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Dear Participant,

Race weekend is right around the corner and we're getting excited to welcome you to Chicago for the 38th annual Bank of America Chicago Marathon.

What you're holding in your hand—the 2015 Bank of America Chicago Marathon participant guide—includes all the key information you need to be prepared for a great race experience.

We created this guide as 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.

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, and bring it with you on race weekend. We promise it will come in handy on numerous occasions.

My team and I wish you all the best with your final weeks of training, and we will see you at the start line on October 11.

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](mailto:office@chicagomarathon.com).

Sincerely,

Carey Pinkowski  
Executive Race Director  
Bank of America Chicago Marathon

## chicagomarathon.com

The Bank of America Chicago Marathon website ([chicagomarathon.com](http://chicagomarathon.com)) is a great resource for your pre-race, race day and post-race needs. The website provides 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](mailto:office@chicagomarathon.com)

## Schedule of events

### Friday, October 9

Abbott Health & Fitness Expo; Packet pick-up  
McCormick Place; North Building, Hall B1  
9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

### Saturday, October 10

Abbott Health & Fitness Expo; Packet pick-up  
McCormick Place; North Building, Hall B1  
9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

### Sunday, October 11

Grant Park

Marathon Wheelchair Start	7:20 a.m.
Marathon Handcycle Start	7:21 a.m.
Athletes with Disabilities Start (AWD)	7:22 a.m.
Wave 1 Start	7:30 a.m.
Wave 2 Start	8:00 a.m.
Spectator access to Grant Park begins	9:00 a.m.
Bank of America Chicago Marathon 27th Mile Post-Race Party	9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Grant Park, Butler Field	

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## Abbott Health & Fitness Expo

The Abbott Health & Fitness Expo features more than 200 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, North Building, Hall B1  
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 9	9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Saturday, October 10	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)
- South Loop: CTA Red Line Stop serving Red, Orange and Green lines, State Street and Roosevelt Road
- Magnificent Mile: 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 9, and 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 10. 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 Abbott Health & Fitness Expo and Grant Park on race day by visiting [transitchicago.com](http://transitchicago.com).



#### CTA fare information

CTA encourages all participants and spectators to purchase fares in advance to avoid lines.

##### 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)

##### Ventra™ Card


Purchase a Ventra Card for \$5 at CTA station vending machines, participating Ventra retail locations, by calling 1.877.NOW.VENTRA and online at [ventrachicago.com](http://ventrachicago.com). Once your card is purchased, you can register it to have the \$5 charge immediately refunded as transit value to pay for rides. Just tap and board, and your card will be deducted full fares and transfers on CTA and Pace.

- Full fare: \$2 (bus); \$2.25 (rail); \$5 (from O'Hare)\*
- Full fare transfer: \$.25
- 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)

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

You can also load transit value and passes to your Ventra Card at CTA station vending machines, participating retail locations, online and by phone. Passes offer unlimited rides on CTA buses and trains for a specified period of time and include: 1-day: \$10; 3-day: \$20; 7-day: \$28. Passes cannot be shared.

##### 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.

##### 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 transfers.

Visit [ventrachicago.com](http://ventrachicago.com) for more information.

### CTA transit directions to McCormick Place

*From downtown Chicago (south of Chicago Avenue)*

From Michigan Ave., 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 Ave./Cermak Rd. 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 or transfer to an eastbound #21 Cermak bus directly to McCormick Place. Buses run every 15 to 20 minutes.

*From Ogilvie Transportation Center*

Walk two blocks north of the Ogilvie Transportation Center to CTA's Clinton station at Lake St. Take a Green Line train toward Cottage Grove or Ashland/63rd to Cermak-McCormick Place. Walk three blocks east to McCormick Place or transfer to an eastbound #21 Cermak bus to King Drive/23rd (across the street from McCormick Place). Buses run every 15 to 20 minutes.

*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*

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

### South Shore Line

The South Shore invites you to park your car in one of its convenient stations and ride in comfort to the Abbott Health & Fitness Expo and to Grant Park on race day. The South Shore will make extra stops and run extra trains October 10-12. Visit [chicagomarathon.com](http://chicagomarathon.com) for more information.

### 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. Download driving directions to McCormick Place Parking Lot A at [chicagomarathon.com/expoparking](http://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 phone at 312.904.9800 or by email at [office@chicagomarathon.com](mailto: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

- All participant packets and participant bags must be picked up 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 pick up on race day, and will not be mailed at any time.
- 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 staff members 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 a staff member will, upon verification of your registration, print your packet pick-up ticket.
- You will then be directed to a numbered pick-up 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.

## Bib number

Your 2015 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 your gear check tent location (White, Red, Blue or Gray) and start corral assignment (Wheelchair, Athletes with Disabilities, American Development, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J or K).

