



October 4, 2021

2021 Bank of America Chicago Marathon Race Week Media Information

The 43rd running of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon returns to the streets of Chicago on Sunday, October 10. Event organizers are ready to welcome thousands of runners, spectators, and volunteers to share in a historic and celebratory race week that highlights the resilience, determination, and power of our running community. While race week activities and the field size will be scaled back, nothing can scale back the spirit of our city, of our event, or of our runners. The Bank of America Chicago Marathon has always been and will continue to be the people's race. From debut marathoners to charity runners to race veterans and to a world-class elite field, Chicago is their start line.

Continue reading for more information on the 2021 event.

Media Center*

Hilton Chicago
720 S. Michigan Ave.
Continental Ballrooms, First floor
Phone: 1.312.201.4052

**Access to the working media center will be limited for the 2021 event. Credentialed media will have assigned seats and the media center hours of operation will be reduced to pre-race media opportunities and race day only. The media center will open 30 minutes before scheduled media opportunities and close 30 minutes following the conclusion of the opportunity. On race day, the Media Center hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 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. Media credentials are printed with an individual's name and media organization. Individuals are required to show photo identification and proof of a complete COVID-19 vaccination series or a negative COVID-19 test taken no earlier than October 7, 2021. More information on this event policy is available here: <https://www.chicagomarathon.com/apply/covid-19-policies/>.

Media Credential Pick-up

Thursday, October 7: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Friday, October 8: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Saturday, October 9: 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Media Materials

Race recap, high-resolution photos and race results will be available following the event on [chicagomarathon.com/mediamaterials](https://www.chicagomarathon.com/mediamaterials).

Photo credit: Bank of America Chicago Marathon

Live race results can be accessed by going to chicagomarathon.com/pressresults. To access the page enter user name "chicago" and the password "pressroom".

For questions, please contact: Bank of America Chicago Marathon Media Center – 1.312.201.4052.

Media Guide

The 2021 Bank of America Chicago Marathon Media Guide is available for download at chicagomarathon.com/press. As part of the Chicago Marathon's commitment to sustainability, the guide will be available in a digital-only format this year.

Elite Field Updates

Previously announced athletes Getaneh Molla (ETH), Hassan El Abbassi (BRN), Joel Kimurer (KEN), Laban Korir (KEN), Masato Kikuchi (JPN), Derlys Ayala (PAR), Sid Vaughn (USA), Vianey De la Rosa (MEX), Bridget Lyons Belyeu (USA), Rosie Edwards (GBR), Josh Cassidy (CAN), Brent Lakatos (CAN), Joey Gibbs (USA) and Madison de Rozario (AUS) have withdrawn from the 2021 event.

Reuben Kipyego (KEN), Dickson Chumba (KEN), Kengo Suzuki (JPN), Chalu Deso (ETH), Ian Butler (USA), Tyler Jermann (USA), Turner Wiley (USA), Jacob Thomson (USA), Vivian Kiplagat (KEN), Meseret Belete (ETH), Carrie Dimoff (USA), Maegan Krifchin (USA), Tristin Van Ord (USA), Whitney Macon (USA), Polina Hodnette (USA), Kate Bazeley (CAN), Sarah Pagano (USA) have been added to the 2021 event.

[Download the complete 2021 elite field roster \(.pdf\)](#)

Press Conferences and Media Availability

Tuesday, October 5 until Friday, October 8 at 10 p.m.*

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

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

**Grant Park will be closed for the Abbott Chicago 5K and Bank of America Chicago Marathon preparations on Saturday, October 9.*

Friday, October 8

9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Abbott Health & Fitness Expo

Location: *McCormick Place Convention Center, West Building, Hall F2*

The Abbott Health & Fitness Expo features more than 100 exhibitors offering 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. – 12 p.m.

Elite Athlete Press Conference

Location: *Media Center, Hilton Chicago (720 S. Michigan Ave.)*

Carey Pinkowski, Executive Race Director, Bank of America Chicago Marathon

Marcel Hug (Switzerland)

Daniel Romanchuk (United States)

Tatyana McFadden (United States)

Amanda McGrory (United States)

Ruth Chepngetich (Kenya)

Sara Hall (United States)
Meseret Belete (Ethiopia)
Keira D'Amato (United States)
Carrie Verdon (United States)
Reuben Kipyego (Kenya)
Seifu Tura (Ethiopia)
Kengo Suzuki (Japan)
Galen Rupp (United States)
Ian Butler (United States)

12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

Elite Athlete Availability
Location: *Media Center, Hilton Chicago (720 S. Michigan Ave.)*
Please submit interview requests to the media team at press@chicagomarathon.com prior to the Friday press conference to confirm time with athletes in-person or via phone.

Saturday, October 9

6:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Abbott Chicago 5K
Start Location: *Ida B. Wells Dr. east of Michigan Ave., Grant Park*
Finish Location: *LaSalle Street south of Adams St.*

The Abbott Chicago 5K is the perfect way for marathoners, fans of the sport and friends and family to experience Chicago and take part in the Bank of America Chicago Marathon weekend. The 3.1-mile course previews section of the Chicago Marathon as it weaves past iconic downtown landmarks. The race kicks off in Grant Park at 7:30 a.m. and finishes on LaSalle St. near the Chicago Board of Trade.

9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Media Availability
Location: *Media Center, Hilton Chicago (720 S. Michigan Ave.)*
Carey Pinkowski, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Executive Race Director
Dr. George Chiampas, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Medical Director

Sunday, October 10

10:30 a.m. (approx.)

Champions Press Conference
Location: *Media Center, Hilton Chicago (720 S. Michigan Ave.)*
The top finishers and top American athletes will address the media in the media center following the completion of the race. Please note, many of the athletes in the elite wheelchair division will be competing at the Boston Marathon on Monday, October 11. Due to planned travel these athletes will not be available for interviews following the race. Additional interviews with athletes will be

available upon request. Please submit interview requests to the media team at press@chicagomarathon.com before the finish of the race.

11:30 a.m. Media Availability
Location: *Media Center, Hilton Chicago (720 S. Michigan Ave.)*
Carey Pinkowski, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Executive Race Director

2:30 p.m. Media Availability
Location: *Media Center, Hilton Chicago (720 S. Michigan Ave.)*
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

The Bank of America Chicago Marathon welcomes thousands of participants 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 participants. The race's iconic course takes runners through 29 vibrant neighborhoods on an architectural and cultural tour of Chicago. For more information about the event and how to get involved, go to chicagomarathon.com.

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