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2019 Bank of America Chicago Marathon Race Week Media Information

Media Center

Hilton Chicago
Continental Ballrooms, First floor
720 S. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, IL
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Media Center Hours of Operation

Thursday, October 10: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday, October 11: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday, October 12: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Sunday, October 13: 6 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Media Credentials

We are no longer accepting applications for media credentials.

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

Post-Race

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

High-resolution photos will be available to the media for download at chicagomarathon.com/mediamaterials.

Photo credit: Bank of America Chicago Marathon

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

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

For questions, please contact: Bank of America Chicago Marathon Media Center – 1.312.294.6708.

Media Guide

The 2019 Bank of America Chicago Marathon Media Guide is available for download at chicagomarathon.com/press. Hard copies may be picked up at the media center during regular hours of operation.

Elite Field Updates

Previously announced athletes Brogan Austin, Amy Cragg, Chris Derrick, Hussein El Abbassi, Reed Fischer, Kenneth Kipkemoi, Maegan Krifchin, Getaneh Molla, Herpasa Negasa, Dathan Ritzenhein and Alice Wright have withdrawn from the 2019 event. Seifu Tura and Dejene Debela have been added to the field. The complete 2019 elite field roster is available at chicagomarathon.com/press/elite-athlete-field.

Press Conferences and Media Availability

Unless noted, events will be located in the event Media Center at the Hilton Chicago (720 S. Michigan Ave.), Continental Ballrooms.

Tuesday, October 8 until Saturday, October 12 at 1 p.m.*

Filming of live or taped news opportunities of the Grant Park marathon preparations

Location: *West of Columbus on Harrison foot path, near orange gear check tent*

**Grant Park will be closed for a security sweep at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 12. No press will be allowed in the park after that time.*

Thursday, October 10

11 a.m. Kick-Off Press Conference

Carey Pinkowski, Executive Race Director, Bank of America Chicago Marathon
Paul Lambert, Chicago market president, Bank of America
David Whitaker, CEO of Choose Chicago
Chris Miller, Divisional Vice President, Global Brand Strategy, Abbott
Randy Varju, President and Chief Development Officer, Advocate Aurora Health Foundations

Friday, October 11

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

Location: *McCormick Place Convention Center, North Building, Hall B*

Carey Pinkowski, Race Director, Bank of America Chicago Marathon
Chris Miller, Divisional Vice President, Global Brand Strategy, Abbott
Steve Jones, two-time Bank of America Chicago Marathon champion
Joan Benoit Samuelson, 1985 Bank of America Chicago Marathon champion
Khalid Khannouchi, four-time Bank of America Chicago Marathon champion
Paula Radcliffe, 2002 Bank of America Chicago Marathon champion
Deena Kastor, 2005 Bank of America Chicago Marathon champion

9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Abbott Health & Fitness Expo

Location: McCormick Place Convention Center, North Building, Hall B

The Abbott Health & Fitness Expo features more than 180 exhibitors offering Bank of America Chicago Marathon merchandise and the latest in running footwear, apparel, nutrition and technology. Additionally, the Health & Fitness Expo is the home of participant packet pick-up for all marathon participants. The two-day Expo is free and open to the public.

11 a.m.

Elite Athlete Press Conference

Carey Pinkowski, Executive Race Director, Bank of America Chicago Marathon
Tim Hadzima, Executive Director, Abbott World Marathon Majors
Chris Miller, Divisional Vice President, Global Brand Strategy, Abbott

Daniel Romanchuk (United States)
Manuela Schär (Switzerland)
Tatyana McFadden (United States)
Aaron Pike (United States)
Brigid Kosgei (Kenya)
Jordan Hasay (United States)
Betsy Saina (Kenya)
Laura Thweatt (United States)
Stephanie Bruce (United States)
Emma Bates (United States)
Mo Farah (Great Britain)
Galen Rupp (United States)
Lawrence Cherono (Kenya)
Dickson Chumba (Kenya)
Diego Estrada (United States)
Justin Gallegos (United States)

12 p.m.

Elite Athlete Cluster Interviews

Lawrence Cherono (Kenya)
Asefa Mengstu (Ethiopia)
Dickson Chumba (Kenya)
Seifu Tura (Ethiopia)
Mo Farah (Great Britain)
Galen Rupp (United States)

Bedan Karoki (Kenya)
Bashir Abdi (Belgium)
Dejene Debela (Ethiopia)
Minato Oishi (Japan)
Ryoma Takeuchi (Japan)
Yuta Takahashi (Japan)
Tsubasa Hayakawa (Japan)
Scott Smith (United States)
Jacob Riley (United States)
Brendan Gregg (United States)
Brian Shrader (United States)
Diego Estrada (United States)
Andrew Bumbalough (United States)
Parker Stinson (United States)
Noah Droddy (United States)
Justin Gallegos (United States)

Brigid Kosgei (Kenya)
Gelete Burka (Ethiopia)
Jordan Hasay (United States)
Betsy Saina (Kenya)
Madai Perez (Mexico)
Ababel Yeshaneh (Ethiopia)
Lisa Weightman (Australia)
Laura Thweatt (United States)
Emma Bates (United States)
Stephanie Bruce (United States)
Lindsay Flanagan (United States)
Fionnuala McCormack (Ireland)
Jovana de la Cruz (Peru)
Taylor Ward (United States)
Sarah Sellers (United States)

**Times are subject to change. More information about athlete availability can be obtained by emailing press@chicagomarathon.com.*

Saturday, October 12

9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Abbott Health & Fitness Expo

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1:30 p.m. Media Availability

Carey Pinkowski, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Executive Race Director

Dr. George Chiampas, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Medical Director

Sunday, October 13

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

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

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

About the Bank of America Chicago Marathon

In its 42nd year on Sunday, October 13, 2019, the Bank of America Chicago Marathon welcomes thousands of runners from more than 100 countries and all 50 states, including a world-class elite field, top regional and Masters runners, race veterans, debut marathoners and charity runners. The race's iconic course takes runners through 29 vibrant neighborhoods on an architectural and cultural tour of Chicago. Annually, an estimated 1.7 million spectators line the streets cheering on more than 45,000 runners from the start line to the final stretch down Columbus Drive. As a result of the race's national and international draw, the Chicago Marathon assists in raising millions of dollars for a variety of charitable causes while generating \$378 million in annual economic impact to its host city. The 2019 Bank of America Chicago Marathon, a member of the Abbott World Marathon Majors, will start and finish in Grant Park beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 13. In advance of the race, a two-day Abbott Health & Fitness Expo will be held at McCormick Place Convention Center on Friday, October 11, and Saturday, October 12. For more information about the event and how to get involved, go to chicagomarathon.com.

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