# **B.A.A.** Half Marathon Professional Field

### WOMEN OPEN DIVISION

NAME	COUNTRY	PERSONAL BEST	NOTES
Fancy Chemutai	Kenya	1:04:54	2019 B.A.A. 10K winner; ran 1:04:54 to win the 2018 RAK Half Marathon; last year placed fourth at the Peachtree 10K in Atlanta and fifth at the Valencia Marathon (2:18:11); 6 <sup>th</sup> at the 2021 Berlin Marathon.
Senbere Teferi	Ethiopia	1:05:32	2022 B.A.A. 5K champion; 2015 World Cross Country champion; 3x World Championships silver medalist; 2022 NYC Half champion; 2023 NYC Half runner-up
Rosemary Wanjiru	Kenya	1:05:34	6 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 World Championships Marathon; 4 <sup>th</sup> at 2019 World Championships 10,000m; 2023 Tokyo Marathon Champion
Tsigie Gebreselama	Ethiopia	1:05:46	2023 World Cross Country Championships silver medalist; 4 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 World Half Marathon Championships; 2018 World Junior Championships bronze medalist at 3000m; 2ne at 2023 Berlin Half Marathon
Cynthia Limo	Kenya	1:06:04	B.A.A. Half runner-up in 2014 and 2015; 2016 World Half Marathon Championships silver medalist; 6 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 B.A.A. 10K; 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 2023 Falmouth Road Race
Keira D'Amato	USA	1:06:39 NR	American record holder in the half marathon (1:06:39, 2023 Gold Coast Half); former US record holder in the marathon (2:19:12); 8 <sup>th</sup> at 2022 World Championships Marathon; 17 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 World Championships Marathon; 4 <sup>th</sup> place at last weekend's USATF 5K National Championship in New York City
Mestawut Fikir	Ethiopia	1:06:44	Winner of both Cardiff Half and Larne Half this year; set lifetime best of 1:06:44 at Larne this year; making B.A.A. Half Marathon debut
Viola Chepngeno	Kenya	1:06:48	Defending B.A.A. Half Marathon champion (1:10:40); 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 2023 Cardiff

			Half; 11 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 Peachtree Road Race
			10K; 8 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 Lisbon Half.
Buze Diriba	Ethiopia	1:06:50	Winner of 2017 and 2018 B.A.A. 5K; 4 <sup>th</sup> at 2017 B.A.A. Half; won Pittsburgh Half this year in 1:10:45; 2018 NYC Half champion; 4 <sup>th</sup> at 2019 Houston Marathon
Fiona O'Keeffe	USA	1:07:42	Former All-American at Stanford; finished 11 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 World Championships Half Marathon for Team USA; 6 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 Beach to Beacon 10K and 6 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 B.A.A. 5K; 4 <sup>th</sup> at 2022 Houston Half
Beyenu Degefa	Ethiopia	1:08:15	Won 2023 Yangzhou Half in April; 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 2023 Osaka Marathon (2:23:07); 2016 World Junior Champion at 3000m on the track
Anna Dibaba	Ethiopia	1:09:22	4 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 Houston Half in PB 1:09:22; 5 <sup>th</sup> at 2022 B.A.A. Half (1:11:39); 12 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 Cherry Blossom 10 Miler (54:31)
Natosha Rogers	USA	1:09:36	14 <sup>th</sup> at the World Championships 10,000m in August; 3 <sup>rd</sup> in both the 5000m and 10,000m on the track at the 2023 USA Championships; won 2017 USA National Half Marathon championships; 2 <sup>nd</sup> at both 2021 Atlanta Half and Hardeeville, SC Half; 2012 NCAA 10,000m champion
Lindsay Flanagan	USA	1:09:37	2015 Pam Am Games silver medalist in the marathon; 9 <sup>th</sup> place at 2023 World Championships Marathon in August; 8 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 Tokyo Marathon; 8 <sup>th</sup> at both 2023 Houston Half and Pittsburgh Half; 14 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 B.A.A. 10K; 2:24:43 marathon PB
Fantaye Belayneh	Ethiopia	1:09:49	7 <sup>th</sup> at 2022 New Delhi Half (1:09:49); 2022 Beach to Beacon 10K champion; 2022 adidas Road to Records 10K champion (30:24); 2022 African Championships silver medalist at 5000m
Carrie Verdon	USA	1:10:11	7 <sup>th</sup> at 2021 Chicago Marathon; 12 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 Grandma's Marathon; represented Team USA at World Cross Country in 2013; 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 2023 Pittsburgh Half; 8 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 Cherry Blossom 10 Miler
Laura Thweatt	USA	1:10:12	5 <sup>th</sup> at 2020 US Olympic Trials Marathon; 8 <sup>th</sup> at both 2021 New York City Marathon and 2019 Chicago Marathon; 8 <sup>th</sup> at 2022 B.A.A. 10K; 7 <sup>th</sup> at 2019 B.A.A. 5K; 29 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 Boston Marathon

