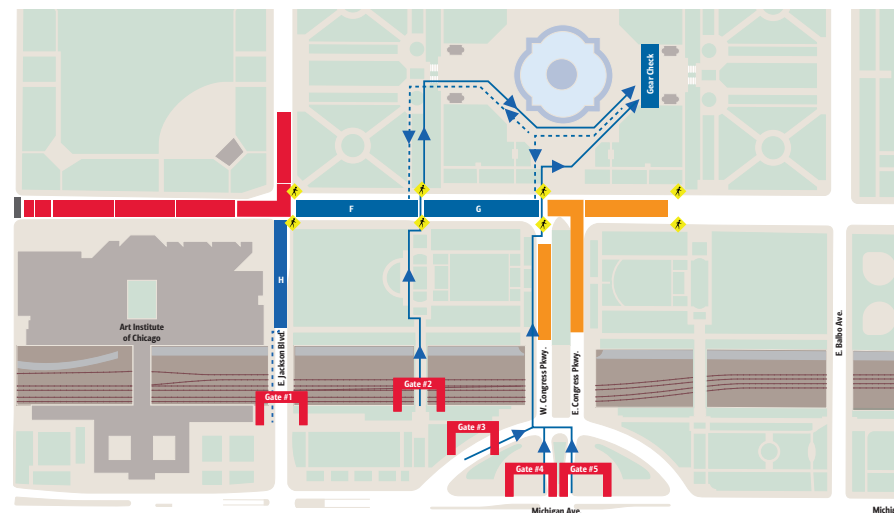
- Start Corral F: Entrance Gate #4 and #5
- Start Corral G: Entrance Gate #2 and #3
- Start Corral H: Entrance Gate #1

Start corrals close: 7:45 a.m.

If you are not in your start corral by 7:45 a.m. you must start at the back of your assigned Wave.

Race start: 8 a.m.

Wave 2 (Blue) directional map



Wave 3 (Orange)

Orange Gear Check

Start corrals: J, K and L

Suggested arrival time: 6:30 a.m.

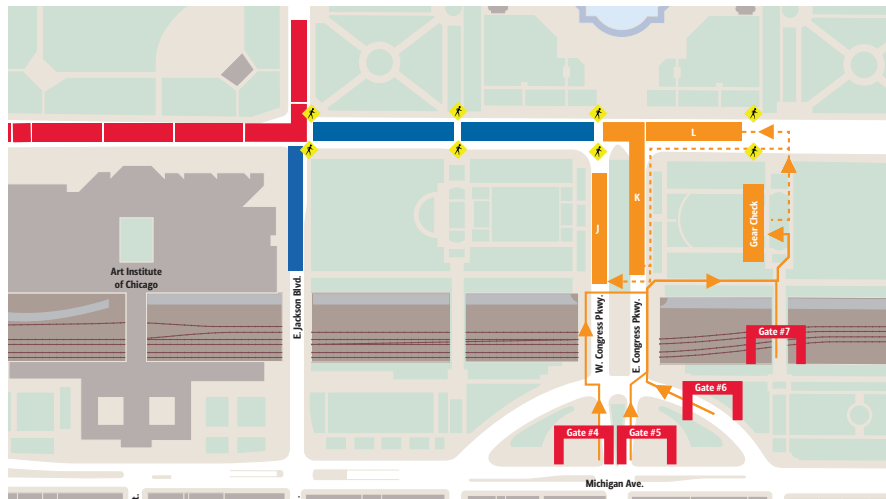
Suggested entrance gates

- Start Corral J: Entrance Gate #4
- Start Corral K: Entrance Gate #5 and #6
- Start Corral L: Entrance Gate #6 and #7

Start corrals close: 8:10 a.m.

If you are not in your start corral by 8:10 a.m. you must start at the back of your assigned Wave.

Race start: 8:35 a.m.

Wave 3 (Orange) directional map**Start line procedures**

It will take approximately 15-20 minutes for the final participant from each wave to cross the start line. Please adhere to your assigned wave and the start time. Remember that your official time will not begin until you cross the timing mat at the start line. Follow directions from race officials and volunteers at all times for a safe and orderly start to the race.

Participant changing facilities

For your convenience, changing facilities are available near the gear check areas in Grant Park.

Pre-race fluids, supplies and toilet facilities

Gatorade Endurance Formula (lemon-lime), Gatorade Endurance Carb Energy Drink, Gatorade Endurance Carb Energy Chews and water will be available prior to the race at start hydration areas. Other supplies such as Band-Aids, safety pins and skin lubricant will be available at pre-race supply tents near your assigned gear check. Toilet facilities will be positioned near start corral entryways.

Refer to the Grant Park map on pages 23 and 24 for specific locations.



Use designated sidewalks and walkways in Grant Park to help preserve the foliage in one of Chicago's best green spaces.

Information presented by Molex

Information presented by Molex will be available throughout Grant Park on race day. Information Tents will be available to assist participants and spectators with event information, course maps and general event inquiries as well as lost and found items. Information Tents will be located in the following areas:

- On the east side of Michigan Avenue at 11th Street
- On the east side of Michigan Avenue at Harrison Street
- On the east side of Michigan Avenue at Jackson Drive
- Within the Buckingham Fountain Gear Check facility (participant only Information Tent)
- North side of Jackson Drive between Columbus Drive and Lake Shore Drive
- On the northwest corner of Congress Parkway and Columbus Drive

Lost & found

Lost and found items will be collected throughout race weekend at the Abbott Health & Fitness Expo and in Grant Park on race day. If you are looking for an item that was lost, please go to the nearest information tent for more information or visit chicagomarathon.com/lostandfound to confirm if your item was turned into the event lost and found. Following 4 p.m. on race day, items can be reclaimed at the Harrison Information Tent (east side of Michigan Avenue at Harrison Street) until 8 p.m. Any items unclaimed by October 31, 2017 will no longer be available.

