



HONOLULU MARATHON MEDIA GUIDE 2018

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Media Center Online

<https://www.honolulumarathon.org/media-center>

Media office

We are located in the Hawaii Convention Center, room 306 during race week (December 6-8). See Accreditation section for hours.

On race day, Sunday December 9, we will be in the Press Tent next to the finish line in Kapiolani Park.

Athlete Photo Call

All elite athletes will convene for interviews and a photo call:

Time: 1pm Friday December 7.

Place: Outrigger Reef on the Beach Hotel – near lobby

Live Race Day Coverage

KITV – ABC TV affiliate: <http://www.kitv.com>

The official marathon broadcast will feature Robert Kekaula, Toni Reavis and Todd Iacovelli in the studio with live broadcast units reporting from the course.

Radio - KSSK 92.3 Hawaii : 5am – 7am (Direct [Link](#) to feed)

Post Race Press Conference

Immediately after the male winner finishes. Approx Time: 7:30am

Convene at 7am just outside Press Tent.

Champions Autograph Session

Male and female champions will sign autographs for the general public on Monday December 10

Place: Hawaii Convention Center, by Certificate Pick Up

Time: 9am, Monday, December 10

Accreditation

All media are asked to pre register for accreditation online at:

<https://www.honolulumarathon.org/media-accreditation>

Accreditation of all press will take place at the Media office during normal expo hours:

- Thursday, December 6, 9AM-6PM
- Friday, December 7, 9AM-7PM
- Saturday, December 8, 10AM-1PM

For accreditation we require proof of affiliation and valid id.

Social Media

www.twitter.com/hnlmarathon

www.facebook.com/honolulumarathon

www.instagram.com/honolulumarathon

www.honolulumarathon.org

Hashtags: #honolulumarathon #hnlmarathon #hnlhappy

Results –

All results will be published live [HERE](#)

The live results can be accessed through the Honolulu Marathon app.

[iOS App](#)

[Android App](#)

Image Library –

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Kalakaua Merrie Mile – Saturday Dec 8th

The Kalakaua Merrie Mile brings together Olympic-level professionals and recreational runners of all abilities for a one-mile race along iconic Kalakaua Avenue. The event is named after King Kalakaua, who was also called the Merrie Monarch and spread joy throughout the island. An international team of Olympians and NCAA athletes will compete as part of the Elite Race, running for top honors and a prize purse of \$6000. The elite race is gender neutral, with the winner, male or female taking the winners title. The elite women will have a 26-second advantage at the start, with the elite men aiming to run them down by the finish. The first across the line will win \$4000.

- *Parking is available at the **International Market Place** for only \$2 between 6AM – 9AM.*
- *Parking entrance located at the intersection of Kuhio Avenue and Walina Street.*

Elite Field – Kalakaua Merrie Mile 2018

Men (Bib Number)	Country	1500m	Mile
Edward Cheserk (M1)	Kenya		3:49:44(i)
Nick Willis (M2)	New Zealand	3:29:66	3:49:83
Craig Engels (M3)	USA	3:35:--	3:53:-- (i)
Ben Flanagan (M5)	Canada		3:57:75
Craig Huffer (M4)	Australia	3:36.--	3:53:--
Leonard Bett (M6)	Kenya		

Women (Bib Number)	Country	1500m	Mile
Rachael Schneider (W4)	USA		4:25:62(i)
Shannon Osika (W3)	USA		4:20:81
Jaimie Phelan (W5)	Canada	4:11:92	4:44:33
Miriam Cherop (W1)	Kenya	4:26.6h	4:24:7
Amanda Eccleston (W2)	USA	4:03:25	4:25:64
Agnes Ngetich (W6)	Kenya	4:27:0	

Start to Park 10K

Back for the 2nd year, this wildly popular event continues to be the talk of the town! 5000 runners are set to experience the thrill of the start line at one of the largest marathons in the world at the Start to Park 10k! Run the first 10K of the Honolulu Marathon with thousands of other marathon runners and enjoy the same finish line and festival celebration! All finisher's receive a finisher's shirt and medal! Registration is open through the marathon expo on Saturday December 8th.

