



**2014 BOSTON
MARATHON®**

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2014 BOSTON MARATHON REGISTRATION TO BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 9.

FIELD SIZE SET AT 36,000 OFFICIAL ENTRANTS FOR 2014 RACE.

BOSTON -- Registration for the 2014 Boston Marathon will open on Monday, September 9, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. ET. The B.A.A. will use the same process to register qualified runners as it used in the 2012 and 2013 Marathons, allowing the fastest qualifiers to register first.

Registration will be held entirely online at www.baa.org. The qualification window for the 2014 Boston Marathon began last year on September 22, 2012.

In addition, in cooperation with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the eight cities and towns along the Boston Marathon route, the B.A.A. has set the field size for the 2014 Boston Marathon at 36,000 official entrants. The 118th Boston Marathon will be held on Monday, April 21, 2014 and will mark the 29th consecutive year that the event will have John Hancock Financial Services as its principal sponsor.

Registration will occur on a "rolling admission" schedule, beginning with the fastest qualifiers. On Monday, September 9, eligible runners who have met the qualifying standard for their age and gender by 20 minutes or more may register. On Wednesday, September 11 at 10:00 a.m. ET, if space remains, registration will open for those who have met their qualifying standard by 10 minutes or more. If space remains, registration will open on Friday, September 13 at 10:00 a.m. ET for those who have met their qualifying standard by five minutes or more. Registration will close on Saturday, September 14 at 10:00 p.m. ET.

If space remains after the first week of registration (Monday, September 9 through Saturday, September 14), then registration will re-open for all qualifiers from Monday, September 16 at 10:00 a.m. ET through Friday, September 20 at 5:00 p.m. ET. If space remains after this initial period, then on Monday, September 23 registration will re-open to anyone who meets the qualifying standards. Registration will remain open until the maximum field size is reached.

"The B.A.A. is aware of the significantly increased interest in registering for the 2014 Boston Marathon," said B.A.A. Executive Director Tom Grilk. "The rolling admission schedule will provide runners with the fastest qualifying times in their age and gender group the ability to have their entry accepted in an orderly and systematic manner. We understand many marathoners and qualifiers want to run Boston in 2014, and we appreciate the support and patience that the running community has demonstrated because of the bombings that occurred this past Spring."

The registration process ensures that the fastest qualifiers will be accepted first. However, achieving one's qualifying standard does not guarantee entry. Those who are the fastest among the pool of applicants in their age and gender group will be accepted.

The registration fee for the 2014 Boston Marathon for qualifiers is \$175 USD for United States residents and \$225 USD for international residents.

A special registration period for the 2013 Boston Marathon began on August 19 and concludes today (August 29 at 5:00 p.m. ET) for 2013 Boston Marathon starters who reached the half marathon checkpoint or later but did not have the opportunity to cross the finish line on Boylston Street. Those 5624 runners were contacted by the B.A.A. via email; thus far, more than 4,500 entries have been received.

For the last several months, the B.A.A. has worked with state and municipal agencies and public safety officials to establish a field size of 36,000 entrants for the 2014 Boston Marathon. In 1996, the Centennial Boston Marathon had a field size of 38,708 entrants and 35,868 finishers. "Interested runners have been remarkably respectful and cooperative as we worked towards what will be an important day in the history of the race, the sport and the City of Boston," said Griik. "The B.A.A. offers special thanks and gratitude to the town, city and state officials for the cooperation and allowances needed to conduct a special race of this size and scope."

BOSTON MARATHON REGISTRATION DATES:

- Monday, September 9 - Qualifiers who have met the qualifying standard by 20 minutes, 00 seconds or faster.
- Wednesday, September 11 - Qualifiers who have met the qualifying standard by 10 minutes, 00 seconds or faster (if space remains).
- Friday, September 13 - Qualifiers who have met the qualifying standard by 5 minutes, 00 seconds or faster (if space remains).
- Monday, September 16 - All qualifiers who have met the qualifying standard (if space remains).
- Friday, September 20 - Registration closes at 5:00 p.m. ET.
- If space remains after this initial period, then on Monday, September 23 registration will re-open to anyone who meets the qualifying standards on a first come, first served basis. Registration will remain open until the maximum field size is reached.

A FEW IMPORTANT NOTES:

- The 2014 Boston Marathon will be held on Monday, April 21, 2014.
- The qualifying standards for the 2014 Boston Marathon, shown below, are the same as the qualifying standards for the 2013 Boston Marathon.
- There is no 59 second "cushion" allowed for qualifying times for the 2014 Boston Marathon.
- The B.A.A. will make an announcement if the field size limit is reached prior to the conclusion of the registration period.
- Though the B.A.A. will email registrants upon the completion of their form, runners are not officially entered into the race until their qualifying time is verified. This length of time may vary and can be as long as several days, depending on the qualifying marathon.
- The qualification window for the 2014 Boston Marathon began on Saturday, September 22, 2012 and will remain open until the conclusion of registration.
- The qualification window for the 2015 Boston Marathon will begin on Saturday, September 14, 2013.
- Registration dates for the 2015 Boston Marathon have not yet been announced.
- The qualifying standards for the 2015 Boston Marathon, shown below, are the same as the qualifying standards for the 2013 and 2014 Boston Marathon.
- The 2015 Boston Marathon will be held on Monday, April 20, 2015.

2014 BOSTON MARATHON QUALIFYING STANDARDS (effective September 22, 2012)

All standards below are based on official submitted net time.

AGE GROUP	MEN	WOMEN
18-34	3hrs 05min 00sec	3hrs 35min 00sec
35-39	3hrs 10min 00sec	3hrs 40min 00sec
40-44	3hrs 15min 00sec	3hrs 45min 00sec
45-49	3hrs 25min 00sec	3hrs 55min 00sec
50-54	3hrs 30min 00sec	4hrs 00min 00sec
55-59	3hrs 40min 00sec	4hrs 10min 00sec
60-64	3hrs 55min 00sec	4hrs 25min 00sec
65-69	4hrs 10min 00sec	4hrs 40min 00sec
70-74	4hrs 25min 00sec	4hrs 55min 00sec
75-79	4hrs 40min 00sec	5hrs 10min 00sec
80 and over	4hrs 55min 00sec	5hrs 25min 00sec

An additional 59 seconds will NOT be accepted for each age group time standard. That is, there is no cushion or flexibility with the minimum qualifying time for purposes of qualification eligibility.

About the Boston Athletic Association (B.A.A.)

Established in 1887, the Boston Athletic Association is a non-profit organization with a mission of managing athletic events and promoting a healthy lifestyle through sports, especially running. The B.A.A.'s Boston Marathon is the world's oldest annual marathon, and the organization manages other local events and supports comprehensive charity, youth, and year-round running programs. Since 1986, the principal sponsor of the Boston Marathon has been John Hancock Financial. The Boston Marathon is part of the World Marathon Majors, along with the international marathons in Tokyo, London, Berlin, Chicago, and New York City. Nearly 50,000 runners will participate in B.A.A. events in 2013. The 118th Boston Marathon will be held on Monday, April 21, 2014. For more information on the B.A.A., please visit www.baa.org.

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