Course
Aid stations

20 aid stations are located along the course approximately one to two miles apart. Each aid station consists of the following amenities in this order:

- Medical Tent with access to a Runner Transport vehicle*
- Toilet facilities
- Gatorade Endurance Formula (lemon-lime flavor)
- Public address announcer
- Water



**Runner Transport vehicles provide non-emergency transportation back to Grant Park in the event that a participant is unable to complete the race.*

Gatorade Endurance Carb Energy Chews will be available in Orange and Fruit Punch flavors at Aid Station 9 (Mile 12.5).

Gatorade Endurance Energy Gels will be at Aid Station 13 (Mile 17.8). Available flavors will be Apple Pear, Vanilla and Blackberry. One serving of Gatorade Endurance Energy Gel provides 20 grams of carbohydrate, 100mg of sodium and 80 calories.

Aid Stations 15-18 (Miles 20-23.5) will offer bananas.

Familiarize yourself with the locations and offerings at each aid station and prepare for slower traffic in these areas. The aid stations are approximately two city blocks in length; tables with Gatorade Endurance Formula and water line both sides of the street. Continue moving through the aid station if the first tables are too crowded to obtain fluids.

Aid station	Location	Mile	Items*
1	State St. between Randolph St. and Madison St.	1.6	G, W
2	LaSalle St. between Ohio St. and Huron St.	3.2	G, W
3	Stockton Dr. north of LaSalle St.	5.0	G, W
4	Cannon Dr. north of Fullerton Pkwy.	5.8	G, W
5	Broadway between Aldine Ave. and Belmont Ave.	8.0	G, W
6	Clark St. between Belden Ave. and Webster St.	9.3	G, W
7	Wells St. between North Ave. and Burton Pl.	10.5	G, W
8	Wells St. between Grand Ave. and Hubbard St.	11.8	G, W
9	Franklin St. between Washington Blvd. and Madison St.	12.5	G, W, GC
10	Adams St. between Racine Ave. and Throop St.	13.9	G, W
11	Ogden Ave. between Van Buren St. and Jackson Blvd.	15.3	G, W
12	Jackson Blvd. between Sangamon St. and Green St.	16.4	G, W
13	Taylor St. between Racine Ave. and Loomis St.	17.8	G, W, GG
14	18th St. between Blue Island Ave. and Throop St.	19.2	G, W
15	Halsted St. between Canalport Ave. and Cermak Rd.	20.2	G, W, B
16	Archer Ave. between Wallace St. and Canal St.	20.9	G, W, B
17	Wentworth Ave. between 29th St. and 31st St.	22.3	G, W, B
18	Michigan Ave. between 34th St. and 33rd St.	23.5	G, W, B
19	Michigan Ave. between 28th St. and 26th St.	24.1	G, W
20	Michigan Ave. between 18th St. and 16th St.	25.2	G, W

*G = Gatorade Endurance Formula; W = Water; GC= Gatorade Endurance Carb Energy Chews; GG= Gatorade Endurance Energy Gel®; B = Bananas

Course time limit

The Bank of America Chicago Marathon has a course time limit of 6 hours and 30 minutes. After this time, the course will re-open to vehicular traffic. You must maintain a 15-minute per mile pace (approximately) or faster, completing the full marathon distance—start line to finish line—within the event time requirement. Those who finish outside of the time limit will not be recorded as official finishers and may not receive full on-course support from aid stations and traffic safety personnel.

Timing checkpoints, clock and mile markers

Timing checkpoints are positioned at the start line, at each 5K, at the halfway point (13.1 miles) and at the finish line. Your MYLAPS BibTag timing device will register split times at each of these checkpoints.



Digital clocks are positioned at the start line, throughout the course and at the finish line to provide the elapsed race time. Mile and kilometer markers are positioned at each mile and 5K to assist you in locating the clocks. Digital clocks at the finish line will display the elapsed race time, which begins with the start of Wave 1 (7:30 a.m.). Your individual race time may differ depending on when you cross the official start line.

Prohibited devices on course

Wheeled devices are not permitted on the Bank of America Chicago Marathon course by anyone other than registered and authorized wheelchair, handcycle and duo team participants. Prohibited wheeled devices include non-registered wheelchairs and handcycles, baby joggers, strollers, skateboards, rollerblades and bicycles.

The use of selfie-sticks, camera mounts, video devices, computers or any similar devices by anyone while participating in the event is prohibited.

Music devices with headphones are permitted for use on the course; however, participants must be alert to their surroundings at all times, and must pay attention to important announcements made in Grant Park and along the course.

Sustainability

Incorporating environmentally and socially responsible practices is an important part of the operational planning, preparation and execution of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon. The Chicago Marathon sustainability program focuses on environmental stewardship, community engagement and outreach, accessibility and innovation. In 2016, the Bank of America Chicago Marathon was awarded evergreen level certification for achieving 57 of the best-practice standards offered in the Council for Responsible Sport's certification program for social and environmental responsibility at sporting events. The Chicago Marathon is the first marathon to earn evergreen, the highest possible level of certification, and the largest marathon to be certified.



