



2026 BANK OF AMERICA CHICAGO MARATHON RACE WEEK MEDIA INFORMATION

The Bank of America Chicago Marathon returns to the streets of Chicago on Sunday, October 11. The 48th running of the marathon will start and finish in Grant Park and travel through one of the world's most magnificent cities. The course has produced seven world records, several national records and countless personal bests.

Continue reading for more information on the 2026 event.

MEDIA CENTER

Hilton Chicago
720 S. Michigan Ave.
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MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Media credential application deadline was Thursday, September 3.

Credentials are available for pick-up Thursday through Saturday at the Media Center in the Hilton Chicago (720 S. Michigan Avenue). Media credentials are printed with an individual's name and media organization. Individuals are required to show photo identification and the confirmation email they will receive race week when picking up media credentials. Credentials will not be released to individuals who do not present their photo identification and confirmation email.

Media Credential Pick-up

Thursday, October 8: 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Friday, October 9: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Saturday, October 10: 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/press.

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For questions, please contact: Bank of America Chicago Marathon Media Center – 1.312.586.7516.

MEDIA GUIDE

The 2026 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.

PROFESSIONAL FIELD UPDATES

The Bank of America Chicago Marathon is excited to welcome professional athletes from around the world to its start line on Sunday, October 11. Previously announced athletes Kiyoshi Koga (JPN), Alex Masai (KEN), Zach Panning (USA), Matthew Richtman (USA), Cole Sprout (USA), Felicia Pasadyn (USA), Tiaan Bosch (RSA), Rafael Botello Jimenez (ESP), and Hiroki Nishida (JPN) have withdrawn from the 2026 event. View the complete 2026 professional field roster at chicagomarathon.com/press.

PRESS CONFERENCES AND MEDIA AVAILABILITY

Wednesday, October 7

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Bank of America Sports with Us Clinic

Location: ComEd Recreation Center (1434 S. Loomis St., Chicago, IL)

Anthony Rizzo, former Chicago Cubs first baseman and 2016 World Series Champion

Jozy Altidore, former US Men's National Team (USMNT) striker

Deena Kastor, 2005 Chicago Marathon winner and Olympic bronze medalist

Mica Rivera-Wood, Peruvian international distance runner

Jackie Hoffman, Founder & Executive Director of Chicago's Peace Runners 773 and 2026 Running USA Award of Excellence recipient

Rita Cook, President, Bank of America Chicago

Thursday, October 8 until Saturday, October 10 at 1 p.m.*

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

Location: West of Columbus Drive on Harrison footpath, near orange gear check tent. To access this location, satellite trucks will enter Grant Park via the entrance gate at Michigan Avenue and Balbo Drive.

**Grant Park will be closed for a security sweep at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 10. No press will be allowed in the park after that time.*

Thursday, October 8

9:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Abbott Health & Fitness Expo Opening Photo Opportunity

Location: *McCormick Place Convention Center, North Building, Level 3 – Hall B1*

Carey Pinkowski, Executive Race Director, Bank of America Chicago

Marathon

Rita Sola Cook, President, Bank of America Chicago
Chris Miller, Divisional Vice President, Global Brand Strategy and Innovation, Abbott
Dustin Arnheim, Chief Sales Officer, Choose Chicago Joan Benoit Samuelson, 1985 Chicago Marathon Champion
Deena Kastor, 2005 Chicago Marathon Champion
Randy Burt and Henry Kozlowski, Chicago Marathon Alumni Runners
Participating runners and local run club members

10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Abbott Health & Fitness

Location: *McCormick Place Convention Center, North Building, Level 3 – Hall B1*

The Abbott Health & Fitness Expo features more than 170 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 three-day Expo is free and open to the public.

Friday, October 9

9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Abbott Health & Fitness Expo

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10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Professional Athlete Press Conference

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

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

Jacob Kiplimo (UGA)

Amos Kipruto (KEN)

Milkesa Mengesha (ETH)

Charles Hicks (USA)

Clayton Young (USA)

Adriaan Wildschutt (RSA)

Brigid Kosgei (KEN)

Hawi Feysa (ETH)

Sharon Lokedi (KEN)

Susanna Sullivan (USA)

Emma Grace Hurley (USA)

Natosha Rogers (USA)
Marcel Hug (SUI)
Daniel Romanchuk (USA)
Tatyana McFadden (USA)
Catherine Debrunner (SUI)

11 a.m. – 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

11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Professional 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 10

6 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Abbott Chicago 5K
Start Location: Ida B. Wells Dr. east of Michigan Ave., Grant Park
Finish Location: Wacker Drive and Adams Street.
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 runs through the heart of downtown Chicago. The race kicks off in Grant Park at 7:30 a.m. and finishes on Wacker Dr. near Willis Tower.

View the designated media areas at the start and finish lines ([see access map](#)).

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1:30 p.m. – 2 p.m. Media Availability
Location: Media Center, Hilton Chicago (720 S. Michigan Ave.)
Carey Pinkowski, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Executive Race Director and Dr. George Chiampas, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Medical Director

2 p.m. – 3 p.m. Chicago Sister Cities Presentation
Location: *Media Center, Hilton Chicago (720 S. Michigan Ave.)*
Carey Pinkowski, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Executive Race Director
Chicago Sister Cities International representatives
Chicago Sister Cities partner marathon representatives

Sunday, October 11

10:30 a.m. (approx.) Champions Press Conference
Location: *Media Center, Hilton Chicago (720 S. Michigan Ave.)*
The top finishers and top American athletes in the professional races will address the media in the media center. 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 and Dr. George Chiampas, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Medical Director

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, more than a 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 \$756 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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