2018 Honolulu Marathon General Information

DATE/START: Sunday, December 9 at 5 AM
Start Line at Ala Moana Blvd./Queen Street Extension
Free bus service to the Start Line will depart Honolulu Zoo parking lot from 2 AM on Race Day; last bus leaves at 4 AM.

THE FINISH: The Finish Line at Kapiolani Park and all support services will be open 5 AM – 2 PM on Race Day. All participants will be permitted to finish regardless of their time.

MARATHON COURSE: 26 miles, 385 yards or 42.195 kilometers. The scenic course includes spectacular ocean views alongside world-famous Waikiki Beach, and Diamond Head and Koko Head volcanic craters. The terrain is level except for short, uphill grades around Diamond Head.

RECORD HOLDERS: Lawrence Cherono of Kenya..... 2:08:27 (2017)
Brigid Kosgei of Kenya 2:22:15 (2017)

AID STATIONS: 18 Aid Stations, manned by 2,300 volunteers working in shifts, serving water and sports drink, and providing cold sponges and professional medical assistance are located along the course.

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SPECIAL EVENTS: Honolulu Marathon Expo at the Hawaii Convention Center, 1801 Kalakaua Ave.

- Thursday, December 6, 9AM-6PM
- Friday, December 7, 9AM-7PM
- Saturday, December 8, 9AM-5PM.

No Entry Fee.

LATE ENTRIES: Accepted Thursday, December 6 through Saturday, December 8 at the Hawaii Convention Center during Packet Pick-Up.

PACKET PICK-UP: Thursday, December 6, 9AM-6PM, Friday, December 7, 9AM-7PM and Saturday, December 8, 9AM-5PM at the Hawaii Convention Center.

SOUVENIR SALES: **At the Hawaii Convention Center:** Thursday, December 6, 9AM-6PM, Friday, December 7, 9AM-7PM and Saturday, December 8, 9AM-5PM and Monday December 10 9AM-5PM the Hawaii Convention Center.

At Kapiolani Park: Race Day, Sunday, December 9, 7 AM-4PM

RACE HEADQUARTERS: **Hawaii Convention Center:**
Monday, December 3 - Monday, December 10.

SPECIAL DIVISIONS: Top 3 Men/Women, Age Groups, Kamaaina & Resident Awards will be given in each category.

WHEELCHAIR DIVISION: Sunday, December 9 — starts just prior to the Honolulu Marathon at the Start Line.

FINISHERS: All finishers receive a commemorative finisher's shirt, medal, and certificate. Finisher's certificates will be available for pick-up at the Hawaii Convention Center on Monday, December 10, 9 AM – 5 PM at the Finisher's Festival.

AWARDS CEREMONY: Sunday, December 9 at 1 PM at the Kapiolani Park Bandstand

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Outrigger Reef on the Beach, 2169 Kalia Road.
The Outrigger Resorts and Hotels offers a special rate for Honolulu Marathon participants. For information and reservations, please contact:

Outrigger Hotels•Resorts, *The Official Hotels of the Honolulu Marathon*
2375 Kuhio Avenue
Honolulu, Hawaii 96815 USA
phone: 800-688-7444

START TO PARK 10K: A 6.2-mile (10K) race through downtown Honolulu. The Start to Park 10k is held on Sunday, December 9 in conjunction with the start of the Honolulu Marathon.
Late entry fee is \$95 at the Honolulu Marathon Expo :all entrants receive a T-shirt.

KALAKAUA MERRIE MILE: One mile race on Kalakaua Avenue at 7am on Saturday December 8.
Start on Monsarrat Ave by the Honolulu Zoo. Finish at Queens Beach, Waikiki.
Late entry available at the Honolulu Marathon Expo for \$60

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FOR MORE INFORMATION: Visit the official website at www.honolulumarathon.org

Elite Field

Athlete Bio's MEN –

Bib #: 1 -- Wilson Chebet, 33, Kenya

Wilson Chebet is a veteran of the marathon. He has consistently come back to Hawaii to race the Honolulu Marathon for at least the past four years. He won the event in 2014 - running 2:15:35. Despite placing second the past two years, he still managed to run under the course record at the time. He now looks to reclaim his title.