We are continually adding new sustainability initiatives as well as refining existing practices. Please help in our continued efforts to be a more sustainable event on race weekend. Look for recycling icons located throughout the Participant Guide; these icons indicate many of the event's sustainability initiatives.

Grant Park: Finish line

Finish line procedures

For the convenience and safety of all participants, please continue moving through the finish area. No stopping or loitering is allowed at or beyond the finish line. Participants who sit or lie down in the finish area will be immediately transported to the medical tent and will not be released until cleared by medical staff. Volunteers will be positioned just beyond the finish line within the runner recovery area to distribute Heatsheets™ and finisher medals. Once you exit the finish area there is no re-entry.

Mariano's Runner Refreshment

Refreshments will be available beyond the finish line within the Mariano's Runner Refreshment area, including Gatorade Endurance Formula (lemon-lime), Aquafina bottled water, bananas, ZonePerfect Nutrition Bars and a variety of other food products from Mariano's Fresh Market. For participants age 21 and over, Chicago's own Goose Island Beer Co. will provide complimentary 312 Urban Wheat Ale.



Did you know banana peels are compostable? Green team volunteers will be located throughout the Mariano's Runner Refreshment area to assist in discarding materials into compost, recycle or landfill receptacles.

Runner Reunite area

Connect with friends and family after the race, at Runner Reunite. Alphabetical signs (A-Z) will be staged on Columbus Drive adjacent to the 27th Mile Post-Race Party to facilitate meeting locations by name. When making plans to reunite with your family and friends, factor in the necessary time it will take you to navigate through the finish area and collect your bag from gear check. Also, be sure to devise a back-up plan in the event that you cannot locate your party within Grant Park. Once you've connected, head to the Post-Race Party to celebrate your finish.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon 27th Mile Post-Race Party

After connecting with your loved ones, celebrate your accomplishment at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon 27th Mile Post-Race Party in Butler Field, near the start line at Columbus Drive and Jackson Drive. The outdoor celebration will feature live music, food and beverages available for purchase. Participants age 21 and over (photo ID required) can redeem the tear-off portion of their bib number for one free Goose Island beer.



The 27th Mile Post-Race Party is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m., with live music beginning at 10:30 a.m. and beer ticket redemption and sales from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Massage therapy

More than 200 students, faculty and alumni from Chicago's Cortiva Institute will offer complimentary post-race massage treatments for participants from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. The Massage Tent will be located within the Bank of America Chicago Marathon 27th Mile Post-Race Party at the southwest corner, adjacent to the Petrillo Band Shell.

Race day runner results

Look up your finisher results at the race day runner results tent within the Bank of America Chicago Marathon 27th Mile Post-Race Party. Volunteers will be on hand to help participants and spectators look up unofficial race day results.

Continue your post-race celebration with Goose Island Beer Co.

Goose Island is proud to set the pace for race day refreshments in Chicago. Enjoy 312 Urban Wheat Ale or an Old Man Grumpy Pale Ale at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon 27th Mile Post-Race Party, in Grant Park's Butler Field, immediately after the race



After the 27th Mile Post-Race Party, continue the celebration at one of the five Goose Island Post-Race Participant Celebrations throughout the city. Be one of the first three hundred and twelve runners to arrive wearing a 2017 finisher medal, at any of the five locations, and the first 312 Urban Wheat Ale is on the house!

This year's Goose Island post-race participant celebrations will take place at:

Goose Island Tap Room 1800 W. Fulton St. Chicago, IL 60622	Lizzie McNeal's 400 N. McClurg Ct. Chicago, IL 60611 312.467.1992	The Scout Waterhouse + Kitchen 1301 S. Wabash Chicago, IL 60605 312.705.0595
Hard Rock Café Chicago 63 W. Ontario St. Chicago, IL 60654 312.943.2252	The Plaza at Park Grill 11 N. Michigan Ave. Chicago, IL 60602 312.521.7275	

Visit the Goose Island bus at the Abbott Health & Fitness Expo to sample a selection of Goose Island beers.

