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Abel Kipchumba	KEN	58:07 (Valencia, 2021)	2023 Boston Half champion (1:01:32); 5th at 2024 B.A.A. 10K; winner of 2025 NYC Half.
Habtom Samuel	ERI	59:01 (Houston, 2026)	5-time NCAA Champion at New Mexico (track and cross country); this year has won the NYC Abbott Dash to the Finish 5K (last week), Houston Half (59:01), Falmouth Road Race & Beach to Beacon 10K; 2-time World Junior Championships bronze medalist.
Andrea Kiptoo	KEN	59:11 (Berlin, 2026)	3rd at 2025 Boston Half (1:01:30); in 2026 has won the Berlin Half (59:11) and 2nd at Napoli Half (59:27).
Mohammed El Youssfi	MAR	59:21 (Houston, 2026) NR	Winner of Cherry Blossom 10 Miler, Gate River Run 15K, and Pittsburgh Half this year; 3rd at Houston Half in January (59:21); 7th at 2026 Boston 5K.
Wesley Kiptoo	USA	1:00:34 (Houston, 2025)	2026 USA Half Marathon Champion; 20th at 2026 Boston Marathon; 23rd at 2026 World Athletics Half Championships; 2021 NCAA Indoor 5000m Champion.
Ignacio Erario	ARG	1:00:59 (Buenos Aires, 2026)	6th at both Buenos Aires and Coamo Half Marathons this year; 2026 Cartago 10K champion.
Ethan Shuley	USA	1:01:02 (Osaka, 2026)	2:07:14 Marathoner (Osaka, 2026; 9th place); 13th at 2026 Sydney Marathon (2:08:34); 9th at 2026 Osaka Half (1:01:02); Based in Japan.
William Amponsah	GHA	1:01:12 (Houston, 2026) NR	10th at 2026 B.A.A. 10K; set national record at '26 Houston Half (1:01:12, 21st place); 8th at '26 Peachtree Road Race.
Aaron Gruen	AUT	1:01:14 (Houston, 2026) NR	Runner-up at 2026 New Bedford Half; 21st at 2026 B.A.A. 10K; 83rd at 2026 World Half Championships.
Jack Aho	USA	1:01:18 (Greenville, 2026)	Winner of 2026 Greenville (SC) Half (1:01:18); 9th at 2026 USA 25K Champs; 8th at Cherry Blossom 10 Miler.
James Quattlebaum	USA	1:02:27 (Indianapolis, 2026)	Won 2026 Indy Half (1:02:27) and 2025 Hardeeville Half (1:03:36); 11th at 2024 Boston Half.
Segundo Oswaldo Jami	ECU	1:02:28 (Buenos Aires, 2022)	Ran 2:15:15 at 2026 Boston Marathon; 60th at 2025 World Championships Marathon; 2016 Olympian in the Marathon (123rd).

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Colin Bennie	USA	1:02:30 (Shelby Township, 2020)	Top American at the 2021 Boston Marathon (2:11:26, 7th place); Princeton, Mass. native; marathon best of 2:09:38; 10th at 2024 Olympic Marathon Trials.
Frank Lujan	PER	1:02:32 (Lima, 2025)	Won the 10,000m national title for Peru last year; marathon best of 2:12:15 (Seville, 2024).
Amon Kemboi	KEN	1:03:14 (Philadelphia, 2023)	3rd at the 2026 Abbott Dash to the Finish 5K last week; 9th at 2026 Falmouth Road Race; 3rd at 2025 Boston 5K; won 2025 Dash to the Finish 5K in NYC; 5th at 2025 Manchester Road Race.
Noah Stevenson	USA	1:04:13 (Austin, 2026)	Sub-four minute road miler; based in Kansas City.
Brian Harvey	USA	1:04:44 (Houston , 2015)	Team B.A.A. runner; 2024 Olympic Trials Marathon qualifier (101st); 1:10:04 at 2025 Boston Half.
Adam Quinn	USA	1:04:53 (Albany, 2026)	Won Helderberg to Hudson Half in Albany this year (1:04:53); 2:23:58 Marathon PB (Houston, 2026).
Paul Arredondo	USA	1:05:49 (Wilmington, 2024)	15th at 2025 Boston Half (1:06:10).
Esteban Trujillo	USA	1:05:58 (Mesa, 2026)	Ran 2:16:19 at 2026 Boston Marathon; set half marathon PB 1:05:58 this year in Mesa.
Matt Lenehan	USA	1:07:24 (Monterey, 2023)	Set 2:15:45 marathon best at 2025 Cal International Marathon.
Timofey Karginov	USA	1:07:28 (Congers, 2025)	Set PB 1:07:27 at Project 13.1 last year; 3rd at 2022 Litchfield Hills Road Race.
Ben Burgess	USA	1:08:08 (Newburyport, 2025)	Formerly ran at Harvard; Framingham, Mass. native.
James Mwaura	USA	Debut/58:20 for 20K	B.A.A. High Performance Team Member; 2nd at 2026 New Haven 20K; 10th at 2026 Boston 5K; 8th at 2026 USA 10,000m.
Eric Van der Els	USA	Debut/59:05 for 20K	B.A.A. High Performance Team Member; 8th at 2025 USA 5K Champs; 12th at 2025 USA 20K Champs.
Coen Roberts	USA	Debut/2:15:15 Marathon	2:15:15 Marathon PB at 2025 Cal International.
Peter Walsdorf	USA	Debut/28:14.58 10,000m	12th at 2026 USA 10,000m championships; 37th at 2025 NCAA Cross Country Championships.
Assaf Harari	ISR	Debut/28:23.69 10,000m	55th at 2026 World Cross Country Championships in Florida; competed for Syracuse.