## Bib number requirements

- Your bib number must be fastened with four (4) pins to the front of your outer layer of clothing and visible to gain access into Grant Park and your start corral; it must remain visible throughout the entirety of the race.
- Do not physically alter (cut, fold or obscure) your bib number in any way.
- 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.

## Timing device

The 2015 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. Pin all four (4) corners of your bib to the outer layer of clothing on your chest. Your bib must be visible at all times. 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. The MYLAPS BibTag is a single-use device that does not need to be returned upon finishing the race.

## Nike+ Pace Team

The Nike+ Pace Team will help you set the pace on race day. Pace Team leaders—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, 4:55, 5:00, 5:10, 5:25 and 5:45



Visit the Nike+ Pace Team booth at the Abbott Health & Fitness Expo for more information and to sign up to be part of a pace group. Pace Team leaders will be available to talk about

race day plan, how to locate your group within the start corrals and to answer general questions about the Pace Team.

Upon joining a Nike+ 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 Pace Team. There is no cost to participate. Sign-up is available only at the Abbott Health & Fitness Expo. Pace times are limited to start corral assignments. Your start corral assignment may not allow you access to a particular Pace Team.

## Exhibitors

For a list of Abbott Health & Fitness Expo exhibitors, go to [chicagomarathon.com/expovendors](http://chicagomarathon.com/expovendors).

## Runner's World Stage

Runner's World Stage presentations at the Abbott Health & Fitness Expo 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. Main Stage presentation information will be available race week at [chicagomarathon.com/expo](http://chicagomarathon.com/expo).

**RUNNER'S WORLD**

## Bank of America expo booth – Connecting the world to Chicago through the Marathon

Join the global community of runners from more than 100 countries and all 50 states running the 38th annual Bank of America Chicago Marathon. Stop by the Bank of America Expo Booth and we'll light up your hometown on our world map. We'll also showcase what you and others like best about Chicago; share your favorite race weekend rituals and stories using #ChiMarathon.



## Connect with Merrill Lynch to make your race day plan

Merrill Lynch can help you and your support team build your race day plan from start to finish. Stop by the Bank of America booth near the front of the Abbott Health & Fitness Expo to calculate your arrival times at key course checkpoints with the Merrill Lynch Course Connector. Share the results with friends and family and pick up a few bull bells so they can cheer loudly for you where you need the encouragement most.



Connect to the Bank of America Chicago Marathon, its neighborhoods, and the city at [bankofamerica.com/chimarathon](http://bankofamerica.com/chimarathon) or at #ChiMarathon.



## 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 status and provide preparation tips based on advance weather forecasts.
- 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 status 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

Gear check opens	5:30 a.m.
Start corrals open	5:30 a.m.
Wave 1 Start Corral close	7:20 a.m.
Wheelchair Start	7:20 a.m.
Handcycle Start	7:21 a.m.
Athletes with Disabilities Start	7:22 a.m.
Wave 1 Start	7:30 a.m.
Pedestrian crosswalks close	7:30 a.m.
Wave 2 Start Corrals close	7:45 a.m.
Wave 2 Start	8:00 a.m.
27th Mile Post-Race Party/spectator access to Grant Park begins	9:00 a.m.
Gear check closes	3:00 p.m.
27th Mile Post-Race Party ends	3:30 p.m.

## Grant Park: Start line

### Transportation and parking

You are strongly encouraged to use public transportation to get to the start and finish areas in Grant Park. 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](http://chicagomarathon.com/racedayparking).

### CTA transit directions to Grant Park

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](http://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 for participants and spectators on the following four lines: BNSF Railway, Milwaukee North, Metra Electric, Union Pacific Northwest and Union Pacific West. These trains will operate in addition to regularly scheduled Sunday train service. Visit [chicagomarathon.com/metra](http://chicagomarathon.com/metra) for complete schedule details. 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](http://metrarail.com) or call 312.322.6777.

### Race day bicycle parking

Bicycle parking is available within Grant Park at the McDonald's Cycle Center located at Randolph Street and Columbus Drive. For more information, visit [chicagobikestation.com](http://chicagobikestation.com).

### Security checkpoints and bag screening

Prior to entering Grant Park on race day, you must pass through one of the five designated security and bag screening checkpoints located off of Michigan Avenue. You will be able to access Grant Park only through one of these designated entrances. Your event-issued bib number will serve as your personal identifier; it must be fastened to your front outer layer of clothing and visible to security personnel to gain entry into the Park.

All bags will be screened by security personnel. Please note that 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.

Please arrive early to Grant Park on race morning to account for the additional time it will take to pass through security. Grant Park will open to participants at 5:30 a.m.

