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Bank of America Chicago Marathon Race Week Media Information

Media Center

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Media Center Hours of Operation

Thursday, Oct. 9	10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 10	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 11	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 12	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.

Press Conferences and Media Availability

*Unless noted, events will be located in the Media Center, Continental Ballroom B

Tuesday, Oct. 7 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*

Tuesday, Oct. 7

11 a.m.

Pre-Race Press Conference

Location: *Office of Emergency Management Chicago*

Gary Schenkel, OEMC
Carey Pinkowski, Bank of America Chicago Marathon
David Kennedy, Cultural Affairs and Special Events, City of Chicago
Steve Georgas, Acting Chief CPD
Dr. George Chiampas, Race Medical Director

Thursday, Oct. 9

11 a.m.

Kick-Off Press Conference

Carey Pinkowski, Executive Race Director Bank of America Chicago Marathon
Tim Maloney, Bank of America Illinois President

3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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

Bayron Piedra, Ecuador
Miguel Almachi, Ecuador
Leonardo Tenepaguay, Ecuador

Ryosuke Fukuyama, Japan
Naoki Okamoto, Japan
Rui Yonezawa, Japan
Satoru Sasaki, Japan
Koji Kobayashi, Japan

Friday, Oct. 10

9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Abbott Health & Fitness Expo

Location: *McCormick Place Convention Center*

Matt Tegenkamp – Q&A, elite perspective on Chicago Marathon (11 a.m.)
Tatyana McFadden (1:30 p.m.)
Steve Jones – Q&A session, followed by meet & greet (3 p.m.)
Trent Morrow – “Marathon Man” (3:30 p.m.)
Dathan Ritzenhein – Q&A, elite perspective on Chicago Marathon (4 p.m.)

9:30 a.m.

World Marathon Majors Press Conference

Media opp: Major sponsorship announcement
Photo opp: Tad Hayano, Tokyo Marathon Director
Dave McGillivray, Boston Marathon Director
Nick Bitel, Virgin Money London Marathon Representative
Carey Pinkowski, Bank of America Chicago Marathon Director
Mark Milde, BMW Berlin Marathon Director
Mary Wittenberg, TCS New York City Marathon Director

10:30 a.m. Elite Athlete Press Conference

Kenenisa Bekele, Ethiopia
Eliud Kipchoge, Kenya
Rita Jeptoo, Kenya
Florence Kiplagat, Kenya
Tatyana McFadden, USA
Ernst Van Dyke, South Africa

1:15 p.m. AIMS World Record Award to Florence Kiplagat

Photo opp: Presentation of AIMS (Association of International Marathons and Distance Races) world record award to Florence Kiplagat in recognition of her half-marathon performance

1:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. Elite athlete cluster interviews
(subject to change; please contact marathon staff for confirmation)

Location: *Hilton Chicago, Continental Ballroom C*

Bernard Koech, Kenya
Sammy Kitwara, Kenya
Dickson Chumba, Kenya
Lani Rutto, Kenya

Kenenisa Bekele, Ethiopia
Rita Jeptoo, Kenya
Florence Kiplagat, Kenya
Eliud Kipchoge, Kenya
Wesley Korir, Kenya
Tatyana McFadden, United States
Ernst Van Dyk, South Africa

Tadese Tola, Ethiopia
Feyisa Lilesa, Ethiopia
Mare Dibaba, Ethiopia
Birhane Dibaba, Ethiopia
Atsede Baysa, Ethiopia
Gelete Burka, Ethiopia

Bobby Curtis, United States
Craig Leon, United States
Christo Landry, United States
Mike Morgan, United States
Luke Humphrey, United States
Brendan Gregg, United States
Jake Riley, United States

Tim Young, United States
Gabe Proctor, United States

Saturday, Oct. 11

9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Abbott Health & Fitness Expo

Location: *McCormick Place Convention Center*

Trent Morrow, “Marathon Man” (1:30 p.m.)

Joan Beloit Samuelson, Q&A, anniversary celebration of Olympic Gold (3 p.m.)

9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Elite Athlete Cluster Interviews

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Location: *Hilton Chicago, Continental Ballroom C*

Matthew Llano, United States

Patrick Rizzo, United States

Stephen Pifer, United States

Jameson Mora, United States

Carlos Trujillo, United States

Lindsey Scherf, United States

Sarah Cummings, United States

Wendy Thomas, United States

Heidi Greenwood, United States

Whitney Bevins-Lazarra, United States

11 a.m.

30th Anniversary of Steve Jones’ World Record Time at the Chicago Marathon

Location: *Finish Line, Balbo and Columbus*

Media opp: Carey Pinkowski, Steve Jones discuss his world record, and the progression of the elite field

Photo opp: Pinkowski, Jones finish painting last segment of course World Record Blue Line

Carey Pinkowski, Executive Race Director

Steve Jones, Bank of America Chicago Marathon champion

David Kennedy, Cultural Affairs and Special Events, City of Chicago

12 p.m.

Elite Athlete Cluster Interviews

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Location: *Hilton Chicago, Continental Ballroom C*

Amanda McGrory, United States

Manuel Schär, Switzerland

Shirley Reilly, United States
Christie Dawes, Australia
Diane Roy, Canada

Kurt Fearnley, Australia
Joshua George, United States
Heinz Frei, Switzerland
Josh Cassidy, Canada
Rafael Botello, Spain
Krige Schabort, United States
Masazumi Soejima, Japan
Adam Bleakney, United States

2 p.m. Media Availability

Carey Pinkowski, Executive Race Director
Dr. George Chiampas, Medical Director

3 p.m. – 4 p.m. Expo Q&A session with Joan Benoit Samuelson, followed by meet & greet

*Location: McCormick Place Convention Center, B1
Abbott Health & Fitness Expo, Main Stage*

Media opp: one-on-one interview
photo opp: Joan Benoit Samuelson, Bank of America Chicago Marathon
champion

Sunday, Oct. 12

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

11:30 a.m. Media Availability
Carey Pinkowski, Executive Race Director

2:30 p.m. Media Availability
Carey Pinkowski, Executive Race Director
Dr. George Chiampas, Medical Director

Media Guide

The 2014 Bank of America Chicago Marathon Media Guide is available for download at www.chicagomarathon.com/press-center/media-guide. Hard copies may be picked up at the Media Center during regular hours of operation.

About the 2014 Bank of America Chicago Marathon

In its 37th year and a member of the World Marathon Majors, the Bank of America Chicago Marathon annually attracts 45,000 participants, including a world-class elite runner and wheelchair athlete field, and an estimated 1.7 million spectators. As a result of its national and international draw, the iconic race assists in raising millions of dollars for a variety of charitable causes while generating \$253 million in annual economic impact to its host city, according to a report by the University of Illinois

at Urbana-Champaign's Regional Economics Applications Laboratory (R.E.A.L.). The 2014 Bank of America Chicago Marathon will start and finish in Grant Park beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 12. In advance of the race, a two-day Health & Fitness Expo will be held at McCormick Place Convention Center on Friday, October 10, and Saturday, October 11. For more information about the event and how to get involved, go to chicagomarathon.com.

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