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Sam Lawler	USA	Debut/1:15:13 25K	5th at 2026 USA 25K Championships; 9th at 2026 Utica Boilermaker 15K; Syracuse Orange.
Aksel Laudon	USA	Debut/2:24:34 Marathon	2:24:34 at 2026 Boston Marathon.
Nick Bendtsen	USA	Debut/28:12 10,000m	12th at 2026 USA 20K Championships/New Haven Road Race.

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Fentaye Belayneh	ETH	1:04:49 (Houston, 2026)	2-time defending Boston Half champion (1:08:51 in 2025, 1:10:26 in 2024); won 2026 Houston Half (1:04:49); 9th at 2025 World Championships 5000m.
Melat Kejeta	GER	1:05:18 (Gdynia, 2020) AR	2020 World Half Marathon Championships silver medalist; 6th at 2021 Olympic Marathon; 11th at 2023 World Champs Marathon; national record holder.
Sentayehu Lewetegn	ETH	1:06:58 (Prague, 2026)	2nd at Stockholm Marathon and 8th at Doha Marathon in 2026; 3rd and 4th at 2025 & 2026 Prague Half; 14th at '17 World Cross Country Championships.
Sara Hall	USA	1:07:15 (Houston, 2022)	In 2026 has finished 2nd at Houston Marathon (2:26:26), 19th at Chicago and 21st at Boston; 10th at 2026 USA 10K Championships; 5th at 2022 World Championships Marathon; former American record holder in the half.
Emily Durgin	USA	1:07:54 (Houston, 2022)	3-time top 8 finisher at the B.A.A. 10K; 9th at 2024 Olympic Trials Marathon; 10th at 2026 Gate River Run 15K; 4th at 2024 US 25K Championships.
Vibian Chepkirui	KEN	1:08:02 (Lisbon, 2021)	4th at 2022 Boston Half; 13th at 2024 Boston Marathon; 4th at 2025 Houston Marathon.
Megan Sailor	USA	1:09:39 (Boston, 2025)	6th and top American at 2025 Boston Half (1:09:39, PB); 9th at 2026 Falmouth Road Race; 10th at 2024 Boston Half; B.A.A. High Performance Team member.
Zaida Ramos	PER	1:10:05 (Lima, 2025)	2:41:04 at 2026 Boston Marathon; 5th at 2026 Lima Half; 35th at 2023 World Half Marathon Championships.
Mercy Cherono	KEN	1:10:06 (Prague, 2026)	8th at 2026 Prague Half (1:10:06); 11th at 2025 B.A.A. 10K; 2013 World Championships silver medalist at 5000m on the track; 4th at Olympic 5000m in 2016.