Fotyen Tesfaye	Ethiopia	1:10:26	5 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 World Cross Country Championships; winner of 2023 Peachtree Road Race 10K; runner-up at 2023 Beach to Beacon 10K and adidas Road to Records 10K; 11 <sup>th</sup> at 2019 World Cross
Jackie Gaughan	USA	1:11:31	Country Championships  18 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 Berlin Marathon (2:27:08); 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 2023 Pittsburgh Half; 18 <sup>th</sup> at 2023  B.A.A. 10K; 20 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 B.A.A. 5K; 5 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 Ottawa Marathon
Thalia Valdivia	Peru	1:15:15	3 <sup>rd</sup> at 2023 Lima Marathon (2:32:34); 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 2023 Coamo Half Marathon (1:15:15); 7 <sup>th</sup> at 2019 Pan Am Games 10,000m
Rachel Schneider Smith	USA	1:15:38	2021 Olympian in the 5000m for Team USA; also represented USA at 2019 World Championships in the 5000m; 5000m best of 14:52.04 on the track; last year ran PB 1:15:38 for 9 <sup>th</sup> at the Mesa Half Marathon; 5 <sup>th</sup> at the 2022 Beach to Beacon 10K
Mercy Chelangat	Kenya	Debut	2022 NCAA 10,000m champion and 2021 NCAA Cross Country champion while competing for Alabama; multiple SEC Champion titles on the track
Everlyn Kemboi	Kenya	Debut	While at Utah Valley won the 2023 NCAA national championships title for 10,000m on the track; has run 32:03.30 for 10,000m and 15:20.67 for 5000m on the track; multiple time Western Athletic Conference champion
Courtney Hawkins	USA	Debut	B.A.A. Racing Team member; 2:48:02 at 2022 Boston Marathon; 2:56:07 at 2023 Boston Marathon; 3 <sup>rd</sup> place (2:56:22) at 2019 Bay State Marathon

