

2026 Bank of America Chicago Marathon Duo Team Participation Terms and Conditions

Pushing an individual with an impairment: A person may be allowed to push a person with a permanent impairment in a customized racing wheelchair, specific for outdoor road racing, provided both team members meet the following event registration and pairing requirements.

Event information and registration requirements:

- A duo team is made up of two people: one person pushing and one person with a permanent impairment.
- Ten duo team entries are available for the 2026 Bank of America Chicago Marathon.
- Duo teams may apply for a guaranteed entry under any guaranteed entry method for which they qualify. Qualifications may be met by either member or both members of the applying team. To apply under the time qualifier method, the runner (pusher) of the duo team must meet the qualifying standard for gender and age group in accordance with the time qualifier policy.
- Athletes applying to the duo team division with a guaranteed entry will apply to the waitlist and will be approved for participation on a first-come, first-served basis. Order will be determined by the time and date of the submission of the guaranteed entry application.
- Guaranteed applications will be eligible for approval only if the team has completed and returned a signed Bank of America Chicago Marathon Duo Teams Terms and Conditions form along with a photograph of the wheelchair that will be used.
- Should the capacity for the field size be reached through guaranteed registration methods prior to the date of the drawing, no duo teams will be selected for participation through the non-guaranteed drawing.
- Duo teams that do not qualify for a guaranteed entry may apply for the duo team non-guaranteed drawing. Should capacity not be reached through guaranteed entry methods, teams will be drawn at random with the first drawn teams receiving entries and the remaining teams given spots on a waiting list based on order of selection.
- Non-guaranteed drawing applications will be eligible for approval for participation or a spot on the waiting list only if the team has completed and returned a signed Bank of America Chicago Marathon Duo Teams Terms and Conditions form along with a photograph of the wheelchair that will be used.
- Should there be capacity remaining in the field after the drawing is complete, duo teams may apply for a guaranteed entry through any of the guaranteed registration methods remaining available after the completion of the drawing. Duo teams will be chosen for participation on a first come, first serve basis until the capacity is reached. Order will be determined by the time and date of the submission of the guaranteed entry application.

- Should one of the ten teams not complete registration, or withdraw after registration is complete, an entry shall be offered to the team with the highest position on the waiting list. Entries based on the withdrawal of a registered team will be available until August 1, 2026. Should an entry be offered to a team on the waiting list, the team will be required to complete registration no later than one week from the date of the offer.
- Should the pusher of one of the six teams become injured or need to withdraw, a one-time substitution of the pusher shall be allowed. The one-time substitution will be allowable until August 1, 2026 with the new pusher required to complete registration no later than one (1) week from the date of the requested substitution.
- All teams intending to submit an application must also submit this completed form and a photograph of the customized racing wheelchair that will be used on the Bank of America Chicago Marathon course. The form and photograph must be submitted to para.athletics@chicagomarathon.com prior to submitting the Bank of America Chicago Marathon application.
- The individual intending to run (the pusher) must complete and submit the Bank of America Chicago Marathon application for either a guaranteed entry or the non-guaranteed drawing. The pusher must indicate the intention to participate in the Para Athletics Program as a duo team.
- Should the pusher's guaranteed application be approved on behalf of the duo team, the pusher will be charged the \$250 US/\$260 International registration fee. The person riding in the chair will be issued registration instructions and a complimentary entry. The person riding in the chair must complete the registration process within one (1) week of the approval of the pusher's application.
- Should the pusher's application be accepted on behalf of the duo team in the non-guaranteed drawing, the pusher will be charged the \$250 US/\$260 International registration fee. The person riding in the chair will be issued registration instructions and a complimentary entry. The person riding in the chair must complete the registration process within one (1) week of the approval of the pusher's application, including submission of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon Impairment Documentation Form.
- The person with an impairment must indicate the presence of the impairment on the registration form. The impairment must align with the [ten eligible impairment types](#) as defined by World Para Athletics.
- The Bank of America Chicago Marathon reserves the right to ask for further information and to verify applications with the USATF ADA accommodation procedures.
- The Bank of America Chicago Marathon reserves the right to reject any entry, issue special invitations, cancel the race, expand or further limit the field, or adjust the entry procedures for duo teams.

Pair requirements and course safety:

- The person pushing the customized racing wheelchair must be 18 years of age or older. The person in the customized racing wheelchair must be 16 years or older. Due to safety concerns, there are no exceptions to this rule. Individuals in the customized racing wheelchair that are under 18 years of age must have a statement signed by their parent or legal guardian permitting their participation.
- One person must have a permanent impairment and be secured in a customized racing wheelchair.
- One person must push the person with a permanent impairment the entire race distance within the official race time limit of 6:30; relay teams or the substitution during the event of another runner for the person pushing will not be permitted.
- The pusher must maintain contact and control with the customized racing wheelchair at all times throughout the race; the person pushing the customized racing wheelchair must have a tether on the chair.
- Only the participant registered to push is allowed to propel the customized racing wheelchair forward; no outside assistance is permitted.
- Only the registered person with an impairment is allowed to ride in the customized racing wheelchair.
- It is recommended that the person with an impairment riding in the customized racing wheelchair wear a safety helmet at all times during the race.
- Motor, pedals, cranks or gears are strictly prohibited.
- Duo teams must move to the side of road if an official race vehicle needs to pass them.
- Duo team participants agree that they have received medical clearance to complete the marathon distance.
- Duo teams must provide a local emergency contact. The local contact must be available to respond if contacted by race organizers to assist the team in the event of an emergency.
- Duo teams will be staged in the Para Athletics start facility and will start in a corral at the end of Wave 1, unless they have qualified for an earlier corral through standard qualifying procedures.

Scoring:

- Each duo team will be equipped with (2) timing devices: one on the bib of the person in the customized racing wheelchair and one on the bib of the person pushing the customized racing wheelchair.
- The fastest net time recorded by the devices will be used as the official finishing time.
- All results of official duo team finishers will appear exclusively in a "Duo Team Results" category, in order by finishing time.
- The duo team division is considered an exhibition event; no awards will be given, duo team finishers will not be ranked by age group or gender.



By signing below, I agree that I have read, accepted, and agree to abide by the terms and conditions outlined above.

Duo team: member 1 (pushing wheelchair)

Printed name

Signature

Date

Email address

Duo team: member 2 (riding in wheelchair)

Printed name

Signature

Date

Email address

If the above person (member 2) is 16 or 17 years old, the following must be completed:

I, _____, declare under penalty of perjury that I am the parent or legal guardian of the person listed above and that I am duly authorized to execute this agreement on his/her behalf.

Parent/guardian signature

Date