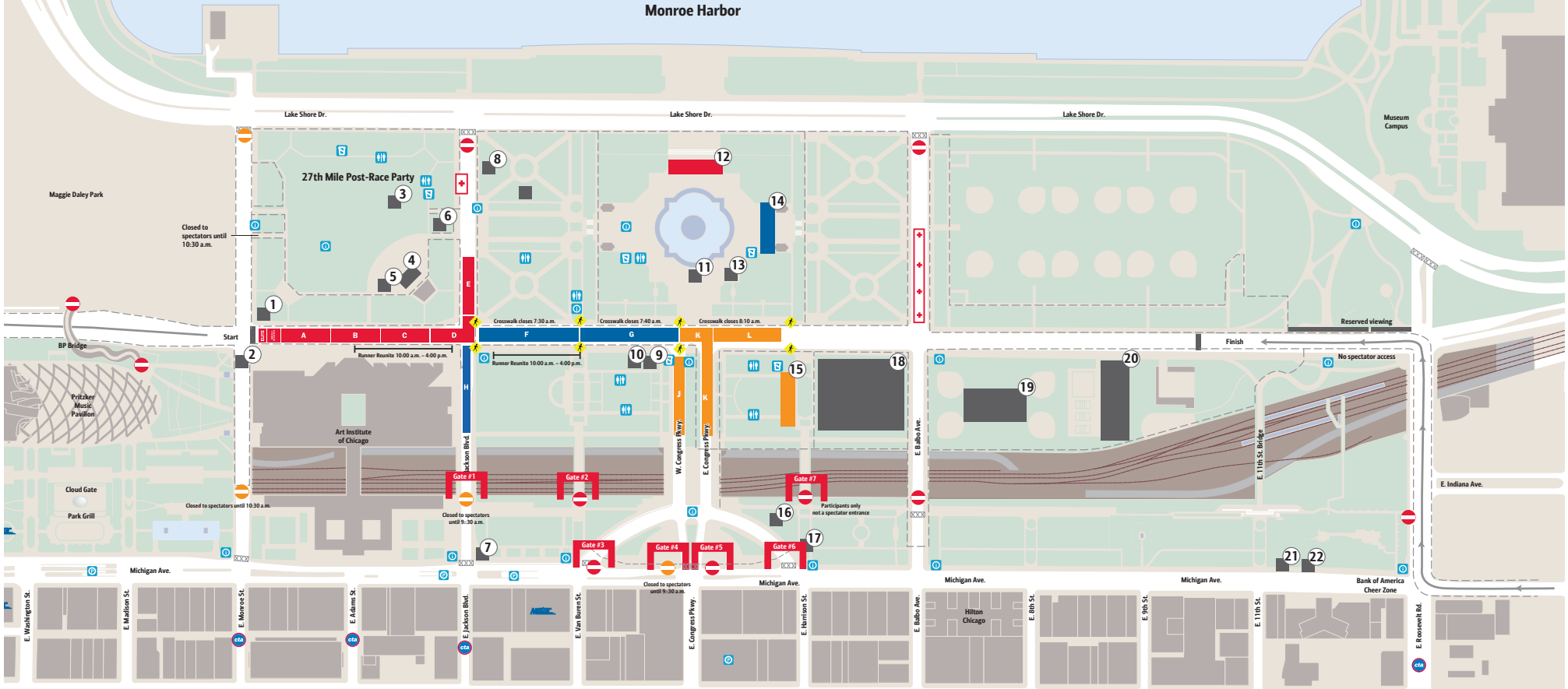


Grant Park Start/finish map

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| 1 Start Stage | 9 City Scents flowers & gifts | 18 Harrison Volunteer Compound |
| 2 Athletes with Disabilities Start Tent | 10 Information Tent | 19 Balbo Hospitality |
| 3 City Scents flowers & gifts | 11 Information Tent | 20 Columbus Hospitality |
| 4 Massage Tent | 12 Red Gear Check | 21 Information Tent |
| 5 American Development Tent | 13 Athletes with Disabilities Finish Tent | 22 City Scents flowers & gifts |
| 6 Information Tent | 14 Blue Gear Check | |
| 7 Information Tent | 15 Orange Gear Check | |
| 8 American Red Cross Patient Connection & Family Waiting Area | 16 City Scents flowers & gifts | |
| | 17 Information Tent | |

Course route	Road closed to vehicle traffic	Toilets	CTA train	Metra train	Spectator entrance	CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT	N
Medical facilities	Pedestrian crosswalk	Information tower	Parking	Limited access entrance	Water		

Map subject to change



Post-race Race results

Unofficial race results will be available on race day at chicagomarathon.com. The Monday, October 9, edition of the Chicago Tribune will include full race day coverage and unofficial results listings in the commemorative 2017 Bank of America Chicago Marathon section.*

Once race results are deemed official, all official finishers will be emailed a link to download their digital finisher's certificate. All official finishers will receive the 2017 Bank of America Chicago Marathon results book mailed after the event with a complete listing of results, race day coverage and photos.

**Due to production deadlines, the Chicago Tribune cannot guarantee, but will make best efforts to include, the names of all participants who finish the Bank of America Chicago Marathon under 6 hours and 30 minutes.*

Age divisions and awards

Personalized engraved finisher medals will be awarded to the top five finishers in each age division listed below. Age group medals will be mailed to the winners approximately six weeks after the race.

Male and Female: 16-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80 & over

Medical Medical support

Medical support is available at 21 on-course locations: all 20 aid stations and an additional medical tent in the final mile. Medical tents are indicated by tall, red, blade signs with the medical icon. Each medical tent is staffed by a team of medical professionals, is equipped with emergency and first aid supplies and has access to ambulance service.

In Grant Park, the Main Medical Tent, Podiatry Tent and Ice Station are located directly beyond the finish line. An additional medical tent is located in Grant Park adjacent to the Bank of America Chicago Marathon 27th Mile Post-Race Party. For the safety of all participants, only those requiring medical assistance may access the medical facilities.

Runner Transport service

Runner Transport vehicles provide non-emergency transportation from all 20 aid stations back to Grant Park in the event that a participant is unable to complete the race. Runner Transport signs and volunteers wearing green vests will be located at each on-course medical tent.

American Red Cross Patient Connection Program

If a participant is transported to a local area hospital at the discretion of the medical team, the American Red Cross of Greater



Chicago's Patient Connection staff will be on hand in Grant Park to provide information regarding that patient to family and friends. Patient Connection staff can be found in the Information Tents located throughout Grant Park as well as at the American Red Cross Patient Connection Program Medical Information Station located in the Medical Family Waiting Tent located on Jackson. Family members may also call 888.659.9877 to speak with a Patient Connection Operator to inquire about a patient. Refer to the course map for locations and inform friends and family of this service in advance of race day.

Hospitality & promotions

Balbo Hospitality Tent

If you purchased a ticket to the Balbo Hospitality Tent, your ticket for venue access and race day instructions must be picked up at the Hospitality Ticket window located at the Abbott Health & Fitness Expo Participant Services area. Tickets will be held under the name of the purchaser.

