

# MEDIA GUIDE



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#### MEDIA CREDENTIAL PICK-UP

LIFESTYLE EXPO Dodger Stadium, Lot G 1000 Vin Scully Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90012 Friday, March 14: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM / Saturday, March 15: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

NO MEDIA CREDENTIALS WILL BE ISSUED ON RACE DAY



#### PRESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULE FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 10:30 AM

Official Marathon Weekend Media Kickoff - Dodger Stadium, Lot G Join Toni Reavis, Golden Star honorees, top professional men's and women's runners, and marathon officials for special announcements as the 2025 Los Angeles Marathon Lifestyle Expo officially opens.

Casual lunch will be provided following the program.

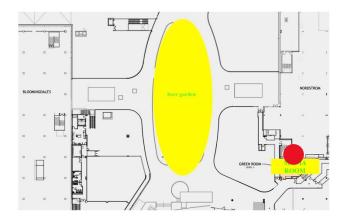
#### SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 10:00 AM

Location: Los Angeles Marathon Finish Line Santa Monica Blvd at the corner of Avenue of the Stars Media Availability, Finish Line Media Center Marathon Chase Winner, Top Male, Top Female, Top Americans, Pro Wheelers

#### FINISH LINE MEDIA CENTER

THE ATRIUM, WESTFIELD CENTURY CITY MALL 10250 Santa Monica Blvd. 90067 Los Angeles 6:00am – 11:00am

The Media Room is located near the Atrium in the Westfield Century City Mall, just adjacent to the allnew Beer Garden. Members of the media want to follow signage to the Beer Garden and from there signs for the Media Room. See adjacent map for reference.



#### **SECURITY CHECKPOINTS & BAG SCREENING**

All media must pass through security before entering the Secured Event Zone at Dodger Stadium. Three designated security and bag screening checkpoints will be available, with access to the Start Line limited to these entrances.

- Bag Screening: All bags will be checked by security.
- Express Lanes: Media without bags can use express entry.

Plan accordingly to ensure smooth access.



## **RACE WEEKEND SCHEDULE**

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
FRIDAY, MARCH 14	10:00AM – 7:00PM	LIFESTYLE EXPO	DODGER STADIUM, LOT G
SATURDAY, MARCH 15	8:00AM START	LA 5K	DODGER STADIUM, LOT H
SATURDAY, MARCH 15	9:45AM START	LA KIDS RUN	DODGER STADIUM, LOT H
SATURDAY, MARCH 15	10:00AM – 5:00PM	LIFESTYLE EXPO	DODGER STADIUM, LOT G
SUNDAY, MARCH 16	6:30 AM	PRO WHEELCHAIR RACE START	DODGER STADIUM, LOT H
SUNDAY, MARCH 16	6:35 AM	HAND CRANK RACE START	DODGER STADIUM, LOT H
SUNDAY, MARCH 16	6:35 AM	ALL OTHER PARA ATHLETES (STARTING BEHIND THE HAND CRANKS)	DODGER STADIUM, LOT H
SUNDAY, MARCH 16	6:40 AM (TBC)	PRO WOMEN & ELITE AGE GROUP WOMEN	DODGER STADIUM, LOT H
SUNDAY, MARCH 16	7:00AM START	LOS ANGELES MARATHON	DODGER STADIUM, LOT H
SUNDAY, MARCH 16	7:30AM – 3:30PM	LOS ANGELES MARATHON FINISH LINE	SANTA MONICA BLVD (AT. THE CORNER OF AVE OF THE STARS)
SUNDAY, MARCH 16	8:15AM START	CHARITY HALF MARATHON	DODGER STADIUM, LOT H
SUNDAY, MARCH 16	9:30AM – 2:30PM	MICHELOB ULTRA BEER GARDEN	THE ATRIUM AT WESTFIELD CENTURY CITY MALL

## **FINISH LINE SCHEDULE**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
8:00 AM	1ST PLACE WHEELCHAIR FINISH (EST.)	SANTA MONICA BLVD (AT AVE OF THE STARS)
9:00 AM	1ST PLACE FINISHERS (EST.)	SANTA MONICA BLVD (AT. AVE OF THE STARS)
9:15 AM	WINNERS AWARDS CEREMONY AND PRESS CONFERENCE	FINISH LINE AWARDS STAGE
9:00AM – 3:00PM	MICHELOB ULTRA BEER GARDEN	THE ATRIUM, WESTFIELD CENTURY CITY MALL



#### ABOUT THE 2025 LOS ANGELES MARATHON PRESENTED BY ASICS

The 40th running of the Los Angeles Marathon presented by ASICS will welcome more than 26,000 participants for a historic edition on Sunday, March 16, 2025. Runners will tackle 26.2 miles for the fifth time on the Stadium to the Stars course, in what is expected to be a community-affirming event supporting those affected by the region's devastating January wildfires.