The designated entrances and security checkpoints will be located at:

- Jackson Drive and Michigan Avenue (Gate #1)
- Van Buren Street and Michigan Avenue (Gate #2)
- West-bound Congress Parkway and Michigan Avenue (Gate #3)
- East-bound Congress Parkway and Michigan Avenue (Gate #4)
- Harrison Street and Michigan Avenue (Gate #5)

### Gear check: Wave 1 and Wave 2

As a participant, you may store small personal items or articles of clothing during the race at your designated gear check area, which is determined by the color of your race bib: White, Red, Blue or Gray. Please make note of your assigned gear check area and how to access it prior to your arrival on race day.

Follow these guidelines when checking your gear on race day:

- 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.
- Do not check valuable items such as 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 p.m. on race day or they will be taken to the Bank of America Chicago Marathon office (135 S. LaSalle St.) where they can be picked up in person starting Monday, October 12, at 11 a.m.
- If picking up your bag at the event office, please call 312.904.9800 to confirm that your bag is available for pick up.
- Any items unclaimed by October 30, 2015 will no longer be available.

### Directions to gear check locations

#### Wave 1

##### White Gear Check: American Development Corral

**Bib #s 51 – 200 and 251 – 400**

Located in the American Development Tent, in Butler Field.

**Directions to American Development Tent:** Enter Grant Park at Gate #1. Walk east (towards Lake Michigan) on Jackson Drive to the south entrance to Butler Field.



**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.

### Red Gear Check: Corrals A, B, C, D and E

**Bib #s 501 – 20,000**

Located on the east side of Buckingham Fountain, east of Columbus Drive between Jackson Drive and Balbo Avenue.

**Directions to Red Gear Check:** Enter Grant Park at Gate #1 or Gate #2. Walk east (towards Lake Michigan) on Jackson Drive or Van Buren Street. Walk past Columbus Drive and turn right towards Buckingham Fountain. Gear check is located on the Lake Michigan side of the fountain plaza.

### Wave 2

#### Blue Gear Check: Corrals F and G

**Bib #s 20,001 – 40,000**

Located on the south side of Buckingham Fountain, east of Columbus Drive between Jackson Drive and Balbo Avenue.

**Directions to Blue Gear Check:** Enter Grant Park at Gate #3. Walk east (towards Lake Michigan) on Congress Parkway toward Buckingham Fountain. Gear check is located to the right on the south side of fountain plaza.

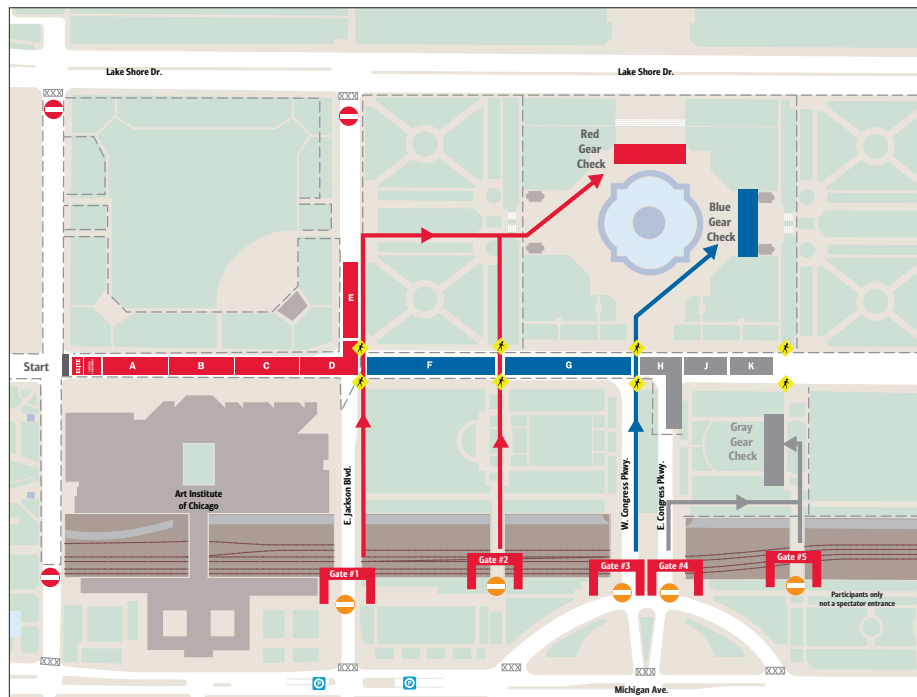


Gray Gear Check: Corrals H, J and K

Bib #s 40,001 – 58,000

Located on the south side of Congress Parkway, west of Columbus Drive.

**Directions to Gray Gear Check:** Enter Grant Park at Gate #4 or Gate #5. If you enter at Gate #4 walk east on Congress Parkway. Gear check is located to the right. If you enter at Gate #5 walk east on the Harrison Street footpath. Gear check is located to the left.