If you purchased tickets for two or more, the tickets will be held under the purchaser's name. An individual may pick up his or her ticket by mentioning the purchaser's name, signing a release and showing a photo ID. You must pick up your hospitality tickets at the Abbott Health & Fitness Expo during regularly scheduled hours. You will not be able to access the Balbo Hospitality Tent on race day without your ticket.

Join Nike race weekend

Nike will celebrate race week and race day with activities throughout Chicago, including special events, athlete appearances, race day course activations and post-race celebrations. Follow Nike on Twitter @nikechicago and on Instagram @nikechicago. Check out nike.com/chicago for all race week information.



Official 40th Anniversary Bank of America Chicago Marathon merchandise from Nike

Commemorate your Bank of America Chicago Marathon experience with official merchandise offered by Nike. The official merchandise collection includes commemorative performance running and lifestyle apparel and can be purchased at the following locations starting at the end of September. Official finisher merchandise will be available on Sunday, October 8.



- Abbott Health & Fitness Expo (October 6 & 7)
- Nike Chicago, 669 N. Michigan Ave.
- Nike Running Bucktown, 1640 N. Damen Ave.
- Nike.com
- Fleet Feet Sports Old Town, 1620 N. Wells St.
- Fleet Feet Sports South Loop, 1520 W. Roosevelt Rd.
- Fleet Feet Sports Lincoln Square, 4762 N. Lincoln Ave.
- Fleet Feet Sports Lakeview, 3359 N Southport Ave.
- Fleet Feet Sports Elmhurst, 124 E. Schiller St.
- Fleet Feet Sports Oak Park, 102 N Marion St.

Commemorative merchandise

Commemorative merchandise for the 2017 Bank of America Chicago Marathon will be sold at the Abbott Health & Fitness Expo, as well as in Grant Park on race day. For more information, visit chicagomarathon.com/commemorativermerchandise.

Pay \$75 now and receive \$100 in MarathonFoto products later

MarathonFoto has been the official photographer of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon for three decades. This year, MarathonFoto will take photos at more than 15 different locations along the course and as you cross the finish line. After you finish, your photo will be taken with your finisher medal while you pose in front of a custom Bank of America Chicago Marathon finisher backdrop. Additional candid photos will be taken at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon 27th Mile Post-Race Party. Visit the marathon store page for more information.



GO Airport Express

GO Airport Express offers efficient and economical shared-ride shuttles from O'Hare and Midway airports. GO Airport Express counters can be found in the baggage claim area of the airport. O'Hare counters are located in Terminal 1, Terminal 2, Terminal 3 and outside of Terminal 5. The counter at Midway Airport is located at Door 3. Shuttles depart every 10 to 15 minutes.

Visit airportexpress.com to make a reservation or call 800.284.3826 and use the code "MARATHON" for a \$20 discounted rate on a one-way trip. Groups of 3 or more will receive a greater discount. For private charters call 773.843.2420.

Hilton Chicago – Official headquarter hotel

The Hilton Chicago is the official headquarter hotel of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon. Overlooking Grant Park and Lake Michigan, the Hilton Chicago boasts 1,544 deluxe guest rooms. Ideally located on famed Michigan Avenue, and near the start and finish of the race, the Hilton Chicago is also within walking distance of Millennium Park, museums, shopping and the Loop Business District. To take a virtual tour, visit hiltonfamilychicago.com.



Chicago Tribune Commemorative Results Package

The Commemorative Results Package, exclusively from the Chicago Tribune, is a premium keepsake section with the names and times of all Chicago Marathon finishers under 6:30:59. Participants can order now to receive the entire package which includes:



- The official Bank of America Chicago Marathon results section
- The Sunday, October 8 and Monday, October 9 editions of the Chicago Tribune featuring marathon preview and recap coverage
- A congratulatory print (10"x10.5")
- Shipping/handling

Own the memento that celebrates your incredible accomplishment – a newsworthy accomplishment of a lifetime. Visit the Marathon store page on chicagomarathon.com now to order.

City Scents flowers for sale

City Scents is offering “good luck” and “congratulations” floral arrangements and bouquets for purchase online and on race day. For delivery to a hotel, home or office, go to the Marathon store page at chicagomarathon.com or call 312.836.0211 or 800.886.1050; or stop by their 209 E. Ohio Street location. City Scents also offers floral bouquets for sale on race day in Grant Park at four locations near the start/finish area.

Refer to the Grant Park map on pages 23 and 24 for locations.

Spectator information

Live broadcast

NBC 5 Chicago

NBC 5 Chicago and nbcchicago.com will provide complete live TV coverage and live streaming of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon on race day. The NBC 5 Chicago live television broadcast will air from 7 – 11 a.m. and the live stream will be available at nbcchicago.com from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.



Telemundo Chicago

Telemundo Chicago and telemundochicago.com will provide live reports and live streaming of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon on race day. The Telemundo Chicago live reports will air from 7 -11 a.m. and the live stream will be available at TelemundoChicago.com from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.

670 The Score Sports Radio

670 The Score Sports Radio will provide complete live radio coverage of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon on race day from 7 a.m. – 11 a.m.



Bank of America Chicago Marathon preview shows on 670 AM The Score Sports Radio

Tune into 670 AM The Score Sports Radio for the Bank of America Chicago Marathon preview shows featuring Executive Race Director, Carey Pinkowski and running industry special guests discussing what to expect and how to prepare for the Chicago Marathon. The preview shows can be heard from 7 – 8 a.m. (U.S. Central Time) the three Saturdays in advance of race day.