# MEN OPEN DIVISION

NAME	COUNTRY	PERSONAL BEST	NOTES
Abel Kipchumba	Kenya	58:07	9 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 B.A.A. 10K; winner of 2021 adidas Road to Records Half (58:48); has broken 60 minutes 7 times in the half marathon; 5 <sup>th</sup> at 2022 Berlin Marathon (2:06:49)
		59:27	5 <sup>th</sup> place at 2022 B.A.A. Half Marathon in 1:02:39; this year has placed 2 <sup>nd</sup> at the Cardiff Half and 4 <sup>th</sup> at the Atlanta Half Marathon; has run under 1:03 for the half 28 times; 6 <sup>th</sup> at 2022 Peachtree 10K
Shadrack Kimining  Geoffrey Koech	Kenya Kenya	59:36	Defending B.A.A. Half Marathon champion (1:02:02); 6 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 B.A.A. 10K; 17 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 B.A.A. 5K; 3 <sup>rd</sup> at both 2023 Atlanta Half and Cardiff Half
Mohamed El Aaraby	Morocco	59:54	11 <sup>th</sup> at 2021 Olympic Marathon; 21 <sup>st</sup> at 2022 World Championships Marathon and 25 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 World Championships Marathon; 4 <sup>th</sup> at 2022 NYC Marathon; 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 2023 Houston Half
Raymond Magut	Kenya	1:00:00	5 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 Atlanta Half Marathon; 5 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 Bloomsday 12K; 4 <sup>th</sup> at 2021 adidas Road to Records Half Marathon (1:00:00); 11 <sup>th</sup> at 2019 B.A.A. Half
Amanuel Mesel	Eritrea	1:00:10	3 <sup>rd</sup> at 2021 Los Angeles Marathon; 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 2020 Houston Marathon; 7 <sup>th</sup> at 2018 World Half Marathon Championships; 9 <sup>th</sup> at 2015 World Championships Marathon
Samuel Chelanga	USA	1:00:37	9 <sup>th</sup> place at 2023 Chicago Marathon (2:08:50); has represented Team USA at World Cross Country Championships (2017, 2023) and the 2018 World Half Marathon Championships (14 <sup>th</sup> place); 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 2023 New Haven 20K Championships; 5 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 USA Cross Country Championships; at Liberty won NCAA National Championships in cross country and at 5000m and 10,000m on the track
Juan Luis Barrios	Mexico	1:00:46	7 <sup>th</sup> at 2008 Olympics in 5000m; 8 <sup>th</sup> at 2012 Olympics in 5000m; has four top-5 finishes at the NYC Half
Tsegay Tuemay	Eritrea	1:00:50	3 <sup>rd</sup> at 2016 B.A.A. Half; won Philadelphia Half in 2021; 8 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 Grandma's

			Marathon (2:12:15); 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 2022 Mesa Half
Pat Tiernan	Australia	1:00:55	Former NCAA Cross Country national champion at Villanova; 2016 and 2021 Olympian for Australia in the 5000m and 10,000m; 6 <sup>th</sup> at 2022 Houston Half (60:55)
Kiros Ashenafi	Ethiopia	1:00:39	Has run five half marathons in 2023 under 1:02:35; 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 2023 Warsaw Half; 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 2023 Zwolle Half; PB of 1:00:39 from Buenos Aires Half in 2023 (6 <sup>th</sup> place)
James Ngandu	Kenya	1:01:28	8 <sup>th</sup> at 2022 B.A.A. Half; 5 <sup>th</sup> at 2019 B.A.A. 10K; runner-up at 2023 Pittsburgh Half; 5 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 Grandma's Marathon; 7 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 Houston Marathon
Filmon Ande	Eritrea	1:02:25	Looking to rebound after a DNF at the 2023 Boston Marathon; represented Eritrea at the 2017 and 2019 World Cross Country Championships; ran 2:06:38 for 4 <sup>th</sup> at the 2021 Barcelona Marathon; runner up at last year's San Jose Half Marathon.
Tristan Woodfine	Canada	1:02:43	6 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 Canadian 10K Championships; 11 <sup>th</sup> at 2022 Ottawa Marathon; won 2022 Toronto Marathon (1:02:43)
Yemane Haileselassie	Eritrea	1:03:01	7 <sup>th</sup> at 2022 B.A.A. Half Marathon; 7 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 Beach to Beacon 10K; 11 <sup>th</sup> at 2022 adidas Road to Records 5K; 8 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 Falmouth Road Race
Nadir Yusuf	USA	1:03:23	NCAA Division II All-American at MSU- Moorhead; 13 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 Grandma's Marathon (2:15:27); 6 <sup>th</sup> at 2022 Indianapolis Half Marathon (1:04:57)
Kevin Koski	USA	1:03:35 (Duluth, 2022)	12 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 USA Half Marathon Championships; 15 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 Grandma's Marathon (2:15:56); 11 <sup>th</sup> at 2022 B.A.A. Half Marathon
Ryan Cutter	USA	1:03:54	Former collegiate runner at Villanova; runner-up at 2022 Philadelphia Half Marathon (1:03:54 PB); 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 2023 Penn Relays 10,000m
Pardon Nhdlovu	USA	1:04:05	13 <sup>th</sup> at 2022 Grandma's Marathon (2:15:04); 15 <sup>th</sup> at 2022 Houston Marathon; 5 <sup>th</sup> at 2022 Indy Half Marathon; 26 <sup>th</sup> at 2021 Boston Marathon
Ian Butler	USA	1:04:20	26 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 Boston Marathon (2:17:55); 12 <sup>th</sup> at 2023 USA 15K Championships;

