



B.A.A. 10K

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PROFESSIONAL FIELD TOP CONTENDERS

MEN'S DIVISION

Geoffrey Koech, Kenya, 27:02 – Won 2022 B.A.A. Half Marathon (1:02:02); 17th at this year's B.A.A. 5K (13:41); 3rd at 2023 Atlanta Half Marathon & 3rd at 2023 Prague Half Marathon; owns fastest 10K PB in the field (27:02, Prague, 2019)

Tsegay Kidanu, Ethiopia, 27:14 – 7th at 2023 B.A.A. 5K (13:28) and 2nd at 2022 B.A.A. Half Marathon; won both the 2023 Cherry Blossom 10 Miler and Atlanta Half Marathon.

Gabriel Geay, Tanzania, 27:58 – Runner-up at 2023 Boston Marathon; 2018 B.A.A. 10K champion; 4th at 2022 Boston Marathon; 7th at 2022 World Championships Marathon; runner-up at 2022 Valencia Marathon.

Leonard Korir, USA, 28:00 – Defending B.A.A. 10K Champion (28:00); this year won the USA 25K Championships and was 2nd at both the US Half Marathon Championships and US 15K Championships; 7th at the 2023 Paris Marathon in 2:09:31; runs for the US Army World Class Athlete Program; looks to become the fourth man to win back-to-back B.A.A. 10Ks.

Abel Kipchumba, Kenya, 28:06 – 5th at 2022 Berlin Marathon; 3rd at 2022 Berlin Half Marathon; 12th at 2021 Prague Marathon; B.A.A. 10K debut.

Zouhair Talbi, Morocco, 28:26 – 5th place at 2023 Boston Marathon; 3rd at 2023 NYC Half Marathon; 5th at 2023 Houston Half; 6th at 2022 B.A.A. 10K; 3rd at 2022 B.A.A. 5K; former NAIA national champion at Oklahoma City.

Alex Masai, Kenya, 28:29 – Runner-up at 2023 Bolder Boulder 10K; 4th at 2023 B.A.A. 5K; set 10,000m PB of 27:42.80 on the track this year; 7th at both the 2022 B.A.A. 10K and 2022 Falmouth Road Race.

Reid Buchanan, USA, 28:57 – 2019 Pan Am Games silver medalist at 10,000m; runner-up at 2023 Carlsbad 5000; 4th at 2023 USA 15K Championships; represented Team USA at 2023 World Cross Country Championships (65th place); 8th at 2018 B.A.A. 5K.

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Wesley Kiptoo, Kenya, 28:58 – 2021 NCAA Indoor 5000m champion; 13th at 2022 B.A.A. 10K; former NCAA All-American at Iowa State; 10th place at 2023 B.A.A. 5K; 5th place at 2023 Bolder Boulder 10K; winner of 2023 Pittsburgh Half Marathon; runner-up at 2023 Houston Half (1:00:35).

Benson Kipruto, Kenya, Debut – Winner of 2021 Boston Marathon, 2022 Chicago Marathon, and 2021 Prague Marathon; 2nd place at 2023 Boston Marathon and 3rd place at 2022 Boston Marathon; B.A.A. 10K Debut.

Edwin Kurgat, Kenya, Debut – 3rd at 2023 B.A.A. 5K (13:27); winner of 2023 Carlsbad 5000 (13:50); 2019 NCAA Cross Country Champion; has run 13:08.46 for 5000m on the track this year; 27:58.33 10,000m PB from 2021.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

Hellen Obiri, Kenya, 30:15 – Winner of 2023 Boston Marathon (2:21:38) in only her second marathon; also has won the NYC Half, RAK Half (1:05:05), and Great Manchester Run 10K this year; gold medalist in the 5000m at the 2017 and 2019 World Championships 5000m; 2-time Olympic silver medalist in the 5000m (2016, 2021); 2019 World Cross Country champion; 2nd at 2023 NYRR Mini 10K.

Sheila Chepkirui, Kenya, 29:46 – 4th place at 2023 London Marathon (2:18:51); 3rd at 2022 Valencia Marathon; winner of 2022 Berlin Half; bronze medalist at 2022 Commonwealth Games 10,000m.

Vicoty Chepngeno, Kenya, 30:14 – Winner of 2022 Houston Half (1:05:03); won the 2022 Vienna 5K in 15:03; runner-up at 2022 Castellon 10K in 30:14; Placed 4th, 9th, and 10th at last year's Istanbul, Copenhagen, and Valencia Half Marathons.

Joan Chelimo Melly, Romania, 30:14 – Winner of the 2017 B.A.A. 10K (31:24); also won the B.A.A. Half Marathon in 2017 and 2018; ran a national record 2:18:04 to win the Seoul Marathon in 2022; this year has placed 10th at Road to Records 10K in Germany (31:21) and won the 10,000m in Targu Jiu in 31:50.52.

Irine Cheptai, Kenya, 30:16 – 2017 World Cross Country Championship gold medalist; 6th at 2021 Olympic 10,000m; silver medalist at 2022 Commonwealth Games 10,000m; won 2022 New Delhi Half and was 2nd at 2022 NYC Half; B.A.A. 10K debut.