Download the Bank of America Chicago Marathon App, Powered by TCS

The Bank of America Chicago Marathon app, Powered by Tata Consultancy Services is the perfect resource to prepare for the 40th anniversary Bank of America Chicago Marathon. Whether you're running or spectating, the free mobile app includes everything you'll need to be prepared for a great race week experience.



The 2017 mobile app features live race day runner tracking, schedule of events, real time weather, an interactive course map, marathon store, official Nike+ Run Club training program, event photos and much more! Available now on the App Store and Google Play.

Live results at chicagomarathon.com

See live race day results at chicagomarathon.com. The mobile-friendly race website allows spectators to view our race leaderboard and to follow friends and family by getting real-time updates and splits every 5K.

Bank of America Cheer Zones – Miles 13 and 26

Encourage your friends and family to join Bank of America on-course at an inspirational cheer zone. The Mile 13 Bank of America Cheer Zone is located near the halfway point on Monroe and Jefferson Streets (two blocks from Union Station). The Mile 26 Cheer Zone is located between Michigan Avenue and Roosevelt Road (two blocks from CTA Red Line Roosevelt stop). Cheer items will be on hand for your friends and family to show their support! Supporting messages from friends, family members and neighbors will greet you on the jumbotron as you prepare to head into the course's final stretch.

Bank of America



Connect to the Bank of America Chicago Marathon, its neighborhoods, the city and each other at bankofamerica.com/chicagomarathon or at [#ChicagoMarathon](https://twitter.com/ChicagoMarathon).

U.S. Trust Cheer Zone

Join U.S. Trust at the race's halfway point: on Jefferson Street between Monroe and Adams Streets. The energy will be high as you get ready to take on the second half of the race.

U.S. TRUST



Merrill Lynch Cheer Zone

Look to the Merrill Lynch Cheer Zone for some additional inspiration at Mile 16.5. Just beyond the halfway mark, you will hear the sounds of music and bull bells welcoming you to the West Loop. Supportive friends, family and neighbors will greet you as you prepare to head into the course's southern stretch.

Merrill Lynch
Bank of America Corporation



Charity Block Party

Thousands of Bank of America Chicago Marathon participants are running and fundraising on behalf of important local, national and global causes. To celebrate the impact these participants make, the Bank of America Chicago Marathon will host a Charity Block Party near Mile 14. Spectators, family and friends are welcome to cheer on their charity runners at the Charity Block Party located at Adams Street and Loomis Street near Whitney Young High School.

Event rules

The following event rules are intended to help produce and direct a large scale event, to ensure the safety of all participants, to meet the requirements of local government permits and to be compliant with applicable USA Track & Field (USATF) and International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF) regulations for participant performance records and event liability.

Participation

- Registrants must be capable of completing the full distance, start line to finish line, within the event time requirement of 6 hours and 30 minutes.
- To register, you must be 16 years of age or older on event day. Registrants under 18 years of age must have the applicant waiver completed by a parent or legal guardian.
- Each participant must sign an event waiver before participating in the event as part of the registration process. Registrants under 18 years of age must have the applicant waiver completed by a parent or legal guardian.
- The event time requirement and age minimum apply to all forms of entry and event participation.
- Any participant seeking accommodation in respect of a disability must submit a written request to the Athlete with Disabilities Coordinator at awdprogram@chicagomarathon.com
- Participant bib numbers are specific personal identifiers and may not be exchanged, transferred or sold to any other person.
- The sale and/or transfer of race entries/bibs is strictly prohibited and will result in the disqualification and/or banning of any individuals involved from future events.
- Race entries and ancillary purchases are non-refundable and non-transferable under any and all circumstances.

Packet (bib number) pick-up

- Participants must pick up their own packets at the Abbott Health & Fitness Expo during regularly scheduled hours. No exceptions.
- Participants must provide photo identification upon picking up their packets to verify their identity as the registrant to whom the bib number is assigned.

- Participants are responsible for verifying that the timing device provided within their participant packet is working properly prior to the race and worn correctly during the race. Any problems with the timing device must be addressed at the Participant Services Desk at the time of Packet Pick-Up.

Event day

- Participants must follow instructions as given from all event officials including race staff, volunteers, medical personnel, security officers and city officials throughout the duration of the event.
- All participants are expected to conduct themselves in a professional and courteous manner during their participation in the event. This means, for example, that urinating or defecating anywhere on or near the course shall be strictly prohibited except in toilet facilities. Anyone violating this rule of conduct shall be disqualified from the event and will be asked to leave the course.
- All participants will be provided with a personally assigned event bib number, which must be conspicuously worn on the front (and back when applicable) of their running attire throughout the duration of the event. The event bib number is to be worn as issued. No participant shall be permitted to participate in the event without his/her appropriate bib number.
- The use of selfie-sticks and any camera mount or rig by participants while in the event, is prohibited.
- The use of wheeled devices by participants or any other person authorized to be on the course shall be strictly limited to: (a) authorized and registered wheelchair, handcycle and duo team participants and (b) authorized course marshals on bicycles.
- The use of video devices, computers, drones, unmanned aerial devices, or any similar devices are not permitted on or near the course.
- Baby joggers, baby strollers, skateboards, rollerblades, unauthorized bicycles or any other wheeled devices are not permitted on the course.
- Additional prohibited items on the course route include, but are not limited to: large bags (backpacks, suitcases and rolling bags), hard-sided coolers, costumes covering the face, any non-forming bulky outfits extending beyond the perimeter of the body, props and non-running equipment, pets/animals (except service animals), alcoholic beverages, illegal substances, chairs, weapons, remote controlled aircrafts and drones.
- Participants must begin the event during the official recognized start times.

