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2015 Bank of America Chicago Marathon Race Week Media Information

Media Center

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Media Center Hours of Operation

Thursday, Oct. 8 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 9 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 10 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 11 6 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Media Credentials

We are no longer accepting applications for media credentials.

Credentials are available for pick-up Thursday through Sunday at the media center in the Chicago Hilton. Please bring a photo ID.

Security Information

Grant Park will be closed for a security sweep at 2 p.m. Saturday Oct. 10. No press will be allowed in the park after that time.

Post-Race

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/mediaphotos. Contact the media center for access information.

Photo credit: Bank of America Chicago Marathon.

Downloadable race results can be accessed by following these directions after the conclusion of the elite race:

1. Go to chicagomarathon.com/press
2. Enter user name: *chicago*
3. Enter password: *pressroom*
4. Search results by category (e.g. city, state, country)

For questions, please contact: media center - 312.294.6708

Media Guide

The 2015 Bank of America Chicago Marathon media guide is available for download at chicagomarathon.com/mediaguide. Hard copies may be picked up at the media center during regular hours of operation.

Press Conferences and Media Availability

*Unless noted, events will be located in the media center, Waldorf Room

Tuesday, Oct. 6 until Saturday, Oct. 11 at 2 p.m.

Filming or news live shot opportunities of the Grant Park marathon preparations
Location: *West of Columbus on Harrison foot path, near grey gear check tent*

Thursday, Oct. 8

11 a.m.

Kick-Off Press Conference

Carey Pinkowski, Executive Race Director Bank of America Chicago Marathon
Tim Maloney, Bank of America Illinois President
Joan Benoit Samuelson, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Champion, U.S. Olympian
Michelle Boone, Commissioner, Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events

3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Elite Athlete Cluster Interviews
(subject to change; please contact marathon staff for confirmation)

Location: *Hilton Chicago, Williford Room*

Satoshi Yoshii, Japan
Hiroyuki Yamamoto, Japan
Shogo Kanezane, Japan

Friday, Oct. 9

7 a.m. – 7:30 a.m. Bank of America Chicago Marathon Forward Command Media Walk-Through

Location: Forward Command, Balbo and Columbus Drive
Contact the media center for parking instructions.

OEMC Executive Director Gary Schenkel
Bank of America Chicago Marathon Executive Race Director, Carey Pinkowski
Bank of America Chicago Marathon Medical Director, Dr. George Chiampas
Representatives from the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, the Chicago Police Department and the Chicago Fire Department

8:30 – 8:55 a.m. Opening Ceremony, Abbott Health & Fitness Expo

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

Carey Pinkowski, Executive Race Director Bank of America Chicago Marathon
Elaine Leavenworth, senior vice president, chief marketing and external affairs officer at Abbott
Joan Benoit Samuelson, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Champion, U.S. Olympian

9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Abbott Health & Fitness Expo

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

Coach Bud Coates, Blue Benadum, Chris Wehrman, Andrew Adelman, Alexi Pappas – Training: How to get faster and go longer (10 a.m.)
Bart Yasso – Fuel: Priming your body for peak performance (12 p.m.)
Joan Benoit Samuelson – Overcoming your race day (1:00 p.m.)
Carey Pinkowski, Peter Ciaccia – Abbott World Marathon Majors: Tips from the race directors (3 p.m.)
Insider tips: Preview the course - (4:00 p.m.)
Bart Yasso – My life on the run (5 p.m.)

10:30 a.m. Elite Athlete Press Conference

Carey Pinkowski, Executive Race Director Bank of America Chicago Marathon
Peter Ciaccia, New York Road Runners President of Events; Race Director of TCS New York City Marathon

Tatyana McFadden, United States
Joshua George, United States
Sammy Kitwara, Kenya
Wesley Korir, Kenya
Endeshaw Negesse, Ethiopia
Fernando Cabada, United States
Luke Puskedra, United States
Brandon Mull, United States

Joan Benoit Samuelson, United States
Deena Kastor, United States
Sara Hall, United States
Sarah Crouch, United States
Blake Russell, United States
Diane Nukuri, Burundi
Florence Kiplagat, Kenya
Fionnuala Britton, Ireland
Birhane Dibaba, Ethiopia