Emily Sisson, USA, 31:16 – American record holder in the Marathon (2:18:29 – 2022 Chicago Marathon, 2nd place) and half marathon (1:06:52 – 2023 Houston Half, 2nd place), won the 2023 USA 15K Championships in March; 2nd place at 2022 B.A.A. 10K; has won the Boston Women's 10K twice; 2021 Olympian for Team USA; 4th place at NYRR Mini 10K.

Cynthia Limo, Kenya, 31:27 – 6th at 2023 NYRR Mini 10K; Winner of 2023 Cooper River Bridge Run 10K in South Carolina and the 2023 Toledo Half Marathon; 2016 World Half Marathon Championships silver medalist; runner-up at the 2014 and 2015 B.A.A. Half Marathon; 6th at 2022 B.A.A. Half.

Emily Durgin, USA, 31:35 – Winner of 2023 Bolder Boulder 10K; 3rd at 2023 US Cross Country Championships; 12th at 2023 B.A.A. 5K; 4th at 2022 B.A.A. 10K; 11th at 2022 Peachtree 10K; 2nd place at 2022 USA 15K Championships and Beach to Beacon 10K; former All-American at UConn; 7th at 2023 NYRR Mini 10K.

Molly Seidel, USA, 32:13 – 2021 Olympic Marathon bronze medalist; 2015 NCAA Champion in cross country and 10,000m; 2016 NCAA Champion indoors at 3000m and outdoors for 5000m while at Notre Dame; 8th at 2023 USA Half Marathon Championships; 10th at 2019 B.A.A. 10K.

Edna Kiplagat, Kenya, 31:06 – 2-time Boston Marathon Champion (2021, 2017); 2-time World Championships Marathon gold medalist (2011, 2013); has won the New York City, London, and Los Angeles Marathons; 2007 B.A.A. Half Marathon champion; 3rd at 2022 B.A.A. 10K; 2nd at 2016 and 2015 B.A.A. 10K.

Caroline Rotich, USA, 31:41 – 2015 Boston Marathon champion; 2010 B.A.A. Half Marathon champion; 4-time top-10 finisher at Boston Marathon; 2nd and 3rd at 2018 & 2019 B.A.A. 10K.

Mary Ngugi, Kenya, 31:28 – Two-time B.A.A. 10K winner (2015, 2018) and two-time Boston Marathon podium finisher (2nd in 2021, 3rd in 2022); won B.A.A. Half Marathon in 2015 and 2016; placed 9th at 2023 Boston Marathon; earned silver (2014) and bronze (2016) at World Championships Half Marathon.

Bethany Hasz, USA, Debut – B.A.A. High Performance Team member living and training in Boston; 9th at 2023 B.A.A. 5K; 2022 USATF Club Cross Country national champion; 2022 Mayor's Cup Cross Country

winner; 6-time All-American at University of Minnesota; runner-up at 2021 NCAA Indoor Championships in the 5000m; 3rd at 2023 Atlanta 5K; set 10,000m PB of 32:46.83 on the track.

Megan Hasz, USA, Debut -- B.A.A. High Performance Team member living and training in Boston; 15th at 2023 B.A.A. 5K; ran 15:33.48 on the track for 5000m this year; 2021 Big Ten Cross Country champion at University of Minnesota; third at both the indoor and outdoor Big Ten Championships 5000m in 2021; has run 33:09.57 for 10,000m on the track.

WHEELCHAIR DIVISION

Hermin Garic, USA – Reigning 2022 B.A.A. 10K champion (22:07); placed 25th at the 2023 Boston Marathon; 8th at both the 2022 and 2021 Boston Marathons.

Yen Hoang, USA – Placed 3rd at the 2021 Boston Marathon; 4th at the 2022 Boston Marathon; 9th at the 2023 Boston Marathon; 2nd at the 2022 B.A.A. Half Marathon; 2020 Paralympian for Team USA.

PARA ATHLETICS DIVISION

Brian Reynolds, USA, T61-64 (Lower Limb Impairment) – Dedham, Mass. native; set a world best 1:25:46 at the 2022 B.A.A. Half Marathon; ran 3:08:02 to place 2nd in the 2023 Boston Marathon Para Athletics Division T61-62; also placed 2nd at the 2022 Boston Marathon in the Para Athletic Division T61-62 category.

Liz Willis, USA, T61-64 (Lower Limb Impairment) – Former Paralympic sprinter; won the 2023 Boston Marathon Para Athletics Division T62/64 in 4:05:25; also won the Boston Marathon Para Division in 2021 and 2022.

Adrienne Haslet, USA, T61-64 (Lower Limb Impairment) – Boston-based Para Athlete and advocate; won the 2022 B.A.A. 10K Para Athletics Division T61-64 in 1:15:19; 4th place at the 2022 Boston Marathon Para Division.

Atsbha Gebremeskel, Ethiopia, T45/T46 (Upper-limb Impairment) – 2016 Paralympian for Ethiopia; winner of the 2023 Boston Marathon in the T46/T46 Para Athletics Division (2:43:57) – an event record.

Andrew Thorsen, USA, T11-13 (Vision Impairment) – 2023 Boston Marathon champion in the T13 Para Athletics Division (2:45:39)