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PARTICIPANT GUIDE



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Dear Participant,

Race weekend is right around the corner and what you're holding in your hand—the 2012 Bank of America Chicago Marathon Participant Guide—includes all the key information you need to know to be prepared and ready to have a great race on October 7.

As Executive Race Director, I know that a successful event boils down to planning and execution. As a participant, the same goes for a successful race weekend experience. You've trained hard to get to this point, and what we've set out to do with the Participant Guide is to give you a step-by-step manual that will help you plan ahead, from your visit to the Bank of America Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo, to race morning in Grant Park, and during the race itself.

Our top priority is to make sure you have a safe and successful experience at the Chicago Marathon. Please do your part to read through all the information in this guide, and bring it with you on race weekend. I guarantee it will come in handy on numerous occasions.

My team and I wish you all the best with your final weeks of training, and we're looking forward to seeing you soon in Chicago.

As always, if you have any questions about the event, please contact our office at 312.904.9800 or send us an e-mail at office@chicagomarathon.com.

Sincerely,

Carey Pinkowski
Executive Race Director
Bank of America Chicago Marathon

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

Bank of America Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo; Packet Pick-Up
McCormick Place; North Building, Hall B1
9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

Bank of America Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo; Packet Pick-Up
McCormick Place; North Building, Hall B1
9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Odyssey Pasta Lunch Cruises
Navy Pier
600 E. Grand Ave.
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 – 5 p.m.

Hilton Pasta Dinner
Hilton Chicago
720 S. Michigan Ave.
5 – 10 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Grant Park, Columbus Dr. & Monroe St.	
Marathon Wheelchair Start	7:20 a.m.
Marathon Hand-cycle Start	7:21 a.m.
Wave 1 Start	7:30 a.m.
Wave 2 Start	8 a.m.
Spectator Access to Grant Park	8:30 a.m.

Bank of America Chicago Marathon 27th Mile Post-Race Party
Grant Park, Butler Field
10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

For a detailed race day timeline, refer to page 16.

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PRE-RACE INFORMATION

PARTICIPANT PACKET PICK-UP

Confirmation Ticket

The back cover of this Participant Guide serves as your Confirmation Ticket for the 2012 Bank of America Chicago Marathon. Do not discard. The Confirmation Ticket is your proof of entry into the race and must be presented, along with one form of photo ID, at the Participant Packet Pick-Up area at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo to receive your Participant Packet (bib number and timing device), Participant Bag and Nike technical shirt.

Review your Confirmation Ticket for accuracy, including: your name, address, age, gender, Start Corral assignment and event (Marathon or Wheelchair). This information is critical for accurate scoring and mailing of results.

Report any corrections or changes to the Bank of America Chicago Marathon office no later than September 28, 2012.

Contact Information

Bank of America Chicago Marathon
P: 312.904.9800
E: office@chicagomarathon.com

Participant Packet

Your Participant Packet includes:

- Bib number and safety pins
- Gear Check tag and fastener
- Complimentary post-race 312 Urban Wheat Ale beer ticket*
- ChronoTrack D-Tag timing device

**For participants age 21 and over*

Packet Pick-Up Instructions:

- You must pick up your Participant Packet at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo during regularly scheduled hours in order to participate in the race; Participant Packets and Participant Bags will not be available for pick up on or after race day
- When you arrive at the Health & Fitness Expo, proceed to the Participant Packet Pick-Up area (organized by bib number) to locate your Packet
- Present your Confirmation Ticket (back cover of this Guide) or a printed page of your Confirmation E-mail (which you will receive in late September) containing the Confirmation ticket information and one form of photo ID to a staff member to receive your Participant Packet; Packets will not be released without providing your Confirmation Ticket or E-mail ticket
- Smart phone displays of the Confirmation E-mail will be accepted for release of Participant Packets
- If you lost, misplaced or did not receive a Confirmation Ticket or E-mail, go

directly to the Participant Services Desk and a staff member will re-issue a Confirmation Ticket to you

- Once you have your Participant Packet, proceed to the D-Tag Verification area; you are responsible for verifying that the timing device provided within your Participant Packet is working properly prior to the race and worn correctly during the race
- Once you have verified that your D-Tag is working properly, proceed to the Participant Bag Pick-Up area to receive your Participant Bag and Nike technical shirt; technical shirts will be distributed according to the size indicated at the point of registration

Not able to pick up your Participant Packet?

If you are unable to pick up your Participant Packet in person during regular Bank of America Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo hours, someone else may pick it up for you.

That person is required to present your Confirmation Ticket (or a photocopy) or a printed page of your Confirmation E-mail (which you will receive in late September) containing the Confirmation ticket information. That person must also present his or her own photo identification (not your photo ID). Confirmation Tickets will not be re-printed at the Participant Services Desk for individuals picking up a Packet for someone else.

- Smart phone displays of your Confirmation E-mail will be accepted for release of your Participant Packet.

YOUR BIB NUMBER

Your 2012 Bank of America Chicago Marathon bib number is a unique identifier and must be worn at all times on race day. Your bib number indicates your Gear Check Tent location (White, Red, Blue or Gray) and Start Corral assignment (Wheelchair, Elite Development, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J, K, L or M*) and must be visible to gain entry into the start and finish areas on race day and corresponding Start Corral.

**Please note that there is no Start Corral I.*

Bib Number Requirements:

- Do not physically alter your bib number in any way
- Fill out the back of your bib number with emergency and medical information
- Your bib number must be visible and worn on the front and outside of your clothing during the entire race
- Your bib number is non-transferable and must be worn only by you
- The sale and/or transfer of your bib number is strictly prohibited and will result in disqualification



TIMING DEVICE

The 2012 Bank of America Chicago Marathon will use the ChronoTrack D-Tag timing device to record your net finish time. The orange D-Tag is adhered to the front of your bib number. The D-Tag must be removed from your bib number and properly fastened to your running shoe prior to crossing the start line and upon crossing the finish line to record an official time and finish place. The D-Tag is a single-use device that does not need to be returned upon finishing the race.

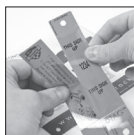
D-Tag Requirements:

- You must wear your D-Tag on race day—no D-Tag, no time
- Do not run with the D-Tag in your hand, around your ankle, or any place other than on your shoe
- If your D-Tag does not register at multiple timing locations along the course you may be disqualified
- Your D-Tag is non-transferable and must be worn only by you
- If you wear someone else's D-Tag or multiple D-Tags you will be disqualified

Follow the instructions below to properly fasten your D-Tag to your running shoe:



STEP 1
Remove D-Tag and directions from bib number



STEP 2
Separate D-Tag from directions by tearing at "Tear Along Here"



STEP 3
Form a circle around where your laces cross and join using adhesive tab



STEP 4
Rotate D-Tag correct side up



STEP 5
Do not flatten—round is good, flat is bad!

BANK OF AMERICA CHICAGO MARATHON HEALTH & FITNESS EXPO

The Bank of America Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo features more than 200 health and fitness industry exhibitors offering Bank of America Chicago Marathon merchandise and the latest in running footwear, apparel, nutrition and technology. The Health & Fitness Expo is free and open to the public.

LOCATION

McCormick Place
North Building, Hall B1
2301 S. Martin Luther King Dr.*
Chicago, IL 60616

**For driving, parking and public transportation purposes use the above address for best access to the Health & Fitness Expo and for parking options. McCormick Place's listed mailing address (2301 S. Lake Shore Dr.) is not useful for parking or GPS guidance devices.*

HEALTH & FITNESS EXPO HOURS

Friday, October 5 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Saturday, October 6 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

VENDORS

Find out which vendors will be at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo by visiting www.chicagomarathon.com/expovendors.

MAIN STAGE PRESENTATIONS

To view a complete schedule of events for the Bank of America Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo Main Stage, go to www.chicagomarathon.com/expomainstage. Plan your visit to the Health & Fitness Expo around the opportunity to learn more about the course, gather valuable last-minute tips, see the latest in running gear and technology and hear from industry experts and special guests.

VOLKSWAGEN COURSE TALKS

Volkswagen will help you beat your personal best at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon with VW Course Talks. Learn about Aid Stations, mile markers and additional course details to help you prepare for race day. Presentation times and speaker information will be posted on the schedule near the Health & Fitness Expo Main Stage.



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NIKE PACE TEAM

The Nike Pace Team will help you achieve your performance goal on race day. Nike Pace Team leaders—nearly 100 experienced marathon runners—will set the pace according to the following finish time goals:



3:00, 3:05, 3:10, 3:15, 3:20, 3:25, 3:30, 3:35, 3:40, 3:45, 3:50, 3:55, 4:00, 4:10, 4:25, 4:30, 4:40, 4:55, 5:00, 5:10, 5:25 and 5:45

Visit the Nike Pace Team booth at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo for more information and to sign up to be part of a pace group. Nike Pace Team leaders will be available to talk about race day strategy, how to locate your group at the start line, and to answer general questions about the Nike Pace Team.

Upon signing up, you will receive a pace bib to wear on your back during the race that will indicate your pace group (e.g. 4:00) and identify you as a member of the Nike Pace Team. There is no cost to participate. Sign-up is available only at the Health & Fitness Expo.

Note: Pace times are limited to Start Corral assignments. Your Corral assignment may not allow you to access a Pace Team time goal.

HEALTH & FITNESS EXPO TRANSPORTATION

Free Shuttle Bus Service

Free shuttle bus service to the Bank of America Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo will be provided to and from the following four locations:

- Downtown: Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Ave. (8th St. entrance)
- South Loop: CTA Red Line Stop serving Red, Orange and Green lines, State St. and Roosevelt Rd.
- Magnificent Mile: Nike Chicago, 669 N. Michigan Ave. behind the store to the east on St. Clair St. at Erie St.
- Millennium Park: Fairmont Chicago, 200 N. Columbus Dr., Columbus Dr. 1 block south of Wacker Dr.