- The event has a course time limit of 6 hours and 30 minutes. The official end vehicle will start following the last starter and maintain a 15-minute per mile pace along the race course.
- Participants must maintain a 15-minute per mile pace (approximately) or faster and complete the full marathon distance—start line to finish line—within the event time requirement. Those who finish outside of the time limit will not be recorded as official finishers and may not receive full on-course support from aid stations and traffic safety personnel.

The start

- Participants will be assigned to designated “start corrals” in accordance with time qualifying standards established each year by the event management. Assignments will be based on verification of qualifying performances submitted or performed by participants or the performance indicated at the point of registration.
- Participants will be notified of their start corral assignments by mail on their Packet pick-up ticket or on the event website: chicagomarathon.com
- All participants are responsible for knowing the race’s start time and check-in method for their start corral. All participants must be present at the appointed time to receive instructions and to participate in the official start of the race.
- Participants shall assemble for the race in their assigned start corral prior to closing of their corral and the race start. Any athlete attempting to enter a start corral to which he/she is not assigned will be required to start after all other participants have crossed the start line.
- All participants must enter their start corral at the designated entry points. Any person who climbs the fence or otherwise enters improperly will be disqualified from the event.
- All participants must be positioned behind the official start line prior to the start of the race.

Course monitoring

- Any participant who refuses to obey the directions of event officials, city officials or course marshals, or who conducts himself/herself in an unsportsmanlike manner, or who is offensive by action or language to officials, volunteers, participants or spectators, may be disqualified from the event and from future participation at the discretion of race officials.

- No participant, after leaving the course, will be allowed to rejoin the race either for the purpose of gaining a place or to pace or to assist another participant.
- Any participant who has been found by a course marshal, event official or surveillance equipment to have gained an unfair advantage by intentionally shortening the route of the race (“cutting the course”) will be disqualified from the event.
- A participant who has received any assistance whatsoever from any other person may be disqualified from the event. “Assistance” includes, without limitation, the conveying of advice, information or direct or indirect help to an athlete by any means, including technical communication devices. It also includes pacing by persons not officially participating in the event. It does not include participation of officially designated guides or contracted pacesetters in the race, provided such pacesetters start in the event.
- Any person participating in the event without a current official event bib number or timing device or a bib or timing device not officially assigned to him/her is subject to removal and disqualification from future events.
- No persons are authorized to be on the course unless they are registered participants or authorized event staff. Therefore, no person shall be allowed to accompany a participant if he/she is not registered in the event, nor shall any participant be allowed, without the permission of the event management, to receive assistance or refreshment from anyone during the progress of the event. Any person not properly displaying an official event bib number will be directed to leave the course.
- A hands-on medical examination during the progress of an event by officially designated medical personnel is not considered assistance and will not result in disqualification if the participant is deemed medically fit to continue in the race.

Participant safety

- The use of wheeled devices by participants or any other person authorized to be on the course shall be strictly limited to: (a) authorized and registered wheelchair, handcycle and duo team participants and (b) authorized course marshals on bicycles.
- The use of video devices, computers, drones, unmanned aerial devices, or any similar devices are not permitted on or near the course.
- Baby joggers, baby strollers, skateboards, rollerblades, unauthorized bicycles or any other wheeled devices are not permitted on the course.
- Additional prohibited items on the course route include, but are not limited

to: large bags (backpacks, suitcases and rolling bags), hard-sided coolers, costumes covering the face, any non-forming bulky outfits extending beyond the perimeter of the body, props and non-running equipment, pets/animals (except service animals), alcoholic beverages, illegal substances, chairs, weapons, remote controlled aircrafts and drones.

- Participants are responsible for their recognition and understanding of event signage and symbols relating to participant maps, facilities and directions.
- Medical personnel authorized by the event to do so may examine any participant who appears in distress. If, in the sole opinion of authorized medical personnel, it is in the best interest of the participant's health and welfare, medical personnel may remove a participant from the event.
- Participants must retire at once from the race if ordered to do so by a member of the event staff, medical staff or any governmental authority, including fire and police officers.
- Participants are responsible and assume liability for any and all medical expenses incurred as a result of training for and/or participation in the event, including but not limited to ambulance transport, hospital stays, physician and pharmaceutical goods and services.
- Event officials reserve the right to delay, cancel or suspend the race due to inclement weather in accordance with Emergency Protocol on severe emergencies and/or inclement weather.

Result timing

- All participants are assigned a timing device prior to the event which is attached to their bib.
- Clock time (gun time) is the official time for designated elite athletes, American Development Program participants and Wheelchair participants. Official times will be recorded from the start of the race by the air horn to the point where participants cross the finish line. Times will be rounded to the next highest second. Net times will not be used for any purpose regarding designated elite athletes, American Development Program participants and Wheelchair participants.
- Official times for participants in Start Corrals A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J, K and L will be the electronic timing device time (net time) from when the participant crosses the start line to the point where the participant crosses the finish line.
- Participants must wear their assigned timing device, which is permanently

attached to their bib number, from start line to finish line to receive an accurate finish time.

- Participant net times that exceed the event time requirement (6 hours, 30 minutes) will not be recognized as official finishers.

