



**125TH BOSTON
MARATHON®**

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Media Procedures for the 125th Boston Marathon

The following is for credentialed media use only. Please review in its entirety as important links, protocols, and timelines for race week are contained within this message.

BOSTON— In preparation for the 125th Boston Marathon, the Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.) is providing comprehensive media support to outlets covering this year's historic race. As a credentialed media member, please review all of the information below, which includes health and safety procedures, helpful links, and event information.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please be aware that this year's race starts earlier than previous years. The first race (Men's Wheelchair Division) begins at 8:02 a.m. A complete list of start times can be found within this email.

All media members must adhere to the B.A.A.'s COVID-19 mitigation efforts and policies, including but not limited to, wearing masks in all media areas; providing proof of vaccine verification; and/or providing proof of a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of Monday, October 11.

Media members must receive a B.A.A. bracelet from the vaccine verification or COVID-19 testing tent prior to picking up media credentials. This bracelet must be worn for the entirety of race week.

For media members who have completed a full series of a WHO-certified COVID-19 vaccination:

From October 7-10, all vaccinated members of the media must visit the B.A.A. Vaccine Verification tent in Copley Square (corner of Boylston and Dartmouth Streets). You will be asked to present proof of a completed WHO-certified vaccination (photo copies, digital copies, or physical vaccine cards or documentation are acceptable forms of proof). The Vaccine Verification tent is first-come, first-serve. Please note that wait times will vary throughout the weekend. Vaccine Verification Hours are: Thursday, October 7 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (media and race personnel only, *not* participants); Friday, October 8 from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, October 9 from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday, October 10 from 7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

For media members who have not completed a full series of a WHO-certified COVID-19 vaccination and will be tested for COVID-19 in Boston:

Please click the link below to register for your COVID-19 test in Copley Square (corner of Boylston and Dartmouth Streets) from October 8-10. You will be required to wait approximately 30 minutes for confirmation of your test results. An existing or new MyQuest account is required to book your appointment. You will be able to create an account during the registration process. Please make note of your username and password, and when prompted to select your testing location select Boston, MA. While you are not bound to your selected COVID-19 testing appointment, we encourage you to arrive at your indicated time to minimize wait times. For media who are in Copley Square on Thursday, October 7, COVID-19 testing will be open on a first-come, first serve basis from 1:00-5:00 p.m. with no appointment needed. (The Thursday option is only available for media and race personnel, *not* participants.)

SCHEDULE YOUR COVID-19 TESTING TIME

Upon successful vaccine verification or negative COVID-19 test results, you will be issued a B.A.A. bracelet. Once you have your B.A.A. bracelet, you can pick up your media credentials within the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel's State Suite. Media credentials will be available for pickup from Thursday, October 7 through Sunday, October 10 within the State Suite Media Center. Credential pick-up hours are as follows:

Thursday, October 7 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, October 8 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 9 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 10 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

125th Boston Marathon Media Links and Information

The following links and information may be helpful as you plan your 125th Boston Marathon coverage.

[125th Boston Marathon Media Schedule of Events](#)

An overview of all media events from Friday's kick-off media day through Tuesday's post-race champions' press conference.

[Online 125th Boston Marathon Media Guide](#)

View this year's digital media guide to learn about race storylines, history, and professional athletes competing in the open, wheelchair, and Para divisions. Athlete bios are included within the media guide.

[Boston Marathon Media & News Access Guidelines](#)

Review this year's Boston Marathon Media & News Access Guidelines. The B.A.A. reserves the right to review or revoke credentials from any media member found in violation of the media and news access guidelines.

[Virtual Professional Athlete Interview Request Form](#)

For media covering the 125th Boston Marathon from afar and looking to speak with members of the professional field, [please fill out this form](#). We'll do our best to accommodate as many requests as possible pending athlete availability.

[Official 125th Boston Marathon Program](#)

In collaboration with *Yankee* magazine, this year's 125th Boston Marathon Official Program provides an overview of what's in store for the 125th milestone race, including race previews, moments in history, athlete bios, and more. All participants will receive an official program within their race packets, and programs will be available in the media center.

[125th Boston Marathon Participant Guide](#)

All participants received a digital Participant Guide featuring race information to ensure a successful Boston Marathon experience.

[125th Boston Marathon Para Athletics Division Fact Sheet](#)

Learn about the inaugural Para Athletics Divisions and top contenders within the newly established divisions.

[125th Boston Marathon Media Information Page](#)

On race day, the Boston Marathon Media Information Page on www.baa.org will feature links to mile splits, transcripts, courtesy photos, and other information for both media in Boston and covering the race from home. This page will be updated closer to race day with relevant links.

125th Boston Marathon Start Times

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

125th Boston Marathon Race Week Programming

Learn about the various programming and events surrounding the 125th Boston Marathon, including our Fan Fest presented by Amazon, Expo, Opening Celebration, Indigenous Peoples' Day recognition, official starters and Grand Marshals.

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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