Buses will operate every 15 – 20 minutes between 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Friday, October 5, and 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 6. Last pick-up time from the Health & Fitness Expo will be at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, and 6:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Health & Fitness Expo Parking

Parking will be available to all Bank of America Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo attendees at McCormick Place Parking Lot A on Friday, October 5, and Saturday, October 6.

Driving Directions to McCormick Place Parking Lot A

From O'Hare International Airport (22 miles), Northwest or the North
Follow I-190 East to I-90 East. This turns into I-90/94 East (Dan Ryan Expressway).
Keep to the right and follow to I-55 North (Stevenson Expressway). Exit at Martin Luther King Drive (Exit #293D) and follow signs to Lot A entrance ramp located immediately to your left.

From the West

Take I-290 East (Eisenhower Expressway) to I-94 East (Dan Ryan Expressway). Keep to the right and follow to I-55 North (Stevenson Expressway). Exit at Martin Luther King Drive (Exit #293D) and follow signs to Lot A entrance ramp located immediately to your left.

From Midway Airport (10 miles) or Southwest

Take I-55 North (Stevenson Expressway). Exit at Martin Luther King Drive (Exit #293D) and follow signs to Lot A entrance ramp located immediately to your left.

From the South or Indiana via I-80/94

From I-80/94, exit at I-94 West (Bishop Ford Expressway) and proceed on I-94 West (Dan Ryan Expressway). Follow to I-55 North (Stevenson Expressway). Exit at Martin Luther King Drive (Exit #293D) and follow signs to Lot A entrance ramp located immediately to your left.

From Indiana Skyway

Take I-90 West (Indiana Tollway turns into the Chicago Skyway). Merge onto I-90/94

West (Dan Ryan Expressway). Exit at I-55 North (Stevenson Expressway). Exit at Martin Luther King Drive (Exit #293D) and follow signs to Lot A entrance ramp located immediately to your left.

From North Lakeshore Drive (US-41)

From Lake Shore Drive, exit at 31st Street and turn right (west). Turn right again on Martin Luther King Drive. Turn left on 24th Place. Follow signs to Lot A.

From South Lakeshore Drive (US-41)

From Lake Shore Drive, exit at 31st Street and turn left (west). Turn right on Martin Luther King Drive. Turn left on 24th Place. Follow signs to Lot A.

From Congress Parkway

From Congress Parkway, turn right onto Michigan Avenue. Proceed south to Cermak Road (E. 22nd Street). Turn left on Cermak Road, to Martin Luther King Drive. Follow signs to Lot A.

For more information, contact McCormick Place Transportation at 312.791.6166, or visit mccormickplace.com.

Health & Fitness Expo Public Transportation Details

The Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) is gearing up for another exciting race weekend. CTA is the most economical and convenient way to get to and from the Bank of America Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo, the start and finish lines in Grant Park, and spectator viewing areas along the course.

Helpful transit tips from CTA

Get Transit Information. Call 312.836.7000 between the hours of 5 a.m. and 1 a.m. daily, or visit transitchicago.com for information on CTA bus and train service to the Health & Fitness Expo and the Grant Park Start/Finish Area and to receive complimentary maps. Be sure to request the CTA Downtown Transit Sightseeing Guide and Bus & Rail Map.



CTA Fare Information

Cash fare is accepted on CTA buses only, exact fare (coins and bills accepted). No cash transfers available.

- Full Fare: \$2.25
- Reduced Fare: \$1 Applies to children ages 7 to 11 and customers with a valid RTA Reduced Fare Permit.

CTA Transit Cards

Deducts full fares and transfers on CTA and Pace. Can pay for up to 7 full-fare rides at once. Transfers must occur within two hours of first ride.

- Full Fare: \$2 (bus); \$2.25 (rail)
- Full Fare Transfer: \$.25
- Reduced Fare: \$.85 (for bus and rail)

- Reduced Fare Transfer: \$.15 Applies to children ages 7 to 11 and customers with a valid RTA Reduced Fare Permit.

Purchase full-fare Transit Cards (\$2 to \$100) at rail station farecard machines. Or, buy pre-valued, full-fare Transit Cards (\$10 or \$20) at Currency Exchanges, online at transitchicago.com and at select Jewel and Dominick's stores, Walgreens and CVS Pharmacies. Farecard machines are also located at Union Station and Ogilvie Transportation Center.

CTA Passes

Passes offer unlimited rides on CTA buses and trains when activated with first use.

1-day: \$5.75; 3-day: \$14; 7-day: \$23. Cannot be shared or recharged. Visit transitchicago.com to order CTA Passes and Transit Cards in advance. Allow 10 business days for delivery. Passes are also sold at select Currency Exchanges, Jewel and Dominick's stores, Walgreens and CVS Pharmacies, Union Station and Willis Tower (formerly Sears Tower).

Stop by the CTA booth at the Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo to purchase farecards and for last minute transit tips.

CTA Transit Directions to the Health & Fitness Expo at McCormick Place From Downtown Chicago

From Jackson Blue or Red Lines or from the Adams/Wabash Brown, Green, Orange, Pink and Purple Express Line station, walk east to Michigan Avenue and board a southbound #3 King Drive bus. Buses run every 10 - 15 minutes.

OR, transfer from all CTA rail lines serving downtown to a southbound 95th/Dan Ryan Red Line train to the Cermak-Chinatown station. Transfer to an eastbound #21 Cermak bus or use the free Bank of America Chicago Marathon shuttle bus. On race weekend, shuttle buses will operate between 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Friday, October 5 and between 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 6.

From Ogilvie Transportation Center

From the Washington Street exit, take the #20 Madison bus, #56 Milwaukee bus, #60 Blue Island/26th bus, #124 Navy Pier or #157 Streeterville/Taylor (Monday-Friday only) bus eastbound to Michigan Avenue, then transfer to the southbound #3 King Drive bus directly to McCormick Place. Buses run every 10 - 15 minutes.

Note: CTA does not issue transfers when paying with cash. Purchase Transit Cards or passes from the vending machine in the waiting room in the station or 2 blocks north at the Clinton Green/Pink line station vending machine.

From Union Station

From the Jackson Blvd. exit, board the #7 Harrison (Monday-Friday only), #60 Blue Island/26th, #124 Navy Pier, #126 Jackson or #157 Streeterville/Taylor (Monday-Friday only) bus on the east side of Canal at Adams and go eastbound to Michigan Avenue. Then transfer to the southbound #3 King Drive bus directly to McCormick Place. Buses run every 10 - 15 minutes.

Note: CTA does not issue transfers when paying with cash. Purchase Transit Cards or Visitor Passes from the CTA vending machines near the Metra ticket windows in Union Station.

ODYSSEY PASTA LUNCH CRUISES

Odyssey Cruises will host two pasta lunch cruises on Saturday, October 6, from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 – 5 p.m., departing from Navy Pier. Aboard these special cruises, guests will experience gracious service, DJ entertainment and the most breathtaking views of the Chicago skyline. Price per person is \$55 for adults and \$27.50 for children (ages 3 – 12). Children under the age of 3 cruise free. Reservations can be made at odysseycruises.com or by calling 866.305.2469.

HILTON PASTA DINNER

Carbo-load at the Official Bank of America Chicago Marathon Headquarters Hotel—the Hilton Chicago—on Saturday, October 6, from 5 – 10 p.m. Advance registration is available online at chicagomarathon.com through October 4. Walk-ins will be accepted as space allows. Price per person is \$35 for adults and \$15 for children (ages 3 – 12). Infants and toddlers may attend for free with the purchase of an adult ticket. The Hilton Chicago is located at 720 S. Michigan Ave.

COURSE INFORMATION

EVENT ALERT SYSTEM

The color-coded Event Alert System (EAS) will communicate the status of course conditions leading up to and on race day. EAS levels range from Low (Green) to Moderate (Yellow) to High (Red) to Extreme (Black) based primarily on weather, as well as other conditions.

- E-mail and website communications during race week will inform you of the current EAS status and provide preparation tips based on advance weather forecasts
- Updates will be made at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo via public address announcements and color-coded signs
- On race day, stay tuned to the current EAS status via public address announcements and color-coded signs/flags at the start and finish areas and at each of the 20 Aid Stations along the course
- If necessary, additional emergency information will be communicated via text message

Familiarize yourself with the Event Alert System prior to race day, remain alert for directions from race officials, announcers and volunteers, and take precautions to prepare properly for varying weather conditions on race day.

Please make certain that we have your most up-to-date emergency contact information on hand by filling out the back of your bib number and by submitting your emergency contact information online at www.chicagomarathon.com/emergencycontact.

AID STATIONS

20 Aid Stations are located along the course approximately one to two miles apart. Each Aid Station consists of the following amenities in this order:



- Medical Tent with access to a Runner Transport vehicle*
- Toilet facilities
- G Series PRO™ Endurance Formula (lemon-lime flavor)
- Water
- Public address announcer

**Runner Transport vehicles provide non-emergency transportation back to Grant Park in the event that you are unable to complete the race.*

The CLIF Shot Energy Zone at Aid Station 13 (Mile 17.8) offers CLIF Shot Energy Gel (Razz®, Chocolate, Citrus + Caffeine, and Mocha + Caffeine flavors).



Aid Stations 15-17, 19 (Miles 20-22.3, 24.2) will offer bananas.

Familiarize yourself with the locations and offerings at each Aid Station and prepare for slower traffic in these areas. The Aid Stations are approximately two city blocks in length and tables with Gatorade and water line both sides of the street. Continue moving through the Aid Station if the first tables are too crowded to obtain fluids.



Aid Station	Location	Mile	Items*
1	State St. between Randolph St. and Madison St.	1.6	G, W
2	LaSalle St. between Ohio St. and Huron St.	3.2	G, W
3	Stockton Dr. north of LaSalle St.	5.0	G, W
4	Cannon Dr. north of Fullerton Pkwy.	5.8	G, W
5	Broadway St. between Aldine Ave. and Belmont Ave.	8.0	G, W
6	Clark St. between Belden Ave. and Webster St.	9.3	G, W
7	Wells St. between North Ave. and Burton Pl.	10.5	G, W
8	Wells St. between Grand Ave. and Hubbard St.	11.8	G, W
9	Franklin St. between Washington Blvd. and Madison St.	12.5	G, W
10	Adams St. between Racine Ave. and Throop St.	13.9	G, W
11	Ogden Ave. between Van Buren St. and Jackson Blvd.	15.3	G, W
12	Jackson Blvd. between Sangamon St. and Green St.	16.4	G, W
13	Taylor St. between Racine Ave. and Loomis St.	17.8	G, W, CS
14	18th St. between Blue Island Ave. and Throop St.	19.2	G, W
15	Halsted St. between Canalport Ave. and Cermak Rd.	20.2	G, W, B
16	Archer Ave. between Wallace St. and Canal St.	20.9	G, W, B
17	Wentworth Ave. between 29th St. and 31st St.	22.3	G, W, B
18	Michigan Ave. between 34th St. and 33rd St.	23.5	G, W, GC
19	Michigan Ave. between 28th St. and 26th St.	24.2	G, W, B
20	Michigan Ave. between 18th St. and 16th St.	25.1	G, W

* G = G Series PRO™ Endurance Formula; W = Water; CS = CLIF Shot; B = Bananas; GC= G Series PRO™ Carb Energy Chews

COURSE TIME LIMIT

The Bank of America Chicago Marathon has a course time limit of 6 hours and 30 minutes, at which time the course will re-open to vehicular traffic. You must maintain a 15-minute per mile pace (approximately) and complete the full marathon distance—start line to finish line—within the event time requirement. Those who finish outside of the time limit will not be recorded as official finishers and may not receive full on-course support from Aid Stations and traffic personnel.

TIMING CHECKPOINTS, CLOCKS AND MILE MARKERS

Timing checkpoints are positioned at the start line, at each 5K, at the halfway point (13.1 miles) and at the finish line. Your Chronotrack D-Tag timing device will register split times at each of these checkpoints.



Digital clocks are positioned at the start line, at each mile, at each 5K, at the halfway point (13.1 miles), at mile 25.2 (one mile to go) and at the finish line to provide the elapsed event time. Mile and kilometer markers are positioned at each mile and 5K to assist you in locating the clocks. Digital clocks at the finish line will display your unofficial time. The elapsed event time begins with the start of Wave 1 at 7:30 a.m.

PROHIBITED DEVICES

Wheeled devices are not permitted for use on the Bank of America Chicago Marathon course by anyone other than registered and authorized wheelchair and hand-cycle participants. Prohibited devices include non-registered wheelchairs, hand-cycles, baby joggers, strollers, skateboards, rollerblades and bicycles.

Music devices with headphones are permitted for use on the course, but participants must stay alert to their surroundings at all times, and must pay attention to important announcements made in the Grant Park start and finish areas and along the course.

SPECTATOR VIEWING AREAS

Family and friends attending the Bank of America Chicago Marathon will have limited race day access to Grant Park between Michigan Avenue and Lake Shore Drive, and between Monroe Street and 11th Street. This area of Grant Park will be designated as a “Participant Only” zone until 8:30 a.m., at which time spectators will have access to additional areas of Grant Park, including Butler Field, site of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon 27th Mile Post-Race Party.

Recommended viewing areas for spectators are as follows:

Start Line: Spectators will not be able to access the start line at Monroe Street and Columbus Drive. For the best view of the race start, head north to Grand Avenue, between Columbus Drive and State Street, near Mile 1, or anywhere along State Street, between Grand Avenue and Jackson Boulevard.

Finish Line: Spectators will not be able to access the following areas in Grant Park: east of Michigan Avenue, between Harrison Street and Balbo Avenue; north of the

11th Street Bridge/Underpass and Columbus Drive; south of Congress Parkway and Columbus Drive.

For the best view of the race finish, use the public bleachers south of the 11th Street Bridge/Underpass and Columbus Drive. Additionally, spectators should plan to meet their runners after the race at the Runner Reunite area at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon 27th Mile Post-Race Party in Butler Field, located north of Jackson Drive, between Columbus Drive and Lake Shore Drive.

Refer to the Grant Park map on pages 23 and 24 for more details.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

MEDICAL SUPPORT

Medical support is available at 21 on-course locations: all 20 Aid Stations and an additional Medical Tent in the final mile. Medical Tents are identified by tall, red, blade signs with the medical icon. Each Medical Tent is staffed by a team of medical professionals, equipped with emergency and first aid supplies, with access to ambulance service.



In Grant Park, the Main Medical Tent, the Podiatry Tent, and the Ice Tent are located directly beyond the finish line. An additional Medical Tent is located in Grant Park adjacent to the Runner Reunite area at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon 27th Mile Post-Race Party.

The Massage Tent will be located within the Bank of America Chicago Marathon 27th Mile Post-Race Party at the southwest corner, adjacent to the Petrillo Band Shell.

For the safety of all participants, only those requiring medical assistance may access the medical facilities.

YOUR SUPPORT

It is critical that you fill out the back of your bib number with your emergency contact information prior to the race. Your bib number is a participant identifier for all event staff and a quick reference tool in emergency situations. Should you need medical assistance, that information will greatly help the medical staff assess your condition and notify your emergency contact if necessary.

Medical personnel reserve the right to withdraw anyone from the race appearing to be in distress or at risk should they continue running.

RUNNER TRANSPORT SERVICE

Runner Transport vehicles provide non-emergency transportation from all 20 Aid Stations back to Grant Park in the event that you are unable to complete the race. Runner Transport signs and volunteers wearing green vests will be located at each on-course Medical Tent.

AMERICAN RED CROSS PATIENT CONNECTION PROGRAM



PATIENT CONNECTION PROGRAM 

If a participant is transported to a local area hospital at the discretion of the medical team, the American Red Cross of Greater Chicago's Patient Connection staff will be on hand in Grant Park to provide information regarding that patient to family and friends. Patient Connection staff can be found at any one of the six Information tents throughout Grant park as well as at the American Red Cross Patient Connection Family Waiting area located in the southeast corner of the 27th Mile Post-Race Party in Butler Field. Family members may also call 888.659.9877 to speak with a Patient Connection Operator to inquire about patient information. Refer to the course map for locations and inform friends and family of the service in advance of race day.

TIPS FROM THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Look for race-issued e-mail communication and visit chicagomarathon.com for preparation tips from the Medical Director. Regardless of the weather conditions, the event will provide valuable information on hydration, nutrition, gear and the location of race day services to help you prepare for race day.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

As a complement to the information on the back of your bib and the Event Alert System, please make certain that we have your most up-to-date emergency contact information on hand by submitting it online at www.chicagomarathon.com/emergencycontact. This database is a secure, one-time source used only in the event that emergency personnel need to access your information in a timely manner on race day.

RACE DAY INFORMATION

RACE DAY TIMELINE

Gear Check Opens	5:30 a.m.
Start Corrals Open	5:30 a.m.
Wave 1 Start Corrals Close	7:20 a.m.
Wheelchair Start	7:20 a.m.
Handcycle Start	7:21 a.m.
Wave 1 Start	7:30 a.m.
Pedestrian Crosswalks Close	7:30 a.m.
Wave 2 Start Corrals Close	7:45 a.m.
Wave 2 Start	8:00 a.m.
27th Mile Post-Race Party Begins	10:00 a.m.
Gear Check Closes	3:00 p.m.
27th Mile Post-Race Party Ends	3:30 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING

You are strongly encouraged to use public transportation to the start and finish areas in Grant Park, as well as spectators travelling to various locations on the course. If you drive, allow sufficient time for traffic congestion and street closures due to the race.



Standard Parking

Standard Parking company offers several convenient race day parking options throughout downtown Chicago at a discounted rate. For more information and to pre-purchase race day parking visit www.aboutparking.com/chicago-marathon.

Soldier Field (1410 Museum Campus Dr.): Parking is available via the Click and Park website only. Race Day Rate: \$13 plus \$3 service charge

18th Street Lot (18th St. and Lake Shore Dr.): Parking is available via the Click and Park website only. Race Day Rate: \$13 plus \$3 service charge

Huron Superior (222 E. Huron St.): Parking with pre-printed coupon available via website. Race Day Rate: \$10.50 for 12 hours; \$22.00 for 24 hours

Millennium Garages

The Millennium Garages offer the closest race day parking options to Grant Park with more than 9,200 spaces. For additional information on the Millennium Garages call 312.616.0600 or visit millenniumgarages.com.

Public Transportation: CTA and Metra Services

For the most up-to-date travel information, visit the CTA website at transitchicago.com and the Metra website at metrarail.com. For additional information, contact the Transit Information Center at 312.836.7000 or Metra Passenger Service at 312.322.6777.

Park & Ride to Downtown

The CTA provides parking facilities at several outlying rail stations. Lot fees vary between \$4 and \$5 daily. For parking locations, visit transitchicago.com.

Metra Train Service

On race day, Metra will run special inbound and outbound service for Bank of America Chicago Marathon participants and spectators on the following five lines: Metra Electric, BNSF Railway, Milwaukee North, Union Pacific Northwest and Union Pacific West. The inbound trains will arrive in Chicago at approximately 6 a.m. and the outbound trains will depart Chicago at approximately 1:30 p.m. These trains will operate in addition to regularly scheduled Sunday trains.