### Participant changing facilities

For your convenience, male and female 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.

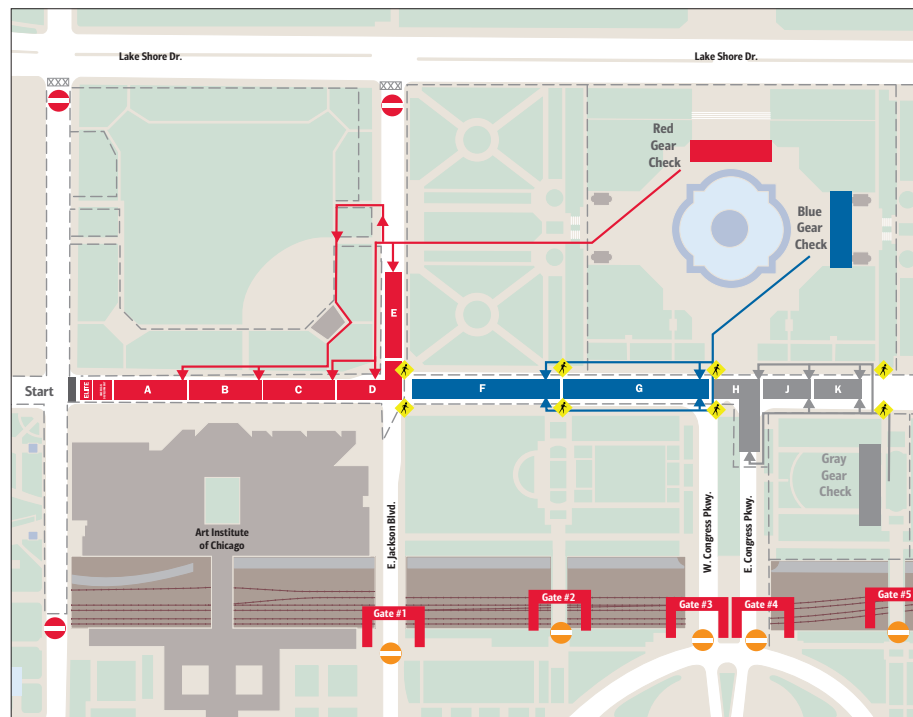
Refer to the Grant Park map on pages 23 and 24 for specific locations.

### Wave start and start corrals

The 2015 Bank of America Chicago Marathon will feature a wave start and start corral process to facilitate a smooth start to the race for all participants. Your start wave is determined by your start corral assignment. You have been assigned to one of 13 start corrals as indicated on your packet pick-up ticket: Wheelchair, Athletes with Disabilities, American Development, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J and K. Please make note of the designated access points to your start corral prior to your arrival on race morning.

### Start corral instructions

- Your bib number corresponds with your start corral assignment.
- Your bib number must be fastened to the front of your running attire and visible to gain access to your start corral.
- You will be granted access to your assigned start corral only.
- Start corrals open at 5:30 a.m.
- 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, H, J and K) will close at 7:45 a.m.
- Family and friends will not be allowed to accompany participants to the start area.



### Directions to start corral locations

#### Wave 1 – Start corrals close at 7:20 a.m.\*

##### Start Corrals: American Development, A, B, C, D and E

To access the American Development Start Corral (White Bibs # 51 – 200 and 251 – 400) from the American Development Tent: The entrance to your start corral will be on the east side of Columbus Drive. Escorts will depart from the American Development tent beginning at 6:45 a.m. to lead you to your start corral entrance.

To access Start Corrals A, B, C, D and E (Red Bibs # 501 – 20,000) from Red Gear Check:

- Start Corrals A and B: Walk north from the Red Gear Check Tent to Jackson Drive. At Jackson Drive follow the directional signs indicating Start Corrals A and B. You will be able to access your corral only on the east side of Columbus Drive.
- Start Corrals C and D: Walk north from the Red Gear Check Tent to Jackson Drive. At Jackson Drive follow the directional signs indicating Start Corrals C and D. You will be able to access your corral only on the east side of Columbus Drive.
- Start Corral E: Walk north from the Red Gear Check Tent to Jackson Drive. You will be able to access your corral from the rear at Jackson Drive.

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

#### Wave 2 – Start corrals close at 7:45 a.m.\*

##### Start Corrals F, G, H, J and K

- To access Start Corrals F and G (Blue Bibs # 20,001 – 40,000) from Blue Gear Check: Walk west from the Blue Gear Check Tent to Columbus Drive, between Jackson Drive and Congress Parkway. You will be able to access your corral on both the east and west sides of Columbus Drive. Corral entrances will be marked by the start corral letters.
- To access Start Corrals H, J and K (Gray Bibs # 40,001 – 58,000) from Gray Gear Check: Walk north from the Gray Gear Check Tent to Columbus Drive. You will be able to access your Corral on both the east and west sides of Columbus Drive. Corral entrances will be marked by the start corral letters.