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Kassie Parker	USA	1:10:17 (Duluth, 2026)	2026 USA 4 Mile national champion; 2nd at 2026 USA 25K Championships; this year has won half marathons in Duluth and Naples, FL; 4th at 2026 USA Half Marathon Championships.
Anne-Marie Comeau	CAN	1:11:26 (Valley Cottage, 2023)	18th at 2025 World Mountain Running Championships; 7th at Edmonton Half this year.
Madey Dickson	USA	1:11:35 (Duluth, 2026)	18th at 2026 Boston Marathon (2:28:12); 2nd Gary Bjorkland Half (Duluth) in 1:11:35; 17th at 2026 USA Half Champs in Atlanta; 2:28:57 marathon PB (CIM 2025).
Thalia Valdivia	PER	1:12:42 (Lima, 2026)	Won Lima Half in May (1:12:42); Marathon national record holder (2:25:23, Rotterdam 2024); 17th at 2024 Olympic Marathon; 4th at 2023 Pan Am Games 10,000m.
Erin McDonald	USA	1:13:37 (Bayshore, 2026)	10th at the 2026 USA Championships in the 10,000m; 18th in 2:32:53 at 2025 Cal international Marathon.
Annabel Stafford	USA	1:14:18 (Boston, 2025)	Set marathon PB of 2:35:21 this year; 14th at 2025 Boston Half (1:14:18).
Nina Usubyan	ARM	1:15:54 (San Diego, 2022)	27th/35:11 at 2026 B.A.A. 10K; 14th at the 2025 European Champs Marathon and 44th at the 2025 World Champs Marathon.
Alyssa Salese	USA	1:17:00 (Congers, 2025)	23rd at the 2026 McKirdy Micro Marathon in 2:49:12; ran 2:44:37 at the 2023 Boston Marathon.
Amalia Dorion	USA	1:18:01 (Wells, 2026)	18th at 2026 Boston 5K; 15th at 2025 Manchester Road Race.
Megan Connolly	USA	1:18:55 (Fairhaven, 2026)	10th at 2026 McKirdy Micro Marathon in 2:36:28; 3rd at 2024 Eugene Marathon.
Winfred Mbithe	KEN	Debut/31:42 for 10K	4th at 2026 B.A.A. 10K in June (31:42); 4th at the 2026 World Cross Country Championships Mixed Relay; 15:31 5K PB.
Jasmine Trott	GBR	Debut/33:35.17 for 10,000m	Bryant University.
Ruby Krasnow	USA	Debut/33:45.66 for 10,000m	Ran 34:15 for 24th at 2026 B.A.A. 10K; ran 15:59.16 and 33:45.66 on the track this year.
Sydney Vaught	USA	Debut/32:16 for 10K	2026 USA National Champion at 10,000m; 4th at 2026 USA's 5000m; 9th at 2026 USA 5K championships; 9th at 2026 Peachtree Road Race; former SEC champion at Arkansas.
Chloe Whiting	USA	Debut/34:58 for 10,000m	18th at 2026 USA 6K Championships; Bryant University.

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Aymon Langlois	USA	T13	**Won 2026 B.A.A. 10K T11/12/13 Para Division**
Thomas Cantara	USA	T20	2025 Boston Half T20 champion and event record holder (1:16:20); from New Hampshire; 2-time Boston 5K champion; 3-time Boston Marathon champion.
Atsbha Gebremeskel	ETH	T45-47	2-time Boston Half Para champion ('24 and '25); event record holder 1:18:58; also won B.A.A. 10K from 2023-2026; 3-time Boston 5K champion; 3-time Boston Marathon champion.
Brian Reynolds	USA	T61-64	2023 Boston Half Para champion; set World Record 37:29 at B.A.A. 10K this year
Peter Keating	USA	T61-64	2025 Boston Half Para champion

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Cristina Burbach	USA	T35-38	2-time Boston Half Para champion ('24 and '25); event record holder (1:42:21); 3-time B.A.A. 10K champion including 2026; 3-time Boston Marathon champion including 2026.
Kelly Bruno	USA	T61-64	2-time Boston Half Para champion ('24 and '25); event record holder (1:35:28); 2-time B.A.A. 10K champion including 2026; 2025 and 2026 Boston 5K champion; 3-time Boston Marathon Para champion.
Jennifer Perez	USA	T61-64	

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MEN'S WHEELCHAIR FIELD	COUNTRY	NOTES
Valera Allen	USA	2nd place at 2025 Boston Half (54:39); 11th at 2026 Boston Marathon
Evan Correll	USA	NCAA Champion in the 100m while racing at Illinois.
Kohen Grantom	USA	U20 national record holder from 100m through 5000m.
Aidan Gravelle	USA	5th at 2025 Boston Half (57:53) and 2024 Boston Half (57:36)
Miguel Jimenez-Vergara	USA	2-time Boston Half champion (2019 and 2025); timed 49:06 last year; 9th at 2026 Boston Marathon.
Delmace Mayo	USA	4th at 2025 Boston Half (57:47); fastest Bostonian at 2026 Boston Marathon
Tony Nogueira	USA	12-time Boston Half champion
Jason Robinson	USA	14th at 2026 Boston Marathon
Daniel Romanchuk	USA	2024 Boston Half champion & event record holder (47:38); 2-time Boston Marathon champion; 3-time B.A.A. 10K winner;
Dustin Stallberg	USA	7th at 2025 Boston Half (1:02:49)
Wyatt Willand	USA	3rd at 2025 Boston Half (56:49); 4th in 2024 Boston Half

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Jenna Ayers	USA	2-time Boston Half champion (2022, 2023); 2022 Boston 5K champion;
Hannah Babalola	NGR	2nd at 2025 Boston Half (1:03:51); 3rd at 2024 Boston Half (1:07:45); 2017 B.A.A. 10K champion; 14th at 2026 Boston Marathon.
Hannah Dederick	USA	2-time Paralympian; NCAA champion at Illinois.
Hoda Elshorbagy	EGY	2024 B.A.A. 10K champion; 9th at 2026 Boston Marathon.
Yen Hoang	USA	2025 Boston Half champion (1:01:02); 2nd place in 2024 (1:01:53); 2023 B.A.A. 10K champion;
Michelle Wheeler	USA	2024 Boston Half champion (1:00:25); 3rd at 2025 Boston Half; 12th at 2026 Boston Marathon.