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World-Class Performances Cement Chicago as the City of Records

Kiplimo, Feysa, Hug and Scaroni Crowned Champions at the 47th Bank of America Chicago Marathon

CHICAGO, IL – The Bank of America Chicago Marathon kicked off its 47th running under ideal race conditions as more than 54,000 participants made their way through 29 neighborhoods. Half marathon world record holder Jacob Kiplimo (UGA) led the charge, dominating the men's race and reinforcing the Chicago Marathon's reputation as a stage for fast performances. Kiplimo, running just his second marathon, broke the tape first in 2:02:23, the second fastest time in Chicago Marathon history. Conner Mantz (USA) also completed his mission to break the 23-year-old American record, taking nearly 60 seconds off the record to finish fourth in 2:04:43, and Marcel Hug (SUI) became the winningest man in Chicago Marathon history with his sixth victory in the wheelchair race.

On the women's side, Hawi Feysa (ETH) made a statement with a personal best of 2:14:56, the fifth-fastest time in Chicago history. In the wheelchair race, Susannah Scaroni (USA) claimed her second Chicago title in 1:38:14, the second fastest time in Chicago history.

"The City of Chicago showed up to support the marathon today and it was rewarded with outstanding performances up front," said Executive Race Director Carey Pinkowski. "We witnessed how the marathon continues to reflect the depth of the human spirit. The marathon distance is humbling, and from the first person across the line to the last, there is a story of courage and bravery."

In the professional open race, the men set a blistering pace from the start, with a pack of five athletes putting themselves in world record contention chasing the two-hour mark. Despite the record-setting pace, defending champion John Korir (KEN) attempted to break from the pack just after the halfway mark, stepping on the gas while daring anyone to chase him. Kiplimo took the bait. That early gamble proved costly for Korir; he dropped out before Mile 21. The final five miles saw Kiplimo on a solo campaign to race against history.

"I didn't know that I was inside the world record," said Kiplimo. "For me, I was just doing my best to finish well . . . I'm happy about my results."

More than 90 seconds after Kiplimo's triumph, Amos Kipruto (KEN) finished second in 2:03:54, followed by Alex Masai (KEN) in 2:04:37. Mantz was the first American across the line, finishing fourth in 2:04:43. Mantz took down Khalid Khannouchi's American record to etch his name into history.

"I think it's fair to say it was a great day," said Mantz.

Like the men's race, the women's race got out fast on 2:15 pace. Hawi Feysa (ETH) and Magdalena Shauri (TAN) splintered from the pack almost immediately, running side by side for the first 25K. Shauri faded after 15 miles, but Feysa never relented – she ran nearly identical half marathon splits (1:07:30; 1:07:26) to claim victory. Feysa did not realize she broke 2:15 until shortly before the post-race press conference.

"I felt pretty confident," Feysa said. "The race conditions were good. The course was good, and my coach gave me a lot of good preparation heading into this race."

Megertu Alemu (ETH) finished second in 2:17:18, and Shauri hung on for third in 2:18:03. For the first time in Chicago Marathon history, five women broke 2:20 in the same race. Natosha Rogers (USA) finished as the top American, setting a personal record of 2:23:28 to finish sixth overall.

The women's wheelchair race turned into a solo effort after Susannah Scaroni (USA) took off on world record pace. Scaroni battled headwinds and technical turns to finish ahead of a deep field and to claim her second win in Chicago. She finished in 1:38:14, her fastest performance in Chicago.

"When I got past mile three and didn't get a flat, I was very grateful the rest of the race to be moving forward," said Scaroni. She returned to Chicago after suffering a flat tire at mile three last year.

Manuela Schar (SUI) and nine-time Chicago Marathon champion Tatyana McFadden (USA) dueled for second and third, with Schar finishing second in 1:39:03 and McFadden a second behind in 1:39:04.

The men's wheelchair competition once again witnessed Marcel Hug make history. Hug, nicknamed the "Silver Bullet," became the first male to win the Chicago Marathon six times. Hug took command of the lead early and raced against the clock to finish first in 1:23:20, the second fastest time in Chicago Marathon history.

"I was trying to chase the course record today," Hug said. "But I'm still very happy with my performance. I was really trying to have a race against the clock and to push as hard as possible."

David Weir (GBR) finished second in 1:27:26 and Tomoki Suzuki (JPN) finished third in 1:27:29.

The 47th Bank of America Chicago Marathon set a new participation record with more than 54,000 finishers. Among them, Winter Parks (USA) became the first non-binary athlete to finish the race, clocking 2:28:31.

Event Photos

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Abbott Chicago 5K

The ninth running of the Abbott Chicago 5K took place on Saturday, October 11. The Abbott Chicago 5K offers runners a unique opportunity to take over the streets of downtown Chicago. Iacopo Brasi broke the tape first in a swift 15:13. Andrew Berndt finished second in 15:38, and Marcel Scheele finished third in 15:49. Former American marathon record holder Keira D'Amato bolted to the finish, winning in 16:00. Lizzie Mundell-Perkins finished second in 17:59 and Gabriella Gaudreault finished third in 18:14. More than 9,500 runners crossed the finish line on Wacker Drive. The Abbott Chicago 5K will return on Saturday, October 10, 2026.

About the Bank of America Chicago Marathon

In its 48th year on Sunday, October 11, 2026, the Bank of America Chicago Marathon will welcome thousands of participants from more than 100 countries and all 50 states, including a world-class professional athlete field, top regional and Masters runners, race veterans, debut marathoners and charity participants. The race's iconic course takes participants through 29 vibrant neighborhoods on an architectural and cultural tour of Chicago. Annually, 1.7 million spectators line the streets cheering on tens of thousands of participants 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 over \$547 million in annual economic impact to its host city. The 2026 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 11. In advance of the race, a three-day Abbott Health & Fitness Expo will be held at McCormick Place Convention Center on Thursday, October 8, Friday, October 9, and Saturday, October 10. For more information about the event and how to get involved, go to chicagomarathon.com.

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