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

### Start line procedures

It will take approximately 15-20 minutes for the final participant from each wave to cross the start line.

Wave 1 Start Time: 7:30 a.m.

Wave 2 Start Time: 8:00 a.m.

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.

### 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:

**molex®**

- 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 area (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

In addition to the six Information Tents, Information Teams of 2 to 4 individuals will be positioned throughout Grant Park and on Michigan Avenue on race morning to assist participants and spectators with maps and viewing tips.

### Lost & found

Lost & Found items will be collected throughout the day and can be reclaimed by 3 p.m. at Information Tent locations. Unclaimed items will be taken to the Bank of America Chicago Marathon office (135 S. LaSalle Street) where they can be picked up in person starting Monday, October 12, at 11 a.m. Call 312.904.9800 or send an email titled "Lost & Found" to [office@chicagomarathon.com](mailto:office@chicagomarathon.com) to inquire about lost items. Any items unclaimed by October 30, 2015 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)
- Water
- Public address announcer

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

PowerGel® Energy Gels will be at Aid Station 13 (Mile 17.8). Available flavors will be in both caffeinated (Chocolate and Strawberry Banana) and non-caffeinated (Vanilla, Orange Dream and Pomegranate Blueberry Acai) offerings.\* The flavors will be separated by caffeinated and non-caffeinated at the aid station. Runners should consume caffeine responsibly and within dietary and safety recommendations.



*\*Specific flavors may be subject to change and not necessarily guaranteed on race day.*

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 and 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 St. 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, PG
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.	24.2	G, W
20	Michigan Ave. between 18th St. and 16th St.	25.1	G, W

\*G = Gatorade Endurance Formula; W = Water; GC = Gatorade Endurance Carb Energy Chews; PG = PowerGel®; 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 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.

### 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 for use on the Bank of America Chicago Marathon course by anyone other than registered and authorized wheelchair and handcycle 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.

### Run with Nike+ on Race Day

Show how you #OWNCHICAGO during the 2015 Bank of America Chicago Marathon! Run with Nike+ on race day and share your run and photos with @NikeChicago.



## Sustainability

In 2014 the Bank of America Chicago Marathon earned silver level event sustainability certification from the Council for Responsible Sport. From pre-race to post-race, the event is about environmental sustainability and social responsibility. Please help in our continued efforts to be a more sustainable event by participating in the following practices on race weekend.

- Dispose of materials appropriately in designated trash, recycling and composting receptacles
- Take advantage of the complimentary event transportation as well as easily accessible public transportation
- Respect the foliage within Grant Park by using designated walkways

For more information on the event sustainability program visit [chicagomarathon.com](http://chicagomarathon.com).

## 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 immediately be 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, PowerBar® ProteinPlus® bars and a variety of other food products from Mariano's. For participants age 21 and over, Chicago's own Goose Island Beer Co. will provide complimentary 312 Urban Wheat Ale.



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

Upon exiting the finish area, 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 312 Urban Wheat Ale.



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

### Runner Reunite area

Reunite with your family and friends after the race at the Runner Reunite area at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon 27th Mile Post-Race Party. The Runner Reunite area will be organized by alphabetical signs (A-Z) to facilitate meeting locations by name. When making plans to reunite with your family and friends, factor in the necessary time it will take for 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.

### 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. – 3:30 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.

### Post-race

#### Race results

Unofficial race results will be available on race day at [chicagomarathon.com](http://chicagomarathon.com). The Monday, October 12, edition of the Chicago Tribune will include full race day coverage and unofficial results listings in the commemorative 2015 Bank of America Chicago Marathon section. \*

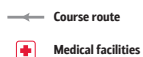
Once race results are deemed official, all official finishers will be emailed a link to download their digital finisher's certificate. All official finishers will receive the Official 2015 Bank of America Chicago Marathon results book mailed after the event with a complete listing of results, race day 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.*



## Grant Park Start/finish map

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|---|---|--|
| 1 Start Stage   | 10 City Scents flowers & gifts            | 20 Balbo Hospitality                   |
| 2 Athletes with Disabilities Start Tent                             | 11 Information Tent                       | 21 Columbus Hospitality                |
| 3 City Scents flowers & gifts                                       | 12 Information Tent                       | 22 Charity Village<br>Lake Shore Drive |
| 4 Massage Tent  | 13 Red Gear Check                         | 23 Information Tent                    |
| 5 American Development Tent   | 14 Athletes with Disabilities Finish Tent | 24 City Scents flowers & gifts         |
| 6 Information Tent  | 15 Blue Gear Check                        |  |
| 7 Information Tent  | 16 Gray Gear Check                        |  |
| 8 American Red Cross<br>Patient Connection &<br>Family Waiting Area | 17 City Scents flowers & gifts            |  |
| 9 Nike+ Pace Team Tent  | 18 Information Tent                       |  |
|   | 19 Harrison Volunteer Compound            |  |



Course route



Road closed to vehicle traffic



Toilets



CTA train



Metra train



Closed to spectators until 9 a.m.