			2:09:45 marathon PB from 2020 Marathon
			Project (5 <sup>th</sup> place)
			2:17:17 at 2023 Grandma's Marathon;
	USA	1:04:41	1:04:41 at 2023 Houston Half; 9 <sup>th</sup> at 2022
	OSA	1.04.41	NCAA Division II Championships
Tai Smith			10,000m
			B.A.A. runner and Boston College alum;
	USA	1:06:02	2:18:00 at 2023 Berlin Marathon; 24 <sup>th</sup> at
	USA	1.00.02	2023 B.A.A. 10K (31:23); 11 <sup>th</sup> at B.A.A.
Erik Linden			Invitational Mile (4:16)
			Former student athlete at Swarthmore;
	USA	1:07:17	won the 2022 Wineglass Marathon (NY)
Spencer Friske			in 2:17:57
			Air Force Academy runner; 14 <sup>th</sup> at 2023
	USA	Debut	USATF Championships 10,000m;
Ryan Johnson			28:20.70 10,000m PB

# PARA ATHLETICS DIVISION

NAME	COUNTRY	CLASSIFICATION	NOTES
Liz Willis	USA	T61-4	3-time Boston Marathon Para
			Athletics Division Champion

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Marko Cheseto	USA	T61-4	Multiple-time winner of Para
			Athletics Division at Boston
			Marathon and B.A.A. Half
			Marathon; ran 2:44:25 at last
			Sunday's New York City
			Marathon
Brian Reynolds	USA	T61-4	Set World Record 1:25:46 at
•			last year's B.A.A. Half
			Marathon

### WHEELCHAIR DIVISION

WOMEN			
NAME	COUNTRY	CLASSIFICATION	NOTES
Jenna Fesemyer	USA	T53/54	Defending champion and course record holder (59:50); 8 <sup>th</sup> place at last Sunday's New York City Marathon (1:59:19)
Michelle Wheeler	USA	T53/54	3 <sup>rd</sup> place at 2022 B.A.A. Half; 11 <sup>th</sup> at NYC Marathon last Sunday
Yen Hoang	USA	T53/54	2 <sup>nd</sup> place at 2022 B.A.A. Half; 13 <sup>th</sup> at last Sunday's NYC Marathon
Hannah Babalola	Nigeria	T53/54	4 <sup>th</sup> place at 2022 B.A.A. Half; 15 <sup>th</sup> at last Sunday's NYC Marathon
MEN			
NAME	COUNTRY	CLASSIFICATION	NOTES
Dustin Stallberg	USA	T53/54	University of Arizona student-athlete; 5 <sup>th</sup> place at 2022 B.A.A. Half
Wyatt Willand	USA	T53/54	University of Arizona student-athlete; 4 <sup>th</sup> place at 2022 B.A.A. Half; 12 <sup>th</sup> at NYC Marathon last Sunday
Aidan Gravelle	USA	T53/54	University of Arizona student-athlete; 3 <sup>rd</sup> place at 2022 B.A.A. Half; 13 <sup>th</sup> at NYC Marathon last Sunday
Hermin Garic	USA	T53/54	2023 and 2022 B.A.A. 10K Champion; 11 <sup>th</sup> at last Sunday's NYC Marathon
James Senbeta	USA	T54	12 <sup>th</sup> place at 2023 Boston Marathon; 17 <sup>th</sup> at NYC Marathon last Sunday