Timing disqualification

- Participants found to be wearing two or more timing devices during the race will be disqualified and their results will not be recorded.
- Participants with missing or irregular split times at official timing checkpoints will be reviewed and may be disqualified.
- All finish times are reviewed before times are deemed official. Participants will be given the opportunity to appeal unofficial finish times before the finish times are made official.
- Participants must begin the event during the official recognized start time in order to register an official finish time.

Prize money

- In accordance with IAAF and USATF sanctions, athletes are subject to anti-doping rules. An anti-doping rule violation occurring during or in connection with the event may lead to disqualification of the athletes' individual results, including forfeiture of all awards, points and prizes.
- All finish times and placements are reviewed and deemed official before cash awards are distributed.
- Any U.S. citizen who qualifies for prize money may be required to pay taxes on the gross amount. W-9 forms with a Social Security Number or Tax ID and signature are required by the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
- Any non-U.S. citizen who qualifies for prize money may be subject to Income Tax withholding, which will be deducted from the prize money as required by the United States IRS.
- The age of a participant on the day of the race determines his or her Masters classification. If age verification is requested, only a birth certificate or a U.S. passport will be an acceptable proof of age.

Exceptions

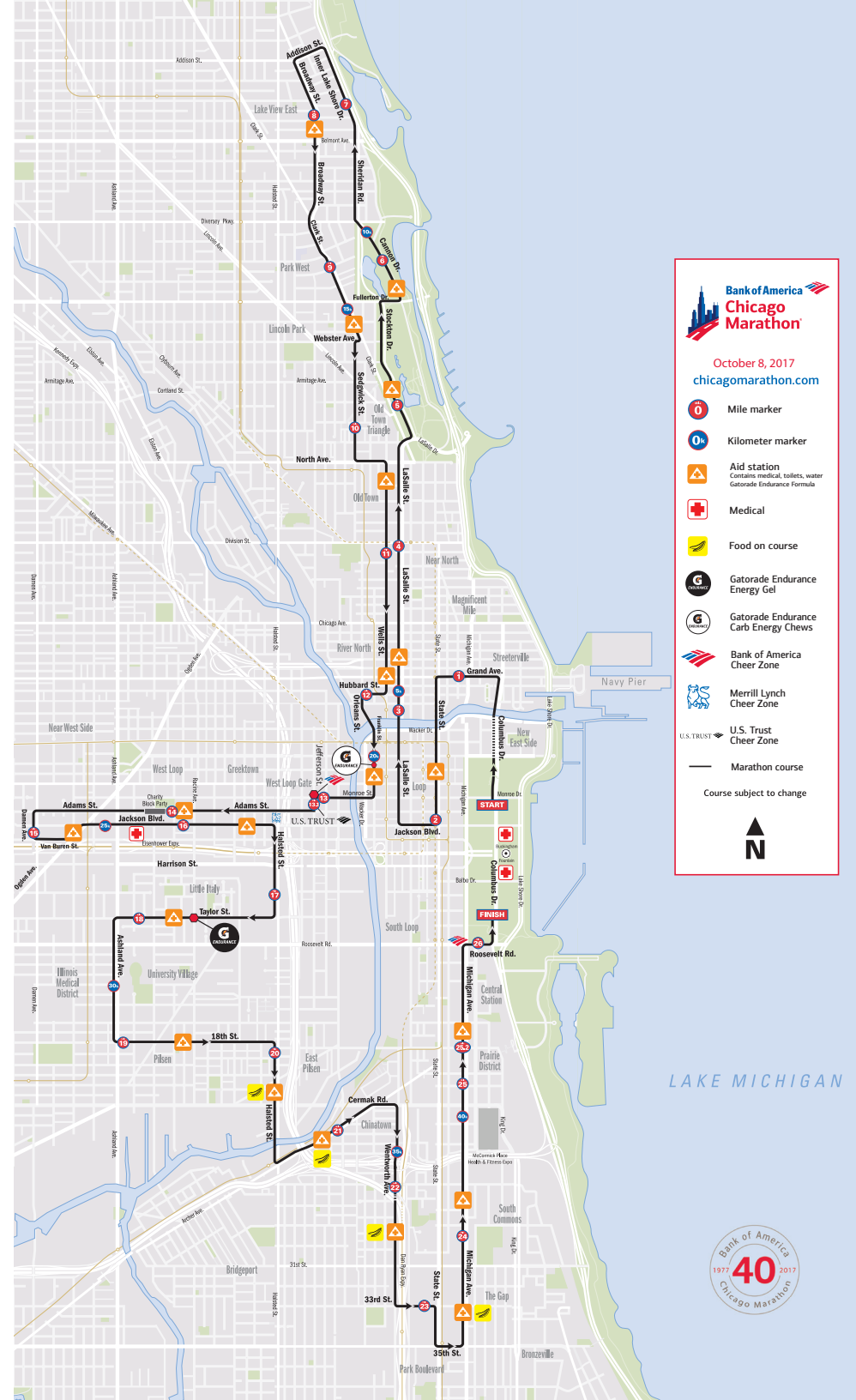
Any individual requesting a waiver of any of these rules must submit a written request no less than 30 days prior to the event date specifying the nature of and reasons for the request.

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Amendments / reservations / acknowledgements

- Event officials reserve the right to modify, supplement or waive all or part of the event rules.
- Participants shall be bound by any modification or supplement of the event rules published prior to the event.
- Failure to follow these event rules, as may be amended, will result in immediate disqualification, loss of prizes and removal from official results.

The Bank of America Chicago Marathon follows, and participants are subject to, the rules specified by USATF and IAAF. Please visit usatf.org and iaaf.org for additional information concerning the rules mandated by the governing bodies of the sport.



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