Medical facilities



Pedestrian crosswalk



Information tower

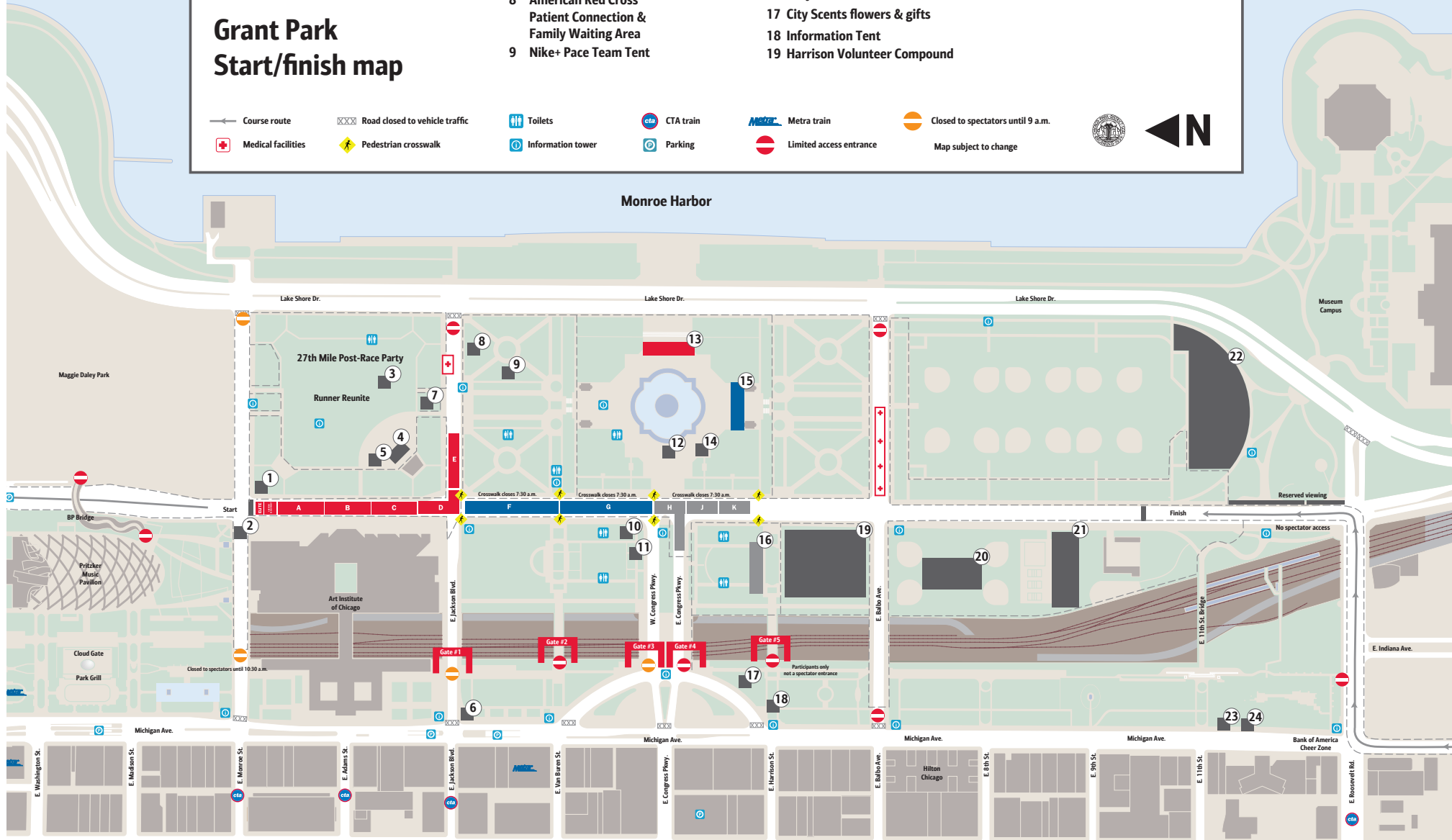


Parking



Limited access entrance

Map subject to change



### 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. 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 Bank of America Chicago Marathon Balbo Hospitality Tent, your ticket for venue access and race day instructions must be picked up at the Hospitality Ticket booth 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 check out [nike.com/chicago](http://nike.com/chicago) for all race week information and updates on how to reserve your spot.