The Metra Electric will run a 4:50 a.m. departure from University Park making all stops from University Park to Kensington and making stops at 55th/56th/57th Street, Museum Campus and Van Buren Street Station, arriving at Millennium Station at 5:52 a.m. The return service will depart from Millennium Station at 1:25 p.m. making stops at Van Buren Street Station, Museum Campus, 55th/56th/57th Street, and all stops from Kensington to University Park arriving at 2:30 p.m.

The BNSF Railway special train will depart from Aurora at 4:55 a.m., making additional stops at Route 59, Naperville, Lisle, Downers Grove, Westmont, Clarendon Hills, Hinsdale, Western Springs, LaGrange Road, Brookfield, Riverside and Berwyn, arriving at Chicago's Union Station at 6 a.m. The return service will depart from Union Station

at 1:30 p.m., making additional stops at Berwyn, Riverside, Brookfield, LaGrange Road, Western Springs, Hinsdale, Clarendon Hills, Westmont, Downers Grove, Lisle, Naperville, and Route 59 arriving in Aurora at 2:37 p.m.

The Milwaukee North Line special train will depart Fox Lake at 4:25 a.m., making all stops to Chicago's Union Station, arriving at 6 a.m. The return service will depart from Union Station at 1:35 p.m., making all stops to Fox Lake, arriving at 3:22 p.m.

The Union Pacific Northwest Line special train will depart Crystal Lake at 4:45 a.m., making all stops to Park Ridge, running non-stop to Chicago's Ogilvie Transportation Center (OTC), arriving at 5:55 a.m. The return service will depart from Chicago at 1:30 p.m., running non-stop to Park Ridge, and then making all stops to Crystal Lake, arriving at 2:46 p.m.

The Union Pacific West Line special train will depart Elburn at 4:50 a.m., making all stops to Elmhurst, then Oak Park, and arriving at Chicago's Ogilvie Transportation Center (OTC) at 6:05 a.m. The return service will depart from Chicago at 1:40 p.m., running to Oak Park, then to Elmhurst and all following stops to Elburn, arriving at 2:58 p.m.

For scheduled stops or additional information, visit the Metra website at metrarail.com or contact Metra Passenger Service at 312.322.6777 or the Transit Information Center at 312.836.7000.

Race Day Bicycle Parking

Bicycle parking is available within Grant Park at the McDonald's Cycle Center located at Randolph Street and Columbus Drive. For more information, visit chicagobikestation.com.

GEAR CHECK: WAVE 1 AND 2

Participants are allowed to store small personal items or articles of clothing during the race at your designated Gear Check area, which is determined by the color of your bib number: White, Red, Blue or Gray. Please make note of your assigned Gear Check area and how to access it prior to your arrival on race day.

Please follow these guidelines when checking your gear on race day:

- Gear Check is available to participants only; spectators are not allowed in the Gear Check area
- Use your race-issued Gear Check bag (your Participant Bag) and the corresponding Gear Check tag that is attached to your bib number
- You must show your bib number when dropping off and picking up your gear
- Luggage bags, oversized or overweight items, loose articles or bags that are not race-issued will not be accepted at Gear Check
- Do not check valuable items such as jewelry, cell phones, cameras, music or electronic devices, etc.; the event is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items
- All bags must be picked up by 3 p.m. on race day or they will be taken to the

Bank of America Chicago Marathon office (135 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1160) where they can be picked up in person starting Monday, October 8 at 10 a.m.

- Call 312.904.9800 to confirm your bag is available for pick up
- Any items unclaimed by November 1, 2012 will no longer be made available

Wave 1

White Bib Gear Check: Elite Development

Bib #s 51 – 200 and 251 – 400

Located within the Elite Development tent located west of Columbus Drive, south of Jackson Drive.

Directions to White Gear Check: Enter Grant Park at Gate #1. Walk east on Jackson Drive to the Elite Development tent located on the right, west of Columbus Drive, south of Jackson Drive.

Red Gear Check: Corrals A, B, C, D and E*

Bib #s 501 – 19,000

Located on the north side of the Buckingham Fountain plaza, east of Columbus Drive, between Jackson and Balbo streets.

Directions to Red Gear Check: Enter Grant Park at Gate #1. Walk east into Grant Park from Jackson Drive. Continue walking east past Columbus Drive. Turn right onto the north side of Buckingham Fountain. Gear Check is located straight ahead.

**Corral E Bib #s 13,001 – 19,000 are designated for all Charity Village participants. Please review your specific instruction provided by the charity organization regarding their tent location, Gear Check and optimal Grant Park access points.*

Wave 2

Blue Gear Check: Corrals F, G, H and J

Bib #s 19,001 – 40,000

Located on the south side of the Buckingham Fountain plaza, east of Columbus Drive between Jackson and Balbo streets.

Directions to Blue Gear Check: Enter Grant Park at Gate #2. Walk east on Congress Drive past Columbus Drive toward Buckingham Fountain. Gear Check is located to the right on the south side of Buckingham Fountain.

Gray Gear Check: Corrals K, L, and M

Bib #s 40,001 – 53,000

Located on the south side of Congress Parkway, west of Columbus Drive.

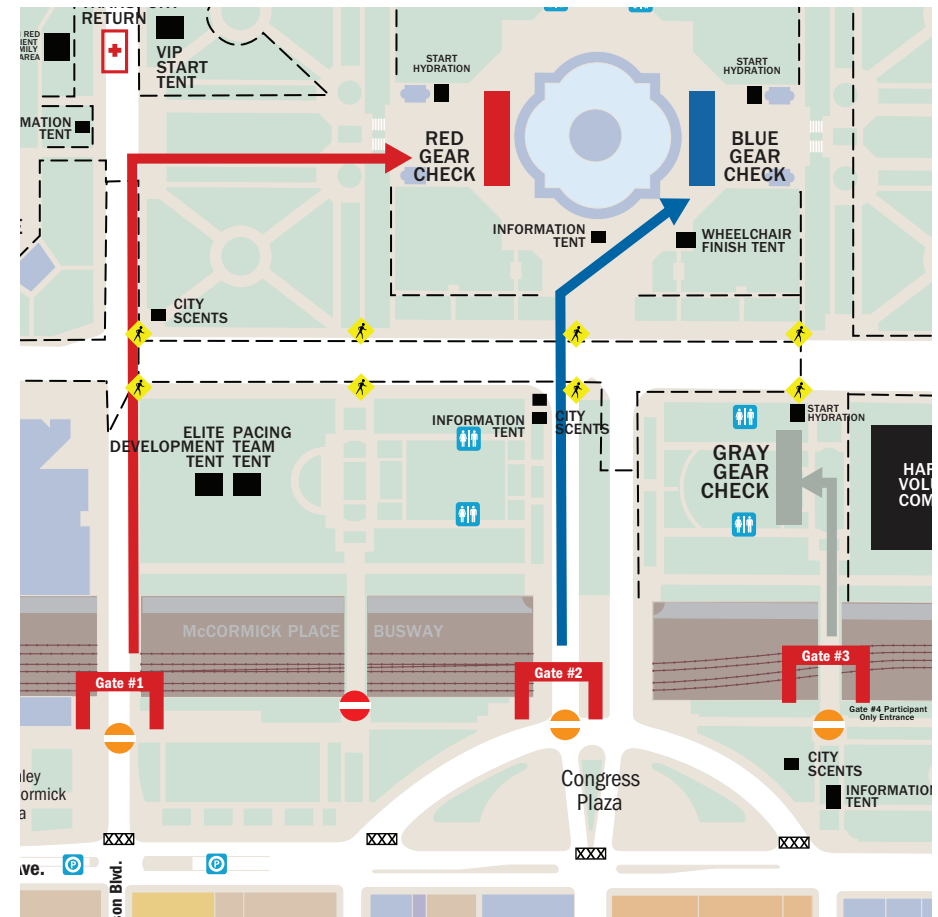
Directions to Gray Gear Check: Enter Grant Park at Gate #3. Walk east on the Harrison Street footpath. Gear Check is located to the left of the Harrison Street footpath.

CHANGING FACILITIES

For your convenience, male and female changing facilities will be available near the Gear Check areas in Grant Park.

PRE-RACE FLUIDS, SUPPLIES AND TOILET FACILITIES

G Series PRO™ Endurance Formula (lemon-lime), G Series PRO™ Prime Pouch, G Series PRO™ Carb Energy Chews and water will be available prior to the race at Start Hydration areas. Other supplies such as Band-Aids, safety pins and skin lubricant will be available at Pre-Race Supply Tents near your assigned Gear Check. Toilet facilities will be positioned near Start Corral entryways.



