



**125TH BOSTON
MARATHON®**

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Media Events Schedule for 125th Boston Marathon

BOSTON—The Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.) has announced the following media events celebrating the 125th Boston Marathon, to be run on October 11, 2021.

All attending media will be expected to follow COVID-19 mitigation efforts and policies established by the B.A.A., including, but not limited to, wearing masks in designated media areas, vaccination verification, or presentation of a negative COVID-19 test administered by the B.A.A. on race weekend. Further information will be shared with members of the media upon credential approval.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8 – BOSTON MARATHON MEDIA DAY

125th Boston Marathon Finish Line Installation | 9:00 a.m. | Boylston Street

The Boston Marathon Finish Line decal will be installed on Boylston Street in advance of race weekend. Media are invited to film the installation process.

Opening of Boston Marathon Expo | 10:30 a.m. | Hynes Convention Center

The Boston Marathon Expo will be open to participants and members of the public from Friday, October 8 through Sunday, October 10. An opening ceremony on October 8 will mark the opening of this year's Expo, where all participants will pick up their bib numbers. Frontline workers and community members who received invitational entries for this year's race in recognition of their commitment to community will receive their bibs first at this special ceremony. [These athletes were presented entries by the B.A.A. and 2018 champion Des Linden at the Patriots' Day Mile in April.](#) Media planning to attend please RSVP to media@baa.org. A credential is required to access this ceremony. Please use the Boylston Street entrance to the Hynes Convention Center.

John Hancock Professional Athlete Press Conference | 2:00 p.m. | Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel

Members of the John Hancock Professional Athlete Team, including Olympic and Paralympic medalists, race champions, and winners of Abbott World Marathon Majors races, will be available for group and individual interviews. Select athletes will also be available virtually for media not in attendance [upon request through this form.](#)

Boston Marathon Training Clinic presented by Amazon | 5:00 p.m. | Boston Marathon Fan Fest Stage, Copley Square

John Hancock Professional Athlete Team members Molly Huddle, Scott Smith, and Manuela Schär will share tips and advice with participants at the final Boston Marathon Training Clinic presented by Amazon.

Boston Marathon Opening Celebration | 6:00 p.m. | Boston Marathon Fan Fest Stage, Copley Square

B.A.A. officials will kick off race weekend at a special celebratory event honoring Boston Marathon legends and milestones. Among those being recognized are Ellison Brown, Sara Mae Berman, Dick Hoyt, Gloria Ratti, and representatives from organizations who will collectively be granted \$125,000 by the B.A.A. in honor of the 125th Boston Marathon. [More information can be found here.](#)

Virtual Media Availability | Upon Request | Virtual Platform

Select athletes will be available virtually for media not in attendance upon request. [Requests must be submitted online through this form.](#)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8 THROUGH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

Boston Marathon Expo | Hynes Convention Center

The Boston Marathon Expo will be open to participants and members of the public from Friday, October 8 through Sunday, October 10. Participants will pick up their bib numbers and explore a sponsor pavilion, pose for photo-ops, and shop the largest collection of adidas Boston Marathon merchandise in Boston.

Boston Marathon Fan Fest presented by Amazon | Copley Square

Boston Marathon Fan Fest presented by Amazon in Copley Square Park will be the place to soak in the race week atmosphere. Fan Fest will play host to live music, entertainment, photo-ops, meet and greets, archives, the final Boston Marathon training clinic, and more!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

125th Boston Marathon | Hopkinton to Boston, MA

A field of 20,000 athletes will participate in the 125th running of the Boston Marathon, covering 26.2 miles from Hopkinton to Boston. The world's oldest annually run marathon celebrates community spirit and the pursuit of athletic excellence each year. A media work room with limited seating will be available first-come, first-served in the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel. Press conferences with top finishers will be held upon race completion.

DIVISION/PROGRAM	START TIME	OFFICIAL STARTER
Men's Wheelchair	8:02 a.m. ET	Amby Burfoot, 1968 Men's Open Champion
Women's Wheelchair	8:05 a.m. ET	Amby Burfoot, 1968 Men's Open Champion
Handcycles & Duos	8:30 a.m. ET	Russell Hoyt, son of the late Dick Hoyt
Professional Men	8:37 a.m. ET	Patti Catalano Dillon, three-time runner-up & Indigenous runner
Professional Women	8:45 a.m. ET	Patti Catalano Dillon, three-time runner-up & Indigenous runner
Para Athletics Division	8:50 a.m. ET	Christina Whelton, great granddaughter of the late George V. Brown
Rolling start begins	9:00 a.m. ET	Hopkinton Fire Chief Bill Miller

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Boston Marathon Champions' Press Conference | 10:00 a.m. | Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel

This press conference will feature champions of the 125th Boston Marathon and other notable finishers, as well as officials from the Boston Athletic Association.

For the 36th year, John Hancock will serve as principal sponsor of the Boston Marathon. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 Boston Marathon was moved from its traditional date of the third Monday in April to Monday, October 11. The fall race will feature a field size of 20,000 participants, as well as a rolling start for the first time. The in-person race will be complemented by a virtual race, which will be held from Friday, October 8 through Sunday, October 10.

ABOUT THE BOSTON ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (B.A.A.)

Established in 1887, the Boston Athletic Association is a non-profit organization with a mission of promoting a healthy lifestyle through sports, especially running. The B.A.A. manages the Boston Marathon, and supports comprehensive charity, youth, and year-round programming. The Boston Marathon is part of the Abbott World Marathon Majors, along with international marathons in Tokyo, London, Berlin, Chicago, and New York City.

Since 1986, the principal sponsor of the Boston Marathon has been John Hancock. The 125th Boston Marathon is scheduled to take place on Monday, October 11, 2021. For more information on the B.A.A., please visit www.baa.org.

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