1:00 p.m. – 4 p.m. Elite athlete cluster interviews
(subject to change; please contact marathon staff for confirmation)

Location: Hilton Chicago, Williford Room

1:00 p.m. Endeshaw Negesse, Ethiopia
Abera Kuma, Ethiopia
Mulu Seboka, Ethiopia
Birhane Dibaba, Ethiopia
Yebrgual Melese, Ethiopia
Amane Gobena, Ethiopia
Meskerem Assefa, Ethiopia

2:00 p.m. Sammy Kitwara, Kenya
Dickson Chumba, Kenya
Wesley Korir, Kenya
Sammy Ndungu, Kenya
Lucas Rotich, Kenya
Florence Kiplagat, Kenya

3:00 p.m. Deena Kastor, United States
Joan Benoit Samuelson, United States
Blake Russell, United States
Tera Moody, United States
Lindsey Scherf, United States
Sarah Crouch, United States
Alvina Begay, United States
Taylor Ward, United States
Sara Hall, United States
Dawn Grunnagle, United States
Allison Mendez, United States

3:30 p.m.

Fernando Cabada, United States
Luke Puskedra, United States
Malcolm Richards, United States
Scott MacPherson, United States
Nick Hilton, United States
Christopher Erichsen, United States
Scott Wietecha, United States
Ethan Shaw, United States
Tony Migliozi, United States
Ryan Cosens, United States
Christopher Pannone, United States
Jesse Davis, United States
Brandon Mull, United States
Dan Kremske, United States
Christian Thompson, United States
Kyle Brady, United States
Sean Keveren, United States
Elkanah Kibet, United States
Mohamed Hrezi, United States

4:00 p.m.

Liam Adams, Australia
Rob Watson, Canada
Brandon Lord, Canada
Mitch Goose, Great Britain
Kayoko Fukushi, Japan
Fionnuala Britton, Ireland
Susan Partridge, Great Britain
Jessica Draskau Petersson, Denmark
Diane Nukuri, Burundi
Monika Juodeskaite, Lithuania

Saturday, Oct. 10

9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Abbott Health & Fitness Expo

Location: McCormick Place Convention Center, North Building, Hall B1

Joan Beloit Samuelson – Women’s running: Why it’s different for us (10 a.m.)
Coach Bud Coates, Blue Benadum, Chris Wehrman, Andrew Adelman, Alexi Pappas – Training: How to get faster and go longer (11 a.m.)
Bart Yasso – Fuel: Priming your body for peak performance (12 p.m.)
Bart Yasso – My life on the run (2 p.m.)
Dean Karnazes – Going beyond: Running adventures across the globe (3 p.m.)

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Ernst Van Dyk, South Africa
Marcel Hug, Switzerland
Kota Hokinoue, Japan
Kurt Fearnley, Australia
Rafael Botello Jimenez, Spain
Josh George, United States
Aaron Pike, United States
Adam Bleakney, United States
Brian Siemann, United States
Tony Iniguez, United States

Tatyana McFadden, United States
Sandra Graf, Switzerland
Amanda McGrory, United States
Shirley Reilly, United States
Manuela Schaer, Switzerland
Susannah Scaroni, United States
Diane Roy, United States
Chelsea McClammer, United States
Arielle Rausin, United States
Kendall Gretsche, United States

2 p.m. Media Availability

Carey Pinkowski, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Executive Race Director
Dr. George Chiampas, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Medical Director

Sunday, Oct. 11

10:30 a.m. (approx.) Champions Press Conference

11:30 a.m. Media Availability
Carey Pinkowski, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Executive Race Director

2:30 p.m. Media Availability
Carey Pinkowski, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Executive Race Director
Dr. George Chiampas, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Medical Director

About the 2015 Bank of America Chicago Marathon

In its 38th year, the Bank of America Chicago Marathon welcomes thousands of runners 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 runners. The race's iconic course takes runners through 29 vibrant neighborhoods on an architectural and cultural tour of Chicago. In 2014, an estimated 1.7 million spectators lined the streets cheering on a record, 40,659 runners 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 \$253 million in annual economic impact to its host city. The 2015 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 two-day Abbott Health & Fitness Expo will be held at McCormick Place Convention Center on 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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