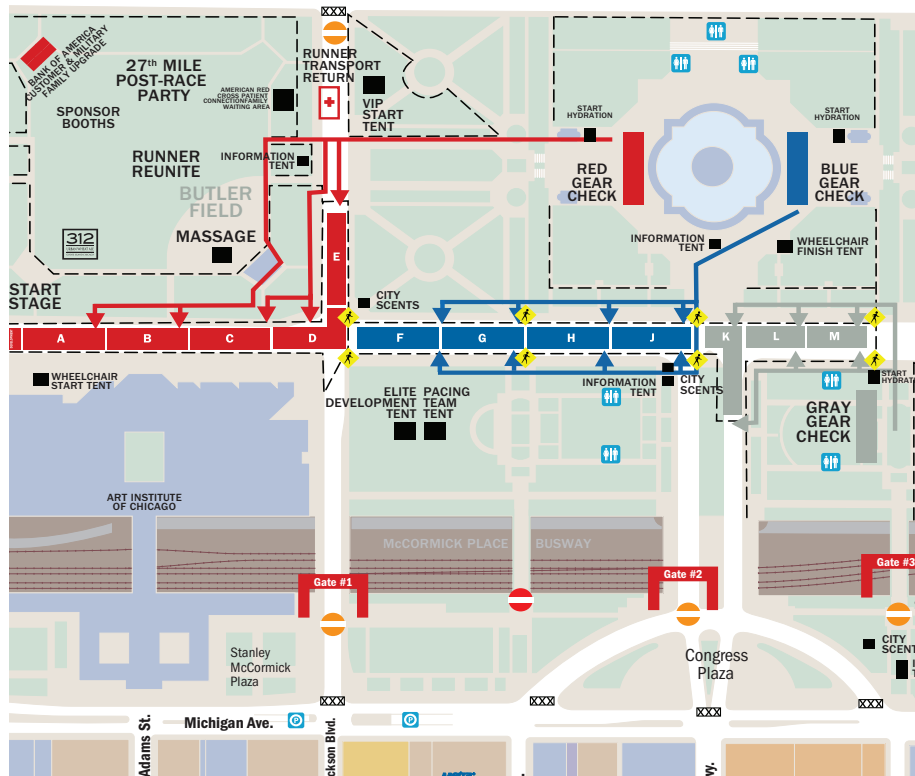
WAVE START AND START CORRALS (NEW IN 2012)

The 2012 Bank of America Chicago Marathon will feature a new two Wave Start and Start Corral process to facilitate a smoother start to the race. Your Start Wave is determined by your Start Corral assignment. You have been assigned to one of 14 Start Corrals as indicated on your Confirmation Ticket: Wheelchair, Elite Development, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J, K, L or M. Please make a note of the access points to your Start Corral prior to your arrival on race day.

Start Corral Instructions

- Your bib number corresponds with your Start Corral assignment
- Your bib number must be visible to gain access to your Start Corral
- You will be granted access to your assigned Start Corral only
- Start Corrals open at 5:30 a.m.
- Wave 1 Start Corrals (Elite Development, A, B, C, D and E) will close at 7:20 a.m.

- Wave 2 Start Corrals (F, G, H, J, K, L and M) will close at 7:45 a.m.
- Family and friends will not be allowed to accompany participants to the start area



DIRECTIONS TO START CORRAL LOCATIONS

Wave 1 – Start Corrals Close at 7:20 a.m.*

Start Corral: Elite Development

Bib Color: White #s 51 – 200 and 251 – 400

Start Corral Access from Elite Development Tent (White Gear Check)

- Elite Development Corral: Access to your Corral will be available on the west side of Columbus Drive via escort only. Escorts will depart from the Elite Development tent beginning at 6:45 a.m.

Start Corrals: A, B, C, D and E

Bib Color: Red #s 501 – 19,000

Start Corral Access is located at Jackson Drive, east of Columbus Drive.

At Jackson Drive follow the directional signs indicating Start Corrals A, B, C and D.

Start Corral Access From Red Gear Check

- Start Corrals A and B: Walk north from the Red Gear Check tent to Jackson

Drive. At Jackson Drive follow the directional signs indicating Start Corrals A and B. You will only be able to access your Corral on the east side of Columbus Drive.

- Start Corrals C and D: Walk north from the Red Gear Check tent to Jackson Drive. At Jackson Drive follow the directional signs indicating Start Corrals C and D. You will only be able to access your Corral on the east side of Columbus Drive.
- Start Corral E: Walk north from the Red Gear Check tent to Jackson Drive. You will be able to access your Corral from the rear at Jackson Drive.

**Please note that if you are not in your Start Corral by 7:20 a.m. you must start at the back of your assigned Wave.*

Wave 2 – Start Corrals Close at 7:45 a.m.*

Start Corrals: F, G, H, and J

Bib Color: Blue #s 19,001 – 40,000

Start Corral Access is located on Columbus Drive, between Jackson Drive and Congress Parkway. At Columbus Drive follow the directional signs indicating Start Corrals F, G, H and J.

Start Corral Access from Blue Gear Check

Walk west from the Blue Gear Check Tent to Columbus Drive, between Congress Parkway and the Harrison Street foot path. You will be able to access your Corral on both the east and west sides of Columbus Drive. Corral entrances will be marked by the Start Corral letter.

Start Corrals: K, L and M

Bib Color: Gray #s 40,001 – 53,000

Start Corral Access is located on both the east and west sides of Columbus Drive. On Columbus Drive, corral entrances will be marked by the Start Corral letter.

Start Corral Access from Gray Gear Check

Walk north from the Gray Gear Check to Columbus Drive. You will be able to access your Corral on both the east and west sides of Columbus Drive. Corral entrances will be marked by the Start Corral letter.

**Please note that if you are not in your Start Corral by 7:45 a.m. you must start at the back of your assigned Wave.*

WAVE START LINE PROCEDURES (NEW IN 2012)

It will take approximately 15-20 minutes for all participants of each wave to cross the start line.

Wave 1 Start Time: 7:30 a.m.

Wave 2 Start Time: 8 a.m.

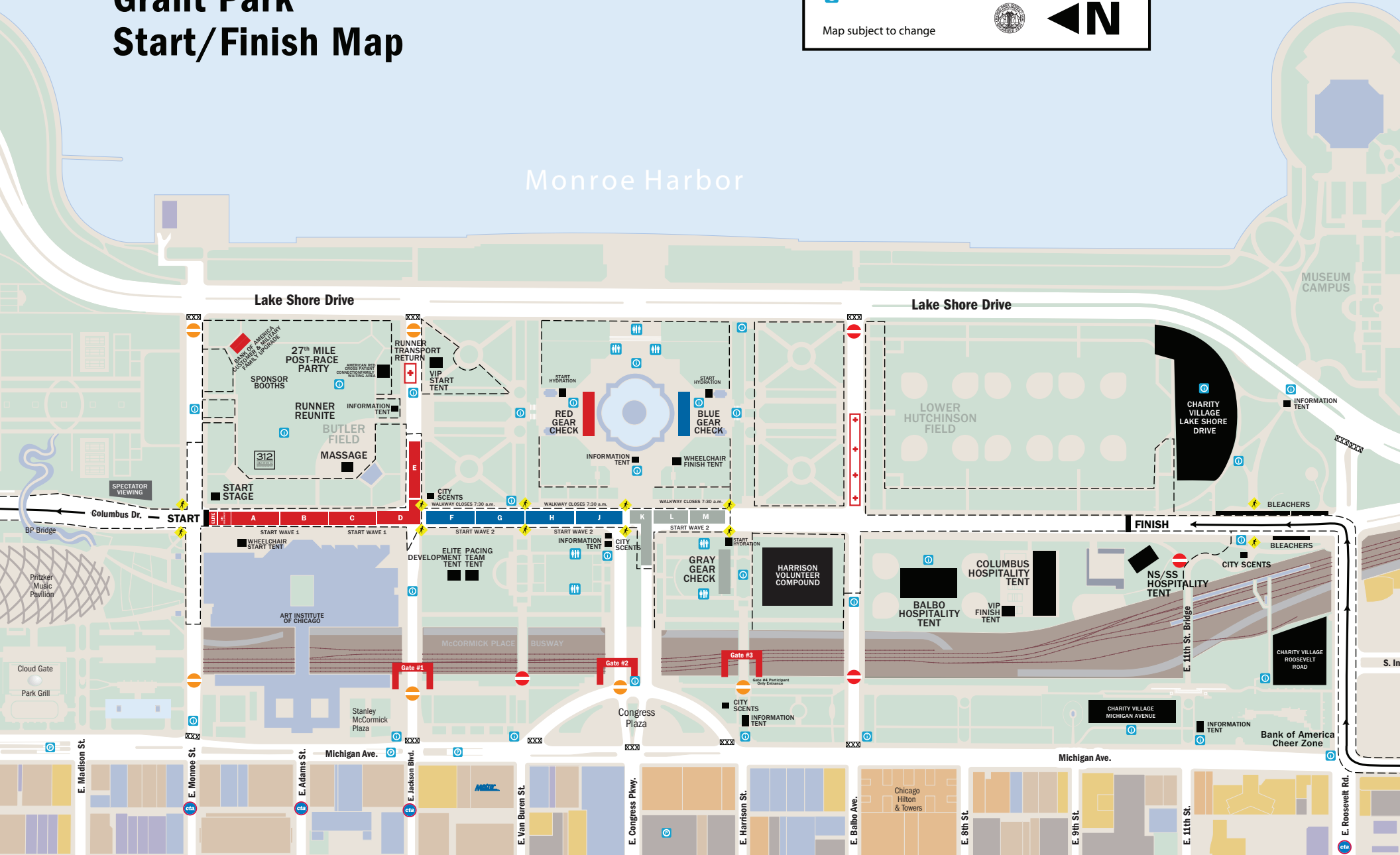
Please note your assigned wave and the start time. Remember that your official time will not begin until you cross the timing mat at the start line. Follow directions from race officials and volunteers at all times for a safe and orderly start to the race.



Grant Park Start/Finish Map

Course Route	CTA Train
Medical Facilities	Parking
Road Closed to Vehicle Traffic	Metra Train
Pedestrian Crosswalk	Limited Access Entrance
Toilets	Open to Participants Closed to Spectators until 8:30 a.m.
Information Kiosks	N

Map subject to change



INFORMATION PRESENTED BY TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES

Information presented by Tata Consultancy Services will be available throughout Grant Park on race day. Information Tents will be available to assist participants and spectators with event information, course maps and general event inquiries as well as lost and found items. Information Tents will be located in the following areas:



- On the east side of Michigan Avenue at 11th Street
- On the east side of Michigan Avenue at Harrison Street
- South east side of Grant Park at the Museum Campus underpass
- Within the Buckingham Fountain Gear Check facility (Participant Only Information Tent)
- Within the 27th Mile Post-Race Party in Butler Field
- On the northwest corner of Congress Drive and Columbus Drive

In addition to the six Information Tents, Information Teams of 2 to 4 individuals can be found throughout Grant Park and Michigan Avenue on race morning to assist participants and spectators with maps and viewing tips.

Lost & Found items will be collected throughout the day and available for pick-up until 3 p.m. at Information Tent locations. Unclaimed items will be taken back to the Bank of America Chicago Marathon office (135 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 1160) where they can be picked up in person starting Monday, October 8. Call 312.904.9800 or send an e-mail titled "Lost & Found" to office@chicagomarathon.com to inquire about lost items. Any items unclaimed by December 1, 2012 will no longer be made available.

MCDONALD'S RUNNER UPDATE CENTERS

Eight on-course McDonald's locations are proud to be designated as Runner Update Centers where spectators can go to check on the status of their runners by looking them up online.



- 201 N. Clark St. (at Lake St.)
- 23 S. Clark St. (at Madison St.)
- 180 W. Adams St. (at Wells St.)
- 230 S. State St. (at Adams St.)
- 600 N. Clark St. (at Ohio St.)
- 2635 N. Clark St. (at Wrightwood Ave.)
- 1563 N. Wells St. (at North Ave.)
- 1664 S. Blue Island Ave. (at 18th St.)

FINISH LINE PROCEDURES

For the convenience and safety of all participants, please continue moving through the finish area. No stopping or loitering is allowed. Participants who sit or lie down in the finish area will immediately be transported to the Medical Tent and will not be released

until cleared by medical staff. Volunteers will be positioned just beyond the finish line within the Runner Recovery area to distribute Heatsheets™ and finisher medals. Once you exit the finish area there is no re-entry.

MARIANO'S FRESH MARKET RUNNER REFRESHMENT

Refreshments will be available beyond the finish line within the Mariano's Fresh Market Runner Refreshment area, including G Series PRO™ Endurance Formula (lemon-lime), G Series® Protein Recovery Beverage, Aquafina bottled water, bananas, Clif Builder's high-protein bars, and a variety of products from Mariano's Fresh Market. For participants age 21 and over, Chicago's own Goose Island Beer Co. will provide complimentary 312 Urban Wheat Ale.



BANK OF AMERICA CHICAGO MARATHON 27TH MILE POST-RACE PARTY

Upon exiting the finish area, celebrate your accomplishment at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon 27th Mile Post-Race Party in Butler Field, near the start line at Columbus Drive and Jackson Drive. The outdoor celebration will feature live music. Participants age 21 and over (photo ID required) can redeem the tear-off portion of their bib number for one free 312 Urban Wheat Ale. Additional food and beverages will be available for purchase.



The 27th Mile Post-Race Party is open to the public from 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., with live music beginning at 10:30 a.m. and beer sales from 11 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

RUNNER REUNITE AREA

Reunite with your family and friends after the race at the Runner Reunite area located within the Bank of America Chicago Marathon 27th Mile Post-Race Party at the northeast corner of Columbus Drive and Jackson Drive. The Runner Reunite area will be organized by alphabetical signs (A-Z) to facilitate meeting locations by name. When making plans to reunite with your family and friends, factor in the necessary time it will take you to navigate through the finish area and collect your bag from Gear Check. Also, be sure to devise a back-up plan in the event that you cannot locate your party.

MASSAGE THERAPY

More than 200 students, faculty, and alumni from Chicago's Cortiva Institute will offer complimentary post-race massage treatments from 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The Massage Tent will be located within the Bank of America Chicago Marathon 27th Mile Post-Race Party at the southwest corner, adjacent to the Petrillo Band Shell.

RACE DAY RUNNER RESULTS

Look up your finisher results at the Race Day Runner Results Tent within the Bank of America Chicago Marathon 27th Mile Post-Race Party. Volunteers will be on-hand to help participants and spectators look up unofficial race day results.

POST-RACE INFORMATION

RACE RESULTS

- Unofficial race results will be available on race day at chicagomarathon.com and e-mailed to all finishers
- The Monday, October 8 edition of the Chicago Sun-Times will include full race day coverage and results listings in the commemorative 2012 Bank of America Chicago Marathon section*
- Once race results are deemed official, all official finishers will be e-mailed with a link to their digital finisher's certificate indicating net time, pace per mile and finish place; the certificate will also be available for download at chicagomarathon.com
- All official finishers will receive an Official 2012 Bank of America Chicago Marathon Results Book mailed after the event with complete results listings, race day coverage and photos

*Due to production deadlines, the Chicago Sun-Times cannot guarantee but will make best efforts to include the names of all participants who finish the Bank of America Chicago Marathon under 6 hours and 30 minutes

AGE DIVISIONS AND AWARDS

Personalized engraved finisher medals will be awarded to the top five finishers in each age division listed below. Age group medals will be mailed to the winners approximately six weeks after the race.

Male and Female: 16-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80 & over

RACE DAY PHOTOS

MarathonFoto has been the Official Photographer of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon for three decades.

This year, MarathonFoto will take photos at more than 20 different locations along the course and as you cross the finish line. After you finish, your photo will be taken as you receive your finisher medal and while you pose in front of a custom "Bank of America Chicago Marathon Finisher" backdrop. Additional candid photos will be taken in the start area and at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon 27th Mile Post-Race Party.

MarathonFoto offers a variety of photos and photo-related personalized products.

Make sure your bib number is visible to help MarathonFoto identify your photos. Your photos will be online 72 hours after the race. Go to chicagomarathon.com and click on Marathon Store for details or stop by the MarathonFoto booth at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo to receive money-saving coupons. For customer service support, call 800.424.3686.

MarathonFoto products are backed by a 100% money-back guarantee.



EVENT SUSTAINABILITY

Recognized as a sustainable event by the Council for Responsible Sport in 2010, the Bank of America Chicago Marathon is working toward recertification in 2012. Please help in our continued efforts to be a more sustainable event by participating in the following practices on race weekend.

- Use designated trash, recycling and composting receptacles
- Respect the foliage within Grant Park by using designated walkways
- Take advantage of the complimentary Bank of America Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo shuttle
- Donate your gently used running shoes to Share Your Soles at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon 27th Mile Post-Race Party or at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo
- Use public transportation, carpool or ride your bicycle when possible to and from the event

PROMOTIONS & HOSPITALITY

NIKE STORE – OFFICIAL RACE MERCHANDISE

Remember your run. Nike is offering Official 2012 Bank of America Chicago Marathon Merchandise to commemorate your achievement. The Official Merchandise Collection includes commemorative technical running and lifestyle apparel, footwear and accessories.



Purchase Official Merchandise at Nike Chicago (669 N. Michigan Ave.) and at the Health & Fitness Expo over the Bank of America Chicago Marathon weekend and at nikestore.com.

COMMEMORATIVE MERCHANDISE

Commemorative merchandise for the 2012 Bank of America Chicago Marathon will be sold at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo. For more information on the commemorative merchandise visit the Marathon Store at chicagomarathon.com.

AMERICAN AIRLINES - OFFICIAL AIRLINE

American Airlines, the Official Airline of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon, has made available a 5% discount off any applicable fare. Race participants (or families and friends) may also utilize the discount when traveling on American Airlines, American Eagle and AmericanConnection. The discount is valid only for travel that occurs from October 1-13, 2012 and may not be combined or used in conjunction with any other offer.



Reservations on American Airlines and American Eagle may be booked on aa.com or by contacting the toll-free number at 1.800.433.1790. Please follow the procedures listed on the following page for booking the available discounts and enter or mention 91H2BL as the aa.com promotion code when booking your reservation:

5% Discount (applies to any applicable fare): Flights may be booked by contacting American Airlines toll-free at 1.800.433.1790 or by visiting aa.com. Flights booked through the toll-free number will be assessed any applicable administrative charges.

AAdvantage members may accrue mileage on American Airlines for tickets purchased subject to the rules of the AAdvantage program. Electronic and monetary upgrades to Business or First Class are allowed after ticketing.

Airline Group Travel

American Airlines Group & Meeting Travel offers special fares and discounts for 10 or more passengers traveling to a common destination. Contact Group & Meeting Travel at 1.800.221.2255, e-mail aagmt.internet@aa.com, or visit the website at aa.com/group.

GO AIRPORT EXPRESS

GO Airport Express offers airport shuttle transportation between Chicago area locations and O’Hare and Midway Airports. Efficient and economical shared-ride shuttles depart from O’Hare and Midway Airports every 10 minutes for Chicago downtown and suburban locations. Shuttle counters are located at both O’Hare and Midway in the baggage claim areas. Transportation to airports is arranged by reservation. To make a shuttle reservation, visit airportexpress.com or call 800.284.3826 and use the code ‘Marathon’ for a discount. For private charters call 773.843.2420.

HILTON CHICAGO – OFFICIAL HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

The Hilton Chicago is the Official Headquarters Hotel of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon. Overlooking Grant Park and Lake Michigan, the Hilton Chicago boasts 1,544 deluxe guest rooms. Located ideally on famed Michigan Avenue, and near the start and finish of the race, the Hilton Chicago is also within walking distance of Millennium Park, museums, shopping and the Loop Business District. To take a virtual tour, visit hiltonfamilychicago.com.



LIVE BROADCAST AND MEDIA COVERAGE

NBC 5 Chicago

NBC 5 Chicago and nbcchicago.com will provide complete live TV and online coverage of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon on race day from 7 – 11 a.m.



670 The Score

670 The Score will provide complete live radio coverage of the Bank of America Chicago Marathon on race day from 7 – 11 a.m.



Chicago Sun-Times

Look to the Chicago Sun-Times on Monday, October 8 for race coverage and results listings in the Bank of America Chicago Marathon Commemorative Section.



BANK OF AMERICA CUSTOMER UPGRADE. NOW ALSO A BENEFIT FOR ACTIVE AND RETIRED MILITARY

Bank of America is proud to express our thanks by providing our troops with an upgraded race day experience. This exclusive area for active and retired service members and Bank of America customers will offer race day amenities in a private space, including protection from the elements, dedicated restrooms and runner refreshments.*Simply bring your Bank of America debit card, credit card, other customer identification or Military Identification to the Bank of America booth at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo on Friday, October 5 or Saturday, October 6 to receive a wristband, allowing you and one (1) guest access to this upgraded race day experience.



**Customer or Military identification is required to receive offer. While supplies last.*

CHEER ON THE RUNNERS AND EXPRESS YOUR THANKS TO OUR TROOPS WITH BANK OF AMERICA

Bank of America will host two on-course Cheer Zones to support runners and send a special message to our active and retired military. Spectators will be invited to express their thanks to our troops through a number of heartfelt activities during this year’s race. To say ‘Thank You,’ Bank of America will dedicate the final stretch of the course – the one that requires the most courage – in honor of our troops, including the service men and women due to return home from service soon. At Mile 26, spectators will be joined by Bank of America employee volunteers and others in the military community to welcome runners into the finish line. To join Bank of America in demonstrating your support for our troops, visit either location below on race day. Also, please visit Bank of America’s event space at the Expo for more great ways to express your thanks to our US military and their families.



- Mile 12 Bank of America Cheer Zone
Franklin and Adams Streets
One block from CTA Quincy/Wells stop; two blocks from Union Station
- Mile 26 Bank of America Cheer Zone
Michigan Avenue and Roosevelt Road
Two blocks from CTA Red Line Roosevelt Road stop

U.S. TRUST CHEER ZONE

Directly beyond the first Bank of America Cheer Zone is the U.S. Trust Cheer Zone, at the intersection of Adams Street and Wacker Drive. Spectators can support runners at one of the most scenic points of the course, just before they cross the Chicago River and approach the half marathon checkpoint. The energy is certain to be high with the second half of the race on the horizon.



MERRILL LYNCH CHEER ZONES

Spectators can urge on participants as they make their way through the West Loop at the Merrill Lynch Cheer Zones. Located at Miles 13.5 (Halsted Street and Adams Street) and 16.5 (Halsted Street and Jackson Boulevard), just a few blocks from the CTA Blue Line, the Merrill Lynch Cheer Zones are the ultimate rally stations, motivating runners during the second half of the race.

**JOIN NIKE AT MILE 10 AND MILE 24**

Join forces with Nike in supporting marathoners along the course. Nike will host a motivational zone at Mile 10 (North Avenue and Wells Street), and at Mile 24 (South Michigan Avenue and 31st Street). Help runners dig deep and push to the finish. Also, remember to pick up Official 2012 Finisher Merchandise available exclusively at Nike Chicago (669 N. Michigan Ave.) and Fleet Feet Piper's Alley (1620 N. Wells St.).

**PARTICIPANT AND SPECTATOR HOSPITALITY**

If you purchased a ticket to the Bank of America Chicago Marathon Balbo Hospitality Tent, your wristband for venue access and race day instructions will be available for pick-up at the Hospitality Ticket booth located at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo Participant Services area. Tickets will be held under the name of the purchaser.

If you purchased tickets for a group of five or more, the tickets will be held under the purchaser's name, and an individual from the group may pick up his or her ticket by mentioning the purchaser's name, signing a release and showing a photo ID. You must pick up your hospitality tickets at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon Health & Fitness Expo during regularly scheduled hours. You cannot access the Balbo Hospitality Tent on race day without your ticket.

NIKE NORTHSIDE/SOUTHSIDE CHALLENGE AT THE BANK OF AMERICA CHICAGO MARATHON

Nike and the Bank of America Chicago Marathon are inspiring the next generation to run in the footsteps of their running heroes. The Nike Northside/Southside Challenge gives high school athletes the unique opportunity to compete in an invitational meet on the Chicago Marathon course while the race is in progress. Athletes will compete on behalf of their respective high schools and as part of the larger Northside or Southside teams. The race starts at approximately Mile 24 where boys and girls will compete over the last 2.62 miles of the course ending at the Chicago Marathon finish line in Grant Park. Boys start at 7:40 a.m. and girls at 7:50 a.m.

CHARITY BLOCK PARTY

Thousands of Bank of America Chicago Marathon participants are running for more than 190 different charity teams and fundraising on behalf of important local, national and global causes. To celebrate the impact these participants make, the Bank of America Chicago Marathon will host a Charity Block Party at approximately

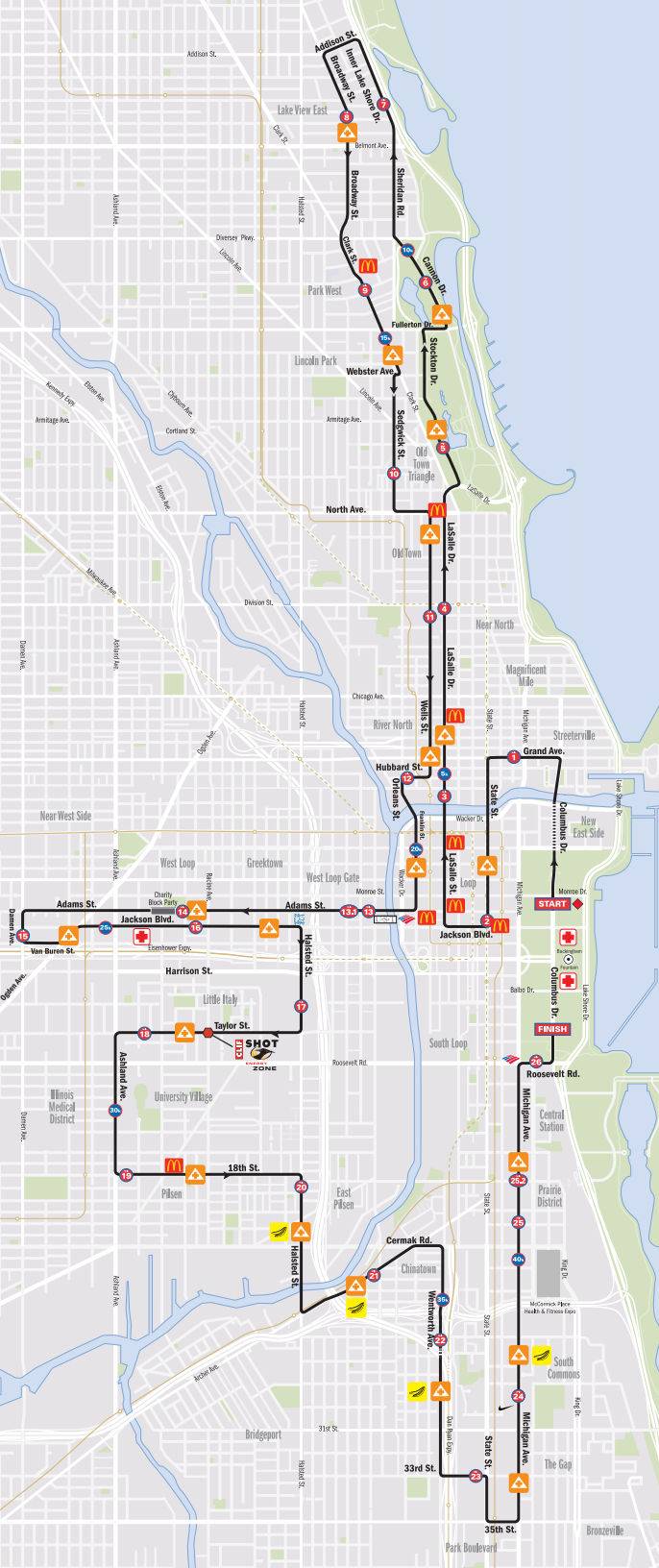
Mile 14. Spectators, family and friends are welcome to cheer on their charity runners at the Charity Block Party located at Adams and Loomis streets near Whitney Young High School.


CITY SCENTS FLOWERS FOR SALE

City Scents is offering "Good Luck" and "Congratulations" floral arrangements and bouquets for purchase online and on race day. For delivery to a hotel, home or office, go to the Marathon Store at chicagomarathon.com or call 312.836.0211 or 800.886.1050; or stop into the 209 E. Ohio St. location. City Scents also offers floral bouquets for sale on race day in Grant Park at four locations near the start/finish area.

Refer to the Grant Park map on pages 23 and 24 for locations.





















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**CHICAGO MARATHON
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-  **Mile Marker**
-  **Kilometer Marker**
-  **Aid Station**
Contains Medical, Toilets,
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-  **Medical**
-  **Food On Course**
-  **CLIF Shot Energy Zone**
-  **McDonald's Runner Update Center***
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-  **Bank of America Cheer Zone**
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-  **Bank of America Customer & Military Family Upgrade**
-  **Marathon Course**

* For exact locations visit chicagomarathon.com
Course subject to change



EVENT RULES & GUIDELINES APPLICABLE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

The following event rules and guidelines are intended to help produce and direct a large scale event, to ensure the safety of all participants, to meet the requirements of local government permits and to be compliant with applicable USA Track & Field (USATF) and International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF) regulations for participant performance records and event liability.

PARTICIPATION / REGISTRATION

- Registrants must be capable of completing the full distance, start line to finish line, within event time requirement of 6 hours, 30 minutes (6:30:59).
- To register, you must be 16 years of age or older on event day. Individuals under 18 years of age must have a statement signed by their parent or legal guardian permitting participation.
- Each participant must sign an event waiver before participating in the event. Registrants under 18 years of age must have their applicant waiver signed by parent or legal guardian.
- The event time requirement and age minimum apply to all forms of entry and event participation.
- Any participant seeking accommodation in respect of a disability must submit a written request to the Registration Manager at the following e-mail address: registration@chicagomarathon.com.
- Participant race number bibs are specific personal identifiers and may not be exchanged with or transferred/sold to any other person.
- Sale and/or transfer of a race entry/bib number is strictly prohibited and will result in the disqualification and/or banning of any individuals involved from future events.
- All entry fees are non-refundable, and may not be deferred toward a future event.
- Registration closure is determined and announced when event participation reaches the established capacity of 45,000 participants.

PACKET (BIB NUMBER) PICK-UP

- Each participant must provide photo identification at the time of Participant Packet Pick-Up, verifying identity as the registrant, to whom the event bib number is assigned.
- If a registered participant wishes to have another individual pick up his/her Participant Packet, the registered participant must provide that individual with his/her Confirmation Ticket and that individual must provide photo identification and sign to release the Participant Packet.
- Participants are responsible for verifying that the timing device provided within the Participant Packet is working properly prior to the race and worn correctly during the race. Any problems with the timing device must be addressed at the Participant Services Desk at the time of Packet Pick-Up.

EVENT DAY

- Participants must follow instructions as given from all event officials including race staff, volunteers, medical personnel, security officers and city officials throughout the duration of the event.
- All participants are expected to conduct themselves in a professional and courteous manner during their participation in the event. This means, for example, that urinating or defecating anywhere on or near the course shall be strictly prohibited except in toilet facilities. Anyone who violates this rule of conduct shall be disqualified from the event and will be asked to leave the course.
- Every participant shall be provided with an event bib number, which shall be conspicuously worn on the front (and back when applicable) of the participant's outermost layer of clothing throughout the duration of the event. The event bib number is to be worn as issued and should not be altered in any way. No participant shall be permitted to participate in the event without the appropriate bib number.
- The use of music devices (e.g. iPods) is permitted during the race; however, in keeping with USATF rules for championship races, athletes competing for overall awards or prize money may not use music or communication devices during the race. The use of cell phones, video devices, cameras or similar devices by participants while in the event is strongly discouraged, and event officials reserve the right to disqualify any participant using such devices who poses a safety hazard on the course.
- The use of wheeled devices by participants or any other person authorized to be on the course shall be strictly limited to: (a) authorized and registered competitive wheelchair participants and (b) authorized course marshals on bicycles. Baby joggers, baby strollers, skateboards, rollerblades, unauthorized bicycles or any other wheeled device will not be permitted on the course.
- Participants must begin the event during the official recognized starting times.
- The course will remain open and secured between the Official Start Vehicle and the Official End Vehicle. The Official End Vehicle travels the course at 15:00/mile pace, signaling the end of traffic protection and Aid Station service. The event officially concludes when the Official End Vehicle crosses the finish line.
- Participants are advised for health reasons, and to protect the safety of other competitors, not to consume alcohol while running. They must abide by all City of Chicago alcohol use rules and regulations. The event reserves the right to disqualify any participant who poses a risk to themselves or others.

THE START

- Participants will be assigned to Start Corrals in accordance with time qualifying standards established each year by the event management. Assignments will be based on verification of qualifying performances submitted or performed by participants. Participants will be notified of Start Corral assignments by mail on their Confirmation Ticket, or they may use the online registration confirmation option to ensure proper assignment once proof of the qualifying standard has been supplied. Additional Start Corral qualifying information is available on the event website: chicagomarathon.com
- All participants are responsible for knowing the race's official start time and check-in method for their assigned Start Corral. All participants must be present at the appointed check-in and start time to receive instructions and to participate in the official start of the race.
- Participants shall assemble for the race in their assigned Start Corral no less than 15 minutes prior to the official start of the race. Any athlete attempting to enter a Start Corral to which they were not assigned shall be required to start after all other participants have crossed the start line.
- All Participants shall enter their assigned Start Corral as directed. Any person who climbs the fence or otherwise enters a Start Corral improperly shall be disqualified from the event.
- All participants must be positioned behind the official start line and timing mat prior to the start of the race.

COURSE MONITORING

- Any participant who refuses to obey the directions of an event official, city official or course marshal, or who conducts himself/herself in an unsportsmanlike manner, or who is offensive by action or language to officials, volunteers, participants or spectators, may be disqualified by the event and future participation at the discretion of race officials.
- No participant, after leaving the course, shall be allowed to rejoin the race either for the purpose of gaining a place or to pace/assist another participant.
- Any participant who has been found by a course marshal, event official or surveillance equipment to have gained an unfair advantage by intentionally shortening the route of the race ("cutting the course") shall be immediately disqualified from the event.
- A participant who has received any assistance whatsoever from any other person may be disqualified by the event. "Assistance" includes, without limitation, the conveying of advice, information, or direct or indirect help to an athlete by any means, including electronic communication devices. It also includes pacing by persons not officially participating in the event. It does not include participation of an officially designated pacesetter in the race, provided the pacesetter officially starts in the event.
- Any person who participates in the event without a current official event bib number or timing device not officially assigned to him/her will be disqualified and is subject to removal and disqualification from future events.
- No persons are authorized to be on the course unless they are registered participants. Therefore, no person shall be allowed to accompany a participant if he/she is not registered in the event, nor shall any participant be allowed, without the permission of the event management, to receive assistance or refreshment from anyone during the progress of the event. Any person not properly displaying an authorized and issued bib number shall be directed to leave the course.
- A hands-on medical examination during the progress of an event by officially designated medical personnel shall not be considered assistance and will not result in disqualification if the participant is deemed medically fit.

PARTICIPANT SAFETY

- The use of wheeled devices by participants or any other person authorized to be on the course shall be strictly limited to (a) authorized and registered competitive wheelchair participants and (b) authorized course marshals on bicycles. Baby joggers, strollers, skateboards, rollerblades, unauthorized bicycles or any other wheeled device will not be permitted on the course.
- The use of music devices (e.g. iPods) is permitted during the race; however, in keeping with USATF rules for championship races, athletes competing for overall awards or prize money may not use music or communication devices during the race. The use of cell phones, video devices, cameras or similar devices by participants while in the event is strongly discouraged, and event officials reserve the right to disqualify any participant using such devices who poses a safety hazard on the course.
- Participants are responsible for their recognition and understanding of event signage, symbols and colors relating to participant maps, facilities and direction.
- Medical personnel authorized by the event to do so may examine any participant who appears in distress. If in the sole opinion of authorized medical personnel it is in the best interest of the participant's health and welfare, medical personnel may remove the participant from the event.
- Participants must retire at once from race if ordered to do so by a member of the event's official staff,

official medical staff, or any governmental authority, including fire and police officers.

- Participants are responsible and assume liability for any and all medical expenses incurred as a result of training for and/or participation in the event, including but not limited to ambulance transport, hospital stays, physician and pharmaceutical goods and services.
- Event officials reserve the right to delay, cancel, or suspend the race due to inclement weather in accordance with Emergency Protocol on severe emergencies and/or inclement weather.

RESULT TIMING

- All participants are assigned a timing device prior to the event in their Participant Packet.
- Participants must wear their assigned timing device continuously, from start line to finish line, to receive an accurate finish time.
- Clock time (gun time) is the official time for Elite participants, Elite Development Program participants and Wheelchair participants. The official times shall be recorded from the start of the race by the air horn to the point where the participant crosses the finish line. Times shall be rounded to the next highest second. Net times ("chip" times) shall not be used for any purpose regarding Elite athletes, Elite Development Program participants and Wheelchair participants.
- Official times for participants in Start Corrals A through M will be their net time ("chip" time) from when the participant crosses the start line to the point where the participant crosses the finish line.
- Participant net times greater than the event time requirement of 6 hours, 30 minutes (6:30:59) will not be recognized as official.

TIMING DISQUALIFICATION

- Participants found to be wearing two or more timing devices during the race will be disqualified and their results will not be recorded.
- Participants without recorded times (via timing device) at official checkpoints will be reviewed and may be disqualified.
- All recorded times at checkpoints are reviewed before participant times are designated official.
- Participants must begin the event during the official recognized start time in order to register an official time upon course completion.

PRIZE MONEY

- Under the rules of IAAF and USATF, doping is strictly forbidden.
- All times and finish places are reviewed and deemed official before awards are distributed.
- Any U.S. citizen who qualifies for prize money may be required to pay taxes on the gross amount. A W-9 form with a Social Security Number or Tax ID Number and signature is required by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the event.
- Any non-U.S. citizen who qualifies for prize money may be subject to U.S. Income Tax withholding, which will be deducted from the prize money and paid as required by the IRS.
- The age of a participant on the day of the race determines his or her Masters classification. If age verification is requested, only a birth certificate or a U.S. passport will be accepted as proof of age.

EXCEPTION

- Any individual requesting a waiver of any of these rules from the event shall submit a written request no less than 30 days prior to the event date specifying the nature of and reasons for the request. Requests may be e-mailed to office@chicagomarathon.com.

AMMENDMENTS / RESERVATIONS / ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Event officials reserve the right to modify, supplement or waive all or part of the event rules.
- Participants shall be bound by any modification or supplement of the event rules published prior to the event.
- Failure to follow these event rules, as may be amended, will result in immediate disqualification, loss of prize money and removal from official results.

The Bank of America Chicago Marathon follows, and participants are subject to, the rules specified by USA Track & Field (USATF) and the International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF). Visit usatf.org and iaaf.org for additional information concerning the rules mandated by the governing bodies for the sport.

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