



2021 RACE DAY LOGISTICS AND BROADCAST RIGHTS

Bank of America Chicago Marathon media staff

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Media center

<p><i>Location*</i> Hilton Chicago 720 S. Michigan Ave. Continental Ballrooms, First floor Phone: 1.312.201.4052</p>	<p><i>Media Credential Pick-up</i> Thursday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday: 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.</p>
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**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.*

The 2021 Bank of America Chicago Marathon Media Guide is available for download at chicagomarathon.com/press.



COVID-19 Policies

Creating a safe environment race weekend is everyone's responsibility. Media members covering the event in-person are required to provide 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/>.

The verification process for credentialed media will take place at the Hilton Chicago outside of the Media Center. Upon verification of proof individuals will receive a tamper proof wristband which will act as identification at the screening process and allow entrance into event venues for the remainder of the weekend. The wristband must be worn continuously throughout race weekend and should not be removed.

Media members are also required to wear facial coverings while at indoor event venues, including the media center. Facial coverings must be two-ply at a minimum and cover the mouth and nose securely. Single-ply neck gaiters and face shields are not acceptable facial coverings. Additionally, individuals are strongly encouraged to wear facial coverings in Grant Park.

All registered participants and event attendees will be asked to follow the event health and safety policy. [View the event health policy.](#)

Start line access for media

Credentialed photographers/videographers can access the Bank of America Chicago Marathon start line via bus only. All other entry points to the Chicago Marathon start line will be closed to members of the media. Bus transportation will be provided from the Hilton Chicago (location of the 8th St. entrance; 720 S. Michigan Ave.). Please note that it will not be possible to access the start line on foot.

Please arrive at the 8th St. entrance of the Hilton Chicago at 4:45 a.m. Media members must wear their event issued credential, event wristband and media ID vest in order to gain access to the buses. A brief security screening will take place before media members board the buses.

Media buses will leave the hotel at exactly 5:20 a.m. After the buses depart, there will be no other way for media to enter the start line media corral.

The buses will drop off media adjacent to the start line at approximately 5:45 a.m. Photographers with BP Bridge access will then be escorted onto the BP Bridge.



After the start of the race, media may leave the photo corral through the Columbus Dr. underpass heading westbound towards Michigan Ave. ([please see access map](#)).

Race day satellite truck parking at start line

To enter the start line media corral in Grant Park on Sunday, satellite trucks must first go through a security screening at 18th St. and DuSable Lake Shore Drive. This screening process will open at 4 a.m. After being screened, trucks must head directly to the media corral entrance at Monroe St. and DuSable Lake Shore Drive.

Satellite trucks will enter Grant Park off DuSable Lake Shore Drive at Monroe St. Parking will be available for official trucks only; no personal vehicles will be allowed.

Media with trucks will need at most **275 feet of cable to reach start line**.

All trucks must display their event-issued parking placard, including the driver's name and phone number.

BP Bridge

Photographers with BP Bridge credentials must take media transportation to the start line (see above) and will be escorted to the bridge. Please be aware that the **BP Bridge is 750 feet from the start line**.

Course route access for media

Media credentials are not necessary for those who wish to report or shoot photography from areas along the course. Please note while media credentials are not required along the course, there are operational areas of the event, such as on-course medical facilities, that are restricted to members of the media. Members of the media looking to interview event staff or volunteers along the course should contact the Bank of America Chicago Marathon media relations team at 1.312.201.4052. **No station in the Chicago market may air live video of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon between the hours of 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. (CT).**

Finish line access for media

Credentialed photographers/videographers will have access to the Bank of America Chicago Marathon finish line from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Credentialed photographers/videographers can access the Bank of America Chicago Marathon finish line via **the security gate on Balbo Ave. west of Michigan Avenue ([see access map](#))**.



Media members must wear their event issued credential, event wristband and media ID vest in order to gain access to the finish line. A brief security screening will take place before media members are allowed to enter Grant Park.

At the conclusion of the elite race (approximately 10:30 a.m.), all photographers and videographers will be asked to leave the finish line media corrals.

Only photographers and videographers, with appropriate credentials, are allowed in the media corrals.

No interviews will be conducted in the media corrals. Interviews will be conducted at the media center at the Hilton Chicago, starting at approximately 10:30 a.m.

The event does not provide finish line parking.

Frequency coordination requirement

To assist with coordinating frequencies in and around Grant Park, we are requiring that all media register any wireless communication or broadcast devices with a frequency coordinator. Examples include, but are not limited to, wireless microphones, wireless in-ear monitors, wireless IFBs, wireless intercom, two-way radios, etc.

This process will help ensure your communication does not experience interference pm race day. Mobile phones and devices using 2.4 Ghz or 5.0 Ghz frequencies do not need to be registered.

To register your devices, please visit chicagomarathon.com/press/frequency-coordination and enter the password "Run2021".

Exclusive live rights/broadcast constraints

This will serve to inform you that NBC Chicago has the exclusive live broadcast rights to the Bank of America Chicago Marathon on Sunday, October 10, 2021 from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. and live streaming rights from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. the same day. **No station in the Chicago market may air live video of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon between the hours of 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. CT.** Any station in regularly scheduled live news programs during the hours of 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. CT may be provided guests for live and taped interviews by Chicago Marathon media relations team, however **no marathon event course and race footage obtained beginning at 7 a.m. may be aired in the Chicago market until after 11 a.m.**



We thank you for respecting these rights. Highlights will be fed out and may be utilized, in addition to any videotaped footage captured during the event, by regularly scheduled news and sports programs.

Sunday, October 10, 2021 satellite coordinates

SES 3 transponder 11F

Satellite: SES 3/11 Channel F - HD

KU Uplink: 14234.75V

KU Downlink: 11934.75H

Data Rate: 10.016

Symbol Rate: 4.6

FEC: 3/4

Modulation: DVB-S2/8PSK

Codec: h.264/MPEG4

For any trouble or questions on the feed, call WMAQ TOC at 1.312.836.5585.

Media materials

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

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

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