#### Official race merchandise

Commemorate your achievement with official 2015 Bank of America Chicago Marathon merchandise offered by Nike. The official merchandise collection includes commemorative performance running and lifestyle apparel and footwear and can be purchased at the following locations starting Thursday, October 1.

- Abbott Health & Fitness Expo (October 9 -10)
- Nike Chicago, 699 N. Michigan Ave.
- Nike Running Bucktown, 1640 N. Damen Ave.
- Nike.com/chicagomarathon
- 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 Lincoln Park, 3359 N Southport Ave
- Fleet Feet Sports Elmhurst, 124 E. Schiller St.
- Fleet Feet Sports Oak Park, 102 N Marion St.
- Naperville Running Company North Store, 34 W. Jefferson St.
- Naperville Running Company South Store, 3416 S. Route 59



### Commemorative merchandise

Commemorative merchandise for the 2015 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/commemorativemerchandise](http://chicagomarathon.com/commemorativemerchandise).

### Race day photos

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. Make sure your bib number is visible to help MarathonFoto identify your photos. Event photos will be available online by October 15. Go to the marathon store page of [chicagomarathon.com](http://chicagomarathon.com) to receive a special offer. Pay \$75 and get \$100 worth of 2015 Bank of America Chicago Marathon products available for purchase online at [marathonfoto.com](http://marathonfoto.com). You can also stop by the MarathonFoto booth at the Abbott Health & Fitness Expo to receive money-saving discounts.



### GO Airport Express

GO Airport Express offers airport shuttle transportation between Chicago area locations and O'Hare and Midway Airports. Efficient and economical shared-ride shuttles depart from O'Hare and Midway Airports every 10 minutes for Chicago downtown and suburban locations. Shuttle counters are located at both O'Hare and Midway in the baggage claim areas. Transportation to airports is arranged by reservation. To make a shuttle reservation, visit [airportexpress.com](http://airportexpress.com) or call 800.284.3826 and use the code "marathon" for a \$20 discounted rate on a one-way trip. 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](http://hiltonfamilychicago.com).



### Chicago Tribune

The Commemorative Results Section, exclusively from the Chicago Tribune, is a keepsake section with the names and times of all Bank of America Chicago Marathon finishers under 6:30:00. Pre-order now to receive this special section as well as the Sunday, October 11 and Monday, October 12 morning editions of the Chicago Tribune delivered to your address. Own a memento that celebrates you, and your friends' and families' incredible accomplishment.



### 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 at [chicagomarathon.com](http://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](http://nbcchicago.com) will provide complete live TV coverage and live streaming of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon on race day from 7 – 11 a.m.



##### 670 The Score

670 The Score will provide complete live radio coverage of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon on race day from 6 – 10 a.m.



### Runner tracking and live results at [chicagomarathon.com](http://chicagomarathon.com)

Runner tracking will be available race week at [chicagomarathon.com](http://chicagomarathon.com). The most efficient way to stay updated on race day results is at [chicagomarathon.com](http://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.

### Mobile application, Powered by Tata Consultancy Services

The Bank of America Chicago Marathon mobile application, Powered by Tata Consultancy Services is the perfect on-the-go guide for Chicago Marathon participants and spectators. The free mobile application



features important information for the 2015 event including runner tracking, race weekend schedules, real time weather, interactive maps, event photos and much more. The mobile application will be available for download starting race week. Visit [chicagomarathon.com](http://chicagomarathon.com) for more information.

### McDonald's Runner Update Centers

Eight McDonald's locations are proud to be designated as Runner Update Centers where Bank of America Chicago Marathon support staff will provide participant updates along the course. Spectators are encouraged to drop by a McDonald's Runner Update Center to check their runner's pace and location on race day.



- 203 N. LaSalle St. (at Lake St.)
- 23 S. Clark St. (at Madison St.)
- 180 W. Adams St. (at Wells St.)
- 144 S. Wabash St. (at Adams St.)
- 600 N. Clark St. (at Ohio St.)
- 2635 N. Clark St. (at Wrightwood Ave.)
- 1563 N. Wells St. (at North Ave.)
- 1664 S. Blue Island Ave. (at 18th St.)

### Bank of America Cheer Zones – Miles 12 and 26

Encourage your support group to visit the Mile 12 and 26 on-course Cheer Zones to join Bank of America in cheering on our athletes on race day. The Mile 12 Bank of America Cheer Zone is located near the halfway point between Franklin and Adams Streets (one block from CTA Quincy/Wells stop; 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). Cheering supplies will be on hand for your friends and family to show their support!



Connect to the Bank of America Chicago Marathon, neighborhoods, and the city at [bankofamerica.com/chimarathon](http://bankofamerica.com/chimarathon) or at #ChiMarathon.