Along the way, runners will pass some of LA's most iconic landmarks, including Chinatown, El Pueblo de Los Angeles State Historic Park, Los Angeles City Hall, Little Tokyo, Walt Disney Concert Hall, the Music Center of Los Angeles County, the Dolby Theatre—home of the Academy Awards in Hollywood—sections of Historic Route 66 in West Hollywood, Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills, and an out-and-back stretch on San Vicente Boulevard before finishing on Santa Monica Boulevard in Century City.

The Los Angeles Marathon is more than just a race—it's a platform for individuals and communities to make a difference. Whether participants run as part of a nonprofit charity team, Students Run LA, or on their own, the simple act of registering supports The McCourt Foundation's mission to cure neurological diseases while empowering communities to build a healthier world. This year, the marathon is also embracing the "Together LA" initiative, uniting runners and Angelenos in support of communities impacted by the wildfires.

#### ABOUT THE MCCOURT FOUNDATION

The McCourt Foundation (TMF) empowers communities to build a healthier world through research, education, and events. Its mission is to cure neurological diseases while strengthening communities through charitable initiatives.

TMF supports neurology research, hosts educational forums, and leverages its signature events including the Los Angeles Marathon, Rose Bowl Half Marathon & 5K, Santa Monica Classic, Boston Waterfront 5K, and Tour de South Shore—as fundraising platforms for more than 105 nonprofit charity partners. Since its inception, TMF has donated more than \$6.7 million to neurology research and helped raise more than \$72 million for its charity partners.

Founded in 1992, TMF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with offices in Boston and Los Angeles. For more information, visit mccourtfoundation.org.





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**Community Partners:** City of Los Angeles, City of West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Los Angeles Sports & Entertainment Commission, and Los Angeles Tourism and Convention Board.

Media Partners: KTLA 5 and the Santa Monica Daily Press.



# **COURSE MAP**





## **COURSE HIGHLIGHTS**

#### Los Angeles Marathon Mile-by-Mile Course Guide

#### START – Dodger Stadium

#### Location: Adjacent to Parking Lot G, behind center field

The 40th Los Angeles Marathon kicks off at Dodger Stadium, one of the most iconic sports venues in the world. Opened on April 10, 1962, it remains Major League Baseball's third-oldest stadium and has hosted legendary events, including the 1984 Olympic baseball tournament, a 1987 Papal Mass by Pope John Paul II, and the 1994 "Encore! The Three Tenors" concert featuring José Carreras, Plácido Domingo, and Luciano Pavarotti.

#### <u>MILE 1</u>

Runners depart Dodger Stadium through the Sunset Gate, heading onto Elysian Park Drive before making a left onto Sunset Boulevard. The energy is palpable as participants surge toward downtown Los Angeles.

#### Ends at: Sunset Boulevard, just north of Marion Avenue

Elevation change: -80 feet (505 to 425 feet)

#### <u>MILE 2</u>

This stretch takes runners along historic Route 66, the legendary highway that connected the Midwest to California. As Sunset Boulevard transitions into Cesar E. Chavez Avenue, the course passes Figueroa Street before making a left turn onto Broadway, heading into Chinatown.

#### Ends at: North Broadway, just north of Sunset Boulevard

Elevation change: -119 feet (425 to 306 feet); 1 turn

#### MILE 3

The entrance to Chinatown is marked by the Twin Dragon Towers Gateway, a 25-foot monument symbolizing luck, prosperity, and longevity. Runners pass the Dynasty Center shopping plaza before turning onto Spring Street. Just ahead stands the Los Angeles City Hall, an Art Deco skyscraper towering 454 feet—California's tallest building until 1964.

#### Ends at: Main Street, between Temple and 1st Streets

Elevation change: -18 feet (306 to 288 feet); 4 turns

#### MILE 4

At Main and 1st Streets, the Sister Cities of Los Angeles signpost reminds runners of L.A.'s global connections. The course weaves through Winston Street and South Los Angeles Street, revealing a dynamic mix of urban landscapes and historic landmarks.

#### Ends at: 1st Street, just north of Spring Street

Elevation change: +2 feet (288 to 290 feet); 5 turns



#### <u>MILE 5</u>

This is where the elevation starts to climb. Runners pass Stanley Mosk Courthouse, the Walt Disney Concert Hall, and the Music Center, home to the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Ahmanson Theatre, and Mark Taper Forum. The iconic Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels rises on Temple Street, marking a stunning architectural highlight.

#### **Ends at: Temple and Victor Streets**

Elevation change: +80 feet (290 to 370 feet); 2 turns

#### <u>MILE 6</u>

Runners cross the Hollywood (101) Freeway and enter Echo Park, once the heart of early Hollywood's silent film industry. The 16-acre Echo Park Lake, originally built as a reservoir in 1868, offers scenic views.

#### Ends at: Glendale Boulevard, just before Santa Ynez Street

Elevation change: +21 feet (370 to 391 feet); 3 turns

<u>MILE 7</u>

Passing Angelus Temple, founded by evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson, runners return to Sunset Boulevard, now in Silver Lake, known for its creative community and vibrant murals.

#### Ends at: Sunset Boulevard, just before Silver Lake Boulevard

Elevation change: -26 feet (391 to 365 feet); 2 turns

<u>MILE 8</u>

As runners continue along Sunset Junction, they catch glimpses of the Griffith Observatory and the Hollywood Sign, originally built in 1923 as an advertisement for Hollywoodland.

#### Ends at: Sunset Boulevard, between Myra Avenue and Bates Avenue

Elevation change: -3 feet (365 to 362 feet)

MILE 9

Hollywood comes into full view as runners transition onto Hollywood Boulevard, home to the Barnsdall Art Park and Frank Lloyd Wright's Hollyhock House.

#### Ends at: Hollywood Boulevard and Edgemont Street

Elevation change: +48 feet (362 to 410 feet)

#### <u>MILE 10</u>

Runners pass through two culturally rich enclaves—Thai Town and Little Armenia—each showcasing Los Angeles' diverse heritage. Home to the largest Thai population outside Thailand, Thai Town was officially recognized in 1999, followed by Little Armenia in 2000. This stretch of Hollywood Boulevard is lined with vibrant storefronts, authentic restaurants, and murals celebrating both communities.

#### Ending at Hollywood Boulevard and Wilton Place

Elevation change: -14 feet, from 410 to 396 feet



#### <u>MILE 11</u>

Hollywood proper begins at Gower Street, where the Hollywood Walk of Fame spans to La Brea Avenue, honoring over 2,500 entertainment legends. Runners pass landmarks like the Museum of Death, the historic Music Box @ Fonda, and the famed Hollywood & Vine intersection. The route continues past Capitol Records Tower and the Pantages Theatre, an Art Deco gem that hosted the Academy Awards from 1950 to 1960.

#### Ending at Hollywood Boulevard at Wilcox Avenue

Elevation change: -10 feet, from 396 to 386 feet

#### <u>MILE 12</u>

Runners move deeper into Hollywood, passing iconic landmarks like Musso & Frank Grill, the Egyptian Theatre, and Pig 'N Whistle. At Hollywood & Highland, they encounter the Dolby Theatre, TCL Chinese Theatre, and Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, site of the first Academy Awards. Turning onto Orange Drive, they pass Hollywood High School before rejoining Sunset Boulevard.

#### Ending at Sunset Boulevard and La Brea Avenue

Elevation change: -35 feet, from 386 to 351 feet; 2 turns

#### <u>MILE 13</u>

This segment takes runners past the Hollywood Guitar Center (7425 Sunset Blvd.), home to the Rock Walk, which honors legendary musicians like Stevie Wonder and Eddie Van Halen.

#### Ending at Sunset Boulevard, just west of Fairfax Avenue

Elevation change: +49 feet, from 351 to 400 feet

<u>MILE 14</u>

Runners cross the halfway point of the marathon at 13.1 miles, passing notable sites like the Laugh Factory (8001 Sunset Blvd.), a legendary comedy venue, and the storied Chateau Marmont (8221 Sunset Blvd.), a historic hotel with a history of celebrity intrigue and Hollywood lore.

#### Ending at Sunset Boulevard just past Alta Loma Road

Elevation change: -8 feet, from 400 to 392 feet

#### <u>MILE 15</u>

The course enters the iconic Sunset Strip, featuring landmarks such as the Comedy Store (8433 Sunset Blvd.), the Andaz West Hollywood (8401 Sunset Blvd.), nicknamed the "Riot House" due to its rock 'n' roll history, and the Whisky a Go Go (8901 Sunset Blvd.), a famed music venue where The Doors played as a house band.

Ending at Santa Monica Boulevard, just west of Robertson Boulevard

Elevation change: -168 feet, from 392 to 224 feet; 2 turns



#### <u>MILE 16</u>

The route transitions into West Hollywood and historic Route 66, passing legendary music venues like the Troubadour (9081 Santa Monica Blvd.) and Dan Tana's (9071 Santa Monica Blvd.), a celebrity-frequented eatery.

#### Ending at Burton Way, just past Oakhurst Drive

Elevation change: -12 feet, from 224 to 212 feet; 2 turns

#### <u>MILE 17</u>

The marathon enters Beverly Hills, with runners passing the opulent Beverly Hills City Hall and turning onto Rodeo Drive, one of the most famous shopping streets in the world.

#### Ending at Rodeo Drive at Dayton Way

Elevation change: +30 feet, from 212 to 242 feet; 2 turns

<u>MILE 18</u>

Runners pass the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, famously featured in "Pretty Woman," before re-entering Los Angeles along Santa Monica Boulevard, a stretch of the original Route 66.

#### Ending at Santa Monica Boulevard, just past Century Park East

Elevation change: +36 feet, from 242 to 278 feet; 2 turns

<u>MILE 19</u>

The course moves into West Los Angeles, running along the historic route of the Pacific Electric Red Car line, once a key component of L.A.'s transit system.

#### Ending at Santa Monica Boulevard, just past Westholme Avenue

Elevation change: -34 feet, from 278 feet to 244 feet

MILE 20

Runners pass the Los Angeles Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, one of the city's most distinctive religious landmarks, before turning onto Sepulveda Boulevard.

#### Ending at Sepulveda Boulevard, just north of Santa Monica Boulevard

Elevation change: +8 feet, from 244 feet to 252 feet; 1 turn

<u>MILE 21</u>

This stretch includes the U.S. Veterans Administration grounds, one of the largest VA campuses in the country, serving veterans since 1887.

#### Ending at Wilshire Boulevard, just past the VA grounds

Elevation change: +77 feet, from 252 feet to 329 feet; 1 turn



<u>MILE 22</u>

The course enters the Brentwood neighborhood, a stretch lined with towering palm trees and some of the city's most exclusive real estate.

#### Ending at San Vicente Boulevard, just west of Katsuya

Elevation change: -3 feet, from 329 feet to 326 feet

<u>MILE 23</u>

Runners make a U-turn on San Vicente, heading back towards the city's final miles.

#### Ending at San Vicente Boulevard at Bristol Avenue

Elevation change: +58 feet, from 326 feet to 384 feet

<u>MILE 24</u>

The final push begins, with the high-rise buildings of Century City coming into view.

#### Ending at South Sepulveda Boulevard, at 1401 S. Sepulveda Boulevard

Elevation change: +46 feet, from 384 feet to 430 feet

MILE 25

The course ascends toward the finish, as cheering spectators line the route.

#### Ending at Santa Monica Boulevard, east of Malcolm Avenue

Elevation change: +98 feet, from 430 feet to 528 feet

MILE 26

The race culminates in Century City, a business and entertainment hub built on the former backlot of 20th Century Fox. Runners cross the finish line, completing 26.2 miles through one of the most iconic urban landscapes in the world.

#### Ending at Santa Monica Boulevard, near 10269 Santa Monica Blvd.

Elevation change: +100 feet, from 528 feet to 628 feet



## **HISTORY**

#### 800,000 Runners and Counting: The Legacy of the Los Angeles Marathon

Since its inception, the Los Angeles Marathon presented by ASICS has welcomed more than 800,000 runners, covering over 20 million miles across its 40-year history. What began as an ambitious vision following the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Olympic Games has grown into one of the nation's most recognized marathons, drawing tens of thousands of participants each year.

Inspired by the success of the 1984 Olympics, where more than 30,000 volunteers helped revolutionize the modern Olympic movement, the Los Angeles City Council opened bids for a city marathon in 1985. The inaugural Los Angeles Marathon took place in 1986, setting a U.S. record for the largest first-time marathon with 10,787 registrants. Since then, it has remained a cornerstone event on the U.S. marathon calendar, attracting elite and recreational runners from around the world.

While the race was originally owned by the City of Los Angeles, its operating rights have changed hands over the years:

- Los Angeles Marathon, Inc. (until 2004)
- Devine Racing (2005–2008)
- LA Marathon LLC (2008–2016)
- Conqur Endurance Group (2016–2019)
- The McCourt Foundation (2020–present)





## FAST FACTS

- The Los Angeles Marathon presented by ASICS is one of the four largest marathons in the U.S. and ranks among the top 10 globally.
- The race follows the Stadium to the Stars course, beginning at Dodger Stadium and passing through West Hollywood and Beverly Hills before finishing on Santa Monica Boulevard in Century City.
- Runners will pass iconic landmarks, including Los Angeles City Hall, Walt Disney Concert Hall, TCL Chinese Theatre, the Sunset Strip, Rodeo Drive, and Century City.
- A \$40,000 prize purse will be awarded in both the men's and women's divisions, with \$10,000 for first place, \$5,000 for second, and \$3,500 for third. The Marathon Chase bonus offers an additional \$10,000 to the first runner—male or female—across the finish line.
- The wheelchair division will feature a \$10,000 prize purse, with \$2,500 for first, \$1,500 for second, and \$1,000 for third.
- More than 105 official charities are participating, with over 4,200 charity runners expected to raise more than \$4 million across the 5K, half-marathon, and marathon.
- The Charity Half Marathon, a race within the marathon, starts at Dodger Stadium, merges into the course at mile 6, and follows the marathon route to mile 18, finishing in Century City.
- Team TMF, the fundraising team for The McCourt Foundation, includes approximately 770 participants—
  630 in the Charity Half Marathon and 140 in the LA Big 5K—who have already raised \$339,000, with a goal of \$375,000.
- The LA Loyal program recognizes runners who return year after year. Inspired by the Legacy Runners who have completed every marathon since 1986, LA Loyal members receive a distinct bib, an exclusive 2025 pin, and milestone rewards at 5, 10, 11+, and 15 years, including a gold medal at the 10-year mark featuring the original 1986 Los Angeles Marathon design.
- Save the date: The 2026 Los Angeles Marathon will take place on March 15, 2026, with registration opening on Friday, March 14, 2025.



2024 LOS ANGELES MARATHON WINNERSOpen Men:Dominic Ngeno, Kenya, 2:11:00Open Women:Stacy Ndiwa, Kenya, 2:25:28Wheelchair Men:Francisco Sanclemente, Colombia, 1:31:30Wheelchair Women:Hannah Babalola, USA, 2:08:57

LOS ANGELES MARATHON RACE RECORDS Open Men: Markos Geneti- 2:06:35 – Ethiopia (2011) Open Women: Askale Merachi - 2:24:11 – Ethiopia (2019) Wheelchair Men: Kurt Fearnley- 1:23:40 – Australia (2007) Wheelchair Women: Amanda McGrory- 1:48:13 – USA (2009)

#### 2025 NUMBERS

Legacy Runners:	93
Number of States Represented:	50
Number of Countries Represented:	70+
Charities:	105
SRLA Students:	3,500+
LA Loyal Runners:	6,000+
LA Double Play Challenge Runners:	1,500+
Oldest Runner:	90 years young
First-time marathoners:	40 percent



#### 2025 TOP PROFESSIONAL RUNNERS

#### Elite Women

#### Savannah Berry, 29, U.S.

- 2:29:13 personal best
- Two-time U.S. Olympic Trials Marathon competitor (12th in 2024)
- Grew up in Bakersfield, Calif., lives in Orem, Utah
- Competed for Utah Valley University, won Western Athletic Conference titles in the 5,000m and 10,000m

#### Antonina Kwambai, 32, Kenya

- 2:23:20 personal best
- Placed 2nd in 2022 Los Angeles Marathon (2:30:13)
- Won 2022 Toronto Waterfront Marathon (2:23:20)

#### Tejinesh Gebisa, 30, Ethiopia

- 2:24:37 personal best
- Placed 2nd in the Marrakech Marathon in 2023
- Silver medalist, 3,000-meter steeplechase, 2012 World Junior Championships

#### Fantu Shugi, 24, Ethiopia

- 2:29:30 personal best
- Placed 2nd in the 2024 Milan Marathon (2:30:52)

#### Sheila Chebet, 27, Kenya

- 2:33:48 personal best
- Ran six marathons in 2024 and won four (in Croatia, Bulgaria, Slovenia, India)

#### Rita Jelagat, 28, Kenya

- Making her marathon debut in Los Angeles
- Placed 2nd at 2024 Hamburg Half Marathon (1:11:12)
- Mother to a 5-year-old daughter



<u>Elite Men</u>

#### Matthew Richtman, 25, U.S.

- 2:10:47 personal best
- Placed 4th at the 2024 Twin Cities Marathon in his 26.2-mile debut (2:10:47)
- Finished 6th at 2025 U.S. Half Marathon Championships on March 1 in Atlanta
- All-American runner for Montana State, 2020-2024

- Ran his 5K personal best (13:47) in Azusa, Calif., 20 miles east of the Los Angeles Marathon finish line

#### Gizealew Ayana, 22, Ethiopia

- 2:07:15 personal best
- Won the 2023 Paris Marathon (2:09:04)

#### Moses Kiptoo, 33, Kenya

- 2:09:35 personal best
- Won the 2024 Nanchang Marathon in China (2:09:54)

#### Athanas Kioko, 30, Kenya

- Making his marathon debut in Los Angeles
- Six-time All-American runner for Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina, 2019-2022

#### Boniface Kibiwott, 32, Kenya

- 2:10:06 personal best (59:23 half marathon personal best)
- Placed 5th at 2024 Peachtree Road Race 10K (28:32)

#### Sammy Rotich, 38, Kenya

- 2:10:08 personal best
- Placed 4th at 2024 Los Angeles Marathon (2:16:32)

#### Esteban Prado, 24, U.S.

- 2:19:44 personal best

- Won the 2024 Orange County Marathon (2:24:54), but was later disqualified for taking a water bottle from his dad along the course.



## THE MARATHON CHASE

#### Marathon Chase to Highlight Elite Runners of 2025 Los Angeles Marathon

The 2025 Los Angeles Marathon presented by ASICS is proud to announce the return of the Marathon Chase, an exciting 26.2-mile race-within-a-race competition that will highlight the talented runners of the women's and men's elite fields in an all-out duel to the finish line.

The Marathon Chase will provide a special winner-take-all competition among the elite runners that will play out live on local television KTLA Channel 5, as well as streaming on KTLA.com and KTLA+ digital mediums. To facilitate this unique challenge, the women's elite starting time will be set based on the expected men's and women's winning times, estimated at approximately 16:05 apart. This head start on the men's elite field should put the top female and top male runners within seconds of each other heading into the final mile. The first one to the finish line will receive a winner-take-all \$10,000 bonus.

"The Marathon Chase is a race format that allows us to create excitement through innovation," says Murphy Reinschreiber, the Marathon's Chief Operating Officer. "The Chase is two and half hours of gamified pro race broadcast coverage featuring data analysis by our expert commentators to predict if, and when, the catch will happen. The men's and women's leaders engage in a split-screen battle right to the finish chute to win the Chase bonus."

The top runners in the women's elite field this year are Antonina Kwambai (Kenya, 2:23:20), who placed fourth in the Seville Marathon in 2024, and Tejinesh Gebisa (Ethiopia, 2:24:37), who placed second in the Marrakech Marathon in 2023. U.S. runner Savannah Berry (2:29:13), Fantu Shugi (Ethiopia, 2:29:30), Sheila Chebet (Kenya, 2:33:48), and Rita Jelagat (Kenya, 1:11:12 half marathon) add depth to the field.

The top runners in the men's field are Ethiopia's Gizealew Ayana (2:07:15), who won the Paris Marathon in 2023 and emerging U.S. runner Matthew Richtman (2:10:47). Also in the field are Kenyans Moses Kiptoo (2:09:35), Boniface Kibiwott (2:10:06), and Sammy Rotich (2:10:08), while another Kenyan athlete, Athanas Kioko, will be making his marathon debut after running 13:09 for 5,000 meters on the track.

Since the Marathon Chase was brought back in 2022, it has revived the race-within-a-race competition between the women's and men's elite runners in the Los Angeles Marathon that existed under various names from 2004-2014. During that 11-year span, women held a 7-4 advantage over the men.

After exciting finishes the past three years, the margin is now 10-4 in favor of the women. In 2024, Kenya's Stacy Ndiwa ran away with the women's race for the second straight year in a personal-best time of 2:25:29. She also won the Marathon Challenge for the second straight year by holding off men's winner Dominic Ngeno 2:11:01 to take the winner-take-all bonus.



# PACE CHART

MILE	LOCATION (CITY)	LEAD WOMEN	LEAD MEN	FULL FIELD
START	Dodger Stadium near Lot G (LA)	6:45 AM	6:55 AM	6:55 AM
1	Sunset Blvd, just north of Marion Ave. (LA)	6:50 AM	7:00 AM	7:05 AM
2	Broadway, just north of Sunset Blvd. (LA)	6:56 AM	7:05 AM	7:15 AM
3	Main Street, between Temple & 1st Streets (LA)	7:01 AM	7:10 AM	7:35 AM
4	1st Street, just north of Spring Street (LA)	7:07 AM	7:15 AM	7:35 AM
5	Temple Street & Victor Street (LA)	7:12 AM	7:20 AM	7:45 AM
6	Glendale Blvd., just before Santa Ynez St. (LA)	7:18 AM	7:25 AM	7:55 AM
7	Sunset Blvd., just before Silver Lake Blvd. (LA)	7:23 AM	7:30 AM	8:05 AM
8	Sunset Blvd. between Myra & Bates	7:29 AM	7:35 AM	8:15 AM
9	Hollywood Blvd. & Edgemont Street (LA) Aves. (LA)	7:34 AM	7:40 AM	8:25 AM
10	Hollywood Blvd. & Wilton Place (LA)	7:40 AM	7:45 AM	8:35 AM
11	Hollywood Blvd. & Wilcox Ave. (LA)	7:45 AM	7:50 AM	8:45 AM
12	Sunset Blvd. & La Brea Ave. (LA)	7:51 AM	7:55 AM	8:55 AM
13	Sunset Blvd., just west of Fairfax Ave. (LA)	7:56 AM	8:00 AM	9:05 AM
14	Sunset Blvd., just past Alta Loma Road (LA/WH)	8:02 AM	8:05 AM	9:15 AM
15	Santa Monica Blvd., west of Robertson Blvd.(WH)	8:07 AM	8:10 AM	9:25 AM
16	Burton Way, past Oakhurst Drive (WH/LA/BH)	8:13 AM	8:15 AM	9:35 AM
17	Rodeo Drive & Dayton Way (BH)	8:18 AM	8:19 AM	9:45 AM
18	Santa Monica Blvd & Century Park East (BH/LA)	8:24 AM	8:24 AM	9:55 AM
19	Santa Monica Blvd., past Westholme Ave. (LA)	8:29 AM	8:28 AM	10:05 AM



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20	Sepulveda Blvd. north of Santa Monica Blvd. (LA)	8:35 AM	8:33 AM	10:15 AM
21	Wilshire Blvd. after Bonsall Ave. (LA)	8:40 AM	8:38 AM	10:25 AM
22	San Vicente Blvd., near Montana Ave. (LA)	8:45 AM	8:43 AM	10:35 AM
23	San Vicente Blvd. after Klwoa Ave. (LA)	8:50 AM	8:48 AM	10:45 AM
24	Sepulveda Blvd. (LA)	8:55 AM	8:53 AM	10:55 AM
25	Santa Monica Blvd & Malcom Ave (LA)	9:00 AM	8:57 AM	11:05 AM
26	Santa Monica Blvd north side (LA)	9:05 AM	9:01 AM	11:15 AM
FINISH	Santa Monica Blvd, btw. Ave of the Stars & Century Park East (LA)	9:07 AM	9:02 AM	11:18 AM



# WEATHER

YEAR	START	FINISH	NOON	RAIN
	TEMP (F)	TEMP (F)	TEMP (F)	(INCHES)
1986	58	65	65	0
1987	63	68	68	0
1988	61	64	64	0
1989	66	72	72	0
1990	57	61	61	0.02
1991	66	72	72	0
1992	62	64	64	0
1993	79	86	86	0
1994	61	66	66	0
1995	61	62	62	0.22
1996	64	68	68	0
1997	52	55	55	0
1998	49	51	51	0
1999	62	65	65	0
2000	50	52	52	1.61
2001	57	60	60	0
2002	64	69	69	0
2003	62	67	67	0
2004	76	84	84	0
2005	60	68	68	0
2006	58	59	59	0
2007	63	83	83	0
2008	61	67	67	0
2009	66	66	66	0
2010	66	63	66	0
2011	57	58	57	2.36
2012	47	49	54	0.01
2013	53	60	61	0
2014	63	83	83	0
2015	70	86	88	0
2016	53	69	69	0
2017	55	66	66	0
2018	49	59	59	0
2019	53	66	66	0
2020	58	68	68	0
2021	51	59	59	0
2022	50	72	72	0
2023	57	63	61	.33
2024	54	66	64	0
AVERAGE	60.3	66	66.5	N/A



# MEDIA COVERAGE

Extensive media coverage will bring the 2025 Los Angeles Marathon to a worldwide audience on television, radio and over the internet.

#### TELEVISION

KTLA Los Angeles (channel 5) will broadcast the marathon locally, carrying live, high-definition coverage of the race from 6:00am to 11:00am, which will also be streaming live on KTLA.com and the marathon's Facebook page. Veteran running analyst Toni Reavis has provided commentary for all 40 Los Angeles Marathons. Live local television broadcast on KTLA (Ch. 5 in Los Angeles) from 6:00am - 11:00am PT.

#### STREAMING ON

facebook.com/LAmarathon KTLA.com KTLA+ Apple TV, Roku and Firestick (US Only) youtube.com/KTLA

6 AM - 6:30 AM — Morning News LA Marathon Special Edition 6:30 AM - 10 AM — Los Angeles Marathon presented by ASICS 10 AM - 11 AM — Los Angeles Marathon Post Race Show

#### LIFESTYLE EXPO

The Los Angeles Marathon Lifestyle Expo will take place on Friday, March 15 (10:00 am – 7:00 pm) and Saturday, March 16 (10:00 am – 5:00 pm). The expo will host dozens of exhibitors featuring brand-new designs in running apparel and shoes, as well as the latest developments in sports, fitness and nutrition. All runners will be able to pick up their Participant Packet at the Expo. The two-day expo is free and open to the public. It will be host





# **BIG 5 SPORTING GOODS LA 5K**

In 1990, a 5K run was initiated alongside the marathon to offer a shorter version of the race and promote fitness. A surprising total of 1,956 runners of all ages showed up for the inaugural edition, won by Mexico's Jesus Herrera (14:48) and Chris McNamara (USA, 16:12) on an essentially flat course that finished in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Since then, the event has become a fixture of race weekend. In 2025, the Big 5 Sporting Goods 5K will be held on Saturday, March 15, at 8:00 am, beginning and ending at Dodger Stadium. The 2025 LA Big 5K is sold out.



Recent winners of the LA 5K (all U.S. unless otherwise indicated):

YEAR	FINISHERS	MEN'S WINNER & TIME	WOMEN'S WINNER & TIME
2024	n/a	LUIS GUTIERREZ, 16:03	PATRYCJA TALAR, 19:06
2023	n/a	DEVIN DESOUZA, 15:31	ALLISON LYNCH, 19:53
2022	3,224	LUIS GUTIERREZ, 16:20	NINA ZARINA, 18:19
2021	4,731	LUIS GUTIERREZ, 16:30	MARY KATE VAUGHN, 18:08
2020	4,731	NOAH MONROY, 15:54	PIA NEHME, 18:13
2019	3,534	SHIMALES ABEBE, 16:16	MALLORY FRATTA, 19:54
2018	3,735	SHIMALES ABEBE, 15:15	MICHELLE NUNEZ, 19:10
2017	3,333	DAVID CARDONA, 15:25	ANNIE BEECHMAN, 19:37
2016	2,947	ADAM SALOOM, 15:26	NICOLE AISH, 18:25
2015	4,099	CHRIS SUVER, 15:33	NATALIA GAERLAN, 19:16
2014	3,302	MARK BATRES, 16:22	ANNIKA BRAUN, 19:10
2013	2,719	ARMEN VARTANIAN, 15:44	SARA HALL, 16:37
2012	2,657	ANKUR TARNEJA, 16:49	ANNABEL CLARKE, 19:45
2011	2,920	CHRISTIAN HESCH, 16:02	AMY SMITH, 19:19
2010	3,192	SEQUETH BAROLONE, 16:23	KATE ACCARDO, 18:31
2009	1,975	SPENCER KNIGHT, 16:37	JENNI JOHNSON, 18:52
2008	2,137	DEREK TATE, 14:46	CECI ST. GEME, 18:02
2007	2,240	BRIAN LIVINGSTON, 16:38	CECI ST. GEME, 19:19
2006	2,276	BEN GOMEZ (MEX), 16:05	CECI ST. GEME, 17:36
2005	2,417	JUAN VALENCIA, 16:07	CECI ST. GEME, 17:45
2004	2,334	JUAN VALENCIA, 15:51	KATHY SMITH, 17:57
2003	2,046	RAY CASTILLO, 15:29	SITA JONES, 17:50



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### **5K Partners**

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