- Personal Best: 2011 / Rotterdam Marathon / 2:05:27
- Key 2018 Result: New York Half Marathon / 63:37
- Best Known For: Runner up at the Honolulu Marathon the past two years despite running under the course record in 2016 and breaking 2:10 in 2017.
- Other Marathon Achievements: Set course records at the Amsterdam Marathon in 2012 and 2013.
- At Honolulu: 2014 (Winner 2:15:35), 2015, 2016, 2017 (under course record, 2nd place) 2:09:55

Bib #2: – Titus Ekiru, 26, Kenya

Titus Ekiru is a Kenyan half/full marathoner representing Nike. In 2016, he was second in the Casablanca Half Marathon, running 2:15:43. He earned his first win at the 2017 Sevilla Marathon in 2:07:43. He continued on in 2018 to win the San Diego Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon in his personal best, 1:01:02. Later, he won the Ciudad de México Marathon in 2:10:38. He has competed at the Honolulu Marathon once before - placing fourth last year.

- Personal Best: 2017 / Sevilla Marathon / 2:07:43
- Key 2018 Result: San Diego Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon / 61:02
- Best Known For: 2018 San Diego Half Marathon Champion.
- Other Marathon Achievements: First at 2018 Ciudad de México Marathon.
- At Honolulu: 2017 / 4th, 2:12:19

Bib #: 3 – Reuben Kerio, 24, Kenya

Reuben Kerio is a Kenyan marathoner known for winning the 2017 Košice Peace Marathon - an IAAF Silver Label race - in 2:08:12. He returned in 2018 to place fourth - running a time of 2:09:23. In 2017, he also won the Verbania Lago Maggiore Half Marathon in 1:01:21.

- Personal Best: 2017 / Košice Peace Marathon / 2:08:12 (for marathon, if NA, best long race)
- Key 2018 Result: Verona Giulietta & Romeo Half Marathon / 1:02:58
- Best Known For: 2017 Verbania Lago Maggiore Half Marathon Champion, 1:01:21.
- Other Marathon Achievements: 2016 Brescia Marathon Champion, 2:09:05.
- At Honolulu: Honolulu Debut.

Bib #: 4 – Vincent Yator, 29, Kenya

Vincent Yator's resume shows versatility among distances from the 3K, all the way to the marathon. In the early 2010s, he ran personal bests in the 3K and 5K of 7:46 and 13:04. In 2015, he set a personal best of 59:55 in the half marathon - before returning to the track the next year to run 27:25 in the 10K. Last year, Yator earned a podium finish at the Honolulu Marathon by placing third in 2:10:38.

- Personal Best: 2017 / Honolulu Marathon / 2:10:38
- Key 2018 Result: Frankfurt Marathon / 2:12:03
- Best Known For: Proficient in events ranging from the 3k to the marathon.
- Other Marathon Achievements: Set a 59:55 Half Marathon best at the 2015 Yangzhou Half Marathon.
- At Honolulu: 2017 / 3rd, 2:10:38

Bib #: 5 – Philip Tarbei, 24, Kenya

Philip Tarbei is a common face seen in Honolulu. Already he is a two-time Hapalua Half winner - having won the 2017 installment by running 1:03:27. The next year he ran the hilly course again - in excessive humidity - winning for the second time in 1:04:14. He set his personal

best at the 2017 Ústi nad Lábem Half Marathon when he ran 1:00:13. After coming back to Hawaii to pace last year's marathon, he sets his sights to debut on December 9th.

- Personal Best: Debut
- Key 2018 Result: 6th at the Venlo Half Marathon, 60:48.
- Best Known For: 2x Hapalua Half Champion.
- Other Marathon Achievements: N/A
- At Honolulu: 2x Hapalua Winner, Marathon Debut this year.

Pacers – Men

Bib #: 6 – Charles Cheruiyot, Kenya

Charles Cheruiyot is a Kenyan marathoner pacing this year's elites. He holds personal bests of 1:01:12 in the HM - while having run a 2:10:09 for the full back in 2016 at the Vienna City Marