

Marathon event timeline

Date: July 23, 2026

Timeline

05:30 – 06:15 Runner Arrival and Gear Drop

Participants arrive to store personal belongings and collect timing chips. Volunteers assist with bib checks and final registration questions.

Location: City Park Race Village

06:15 – 06:30 Official Race Briefing

Race directors outline the course layout, safety guidelines, and key weather advisories. Runners receive final directions before moving to starting corrals.

Location: Main Stage, City Park

06:30 – 06:45 Group Warm-Up Session

Certified fitness trainers lead a dynamic stretching routine to get athletes ready. Upbeat music pumps up the crowd near the start arch.

Location: Start Line Plaza

07:00 – 07:15 Marathon Official Gun Start

The horn sounds to launch elite runners and primary wave participants onto the course. Spectators line the fences to cheer on the starters.

Location: Start Line Arch

07:45 – 08:15 10K Checkpoint and Hydration Station

Runners cross the first timing mat and receive water cups from volunteers. Course marshals monitor pacing and track runner progress.

Location: Riverside Drive 10K Mark

08:30 – 09:30 Mid-Course Live Music Zone

Local bands and drum lines perform energized sets to motivate runners during a tough leg of the race. Fans gather to wave signs and support participants.

Location: Mile 15 Entertainment Plaza

09:30 – 10:15 Halfway 21K Checkpoint

Athletes log their official split times at the half-marathon point. Aid crews offer sports drinks and basic medical assistance.

Location: Central Avenue Overpass

10:30 – 11:30 30K Energy and Fueling Station

Runners refuel with energy gels, bananas, and extra fluids for the final stretch. Medical staff stand by to treat muscle cramps and fatigue.

Location: Lakefront Park 30K Mark

11:30 – 12:30 Finish Line Celebrations

The lead runners cross the finish arch to break the ribbon to loud applause. Photographers capture emotional finish moments as waves of runners complete the race.

Location: Main Stadium Finish Line

12:30 – 13:15 Post-Race Recovery Zone

Finishers receive commemorative finisher medals, thermal blankets, and electrolyte drinks. Dedicated areas offer physical therapy and ice bath stations.

Location: Athlete Recovery Area

13:15 – 14:00 Awards and Ceremony

Trophies and prizes are awarded to top overall and age-group winners on stage. Organizers deliver closing remarks to celebrate a successful marathon.

Location: Main Stage, City Park