### U.S. Trust Cheer Zone

Directly beyond the Bank of America Cheer Zone at Mile 12 is the U.S. Trust Cheer Zone, at the intersection of Adams Street and Wacker Drive. You can support runners at one of the most scenic points of the course, just before they cross the Chicago River and approach the half marathon checkpoint. The energy is certain to be high with the second half of the race on the horizon.



### Merrill Lynch Cheer Zones

Look for the Merrill Lynch Cheer Zones for some additional inspiration at Miles 13.5 and 16.5. Just beyond the halfway mark, you will hear the sounds of music and bull bells welcoming you to the West Loop and the second half of your race. The voices and cheers of friends, family members and neighbors will greet you again for that added boost at the 16.5 mark as you prepare to head into the course's southern stretch.



### 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.

### Continue your post-race celebration with 312

312 Urban Wheat Ale is proud to set the pace for race day refreshment in Chicago. After the 27th Mile Post-Race Party, runners and spectators are invited to continue their celebration at one of the five 312 Post-Race Participant Celebrations throughout the city. The first three hundred twelve runners to arrive wearing their 2015 finisher medal at any of the five locations and the first 312 Urban Wheat Ale is on the house!



This year's 312 Participant Celebrations will take place at:

**Goose Island Brewpub  
Clybourn**  
1800 N. Clybourn Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60614  
312.915.0071

**Lizzie McNeal's**  
400 N. McClurg Ct.  
Chicago, IL 60611  
312.467.1992

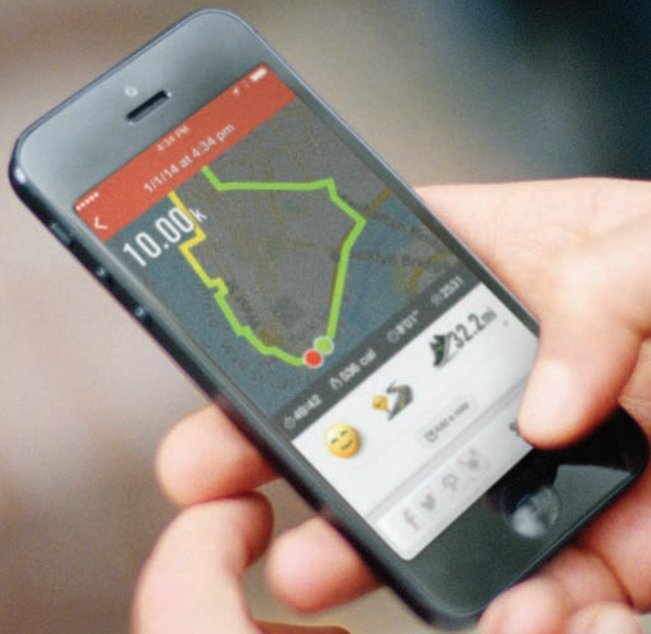
**The Plaza at Park Grill**  
11 N. Michigan Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.521.7275

**Goose Island Brewpub  
Wrigleyville**  
3232 N. Clark St.  
Chicago, IL 60657  
773.832.9040

**Hard Rock Café Chicago**  
63 W. Ontario St.  
Chicago, IL 60654  
312.943.2252

**Goose Island Tap Room**  
1800 W. Fulton St.  
Chicago, IL 60622





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## 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. Individuals under 18 years of age must have a statement signed by their parent or legal guardian permitting their participation.
- 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 wavier signed 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](mailto:awdprogram@chicagomarathon.com)
- Participant race number bibs are specific personal identifiers and may not be exchanged with or transferred/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.
- The Bank of America Chicago Marathon maintains a no refund and no transfer policy on all race entries and other offers.

### 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 and handcycle 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.
- Participants must begin the event during the official recognized start times.
- The course will remain secured until the 15 minute per mile pace Official End Vehicle crosses the finish line. At that time, the event is officially concluded and there will be no traffic protection and aid stations will cease operation.

### 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 (Wave 1) or indicated at the point of registration (Wave 2).
- Participants will be notified of their start corral assignments by mail on their Packet Pick-Up Ticket or on the event website: [chicagomarathon.com](http://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 no less than 15 minutes prior to 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 video devices and computers or similar devices 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 is strictly limited to: (a) authorized and registered wheelchair and handcycle participants and (b) authorized course marshals on bicycles. Baby joggers, baby strollers, skateboards, rollerblades, unauthorized bicycles or any other wheeled devices will not be permitted.
- 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 in their Participant Packet.
- 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 and K 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 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 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.

### 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](http://usatf.org) and [iaaf.org](http://iaaf.org) for additional information concerning the rules mandated by the governing bodies of the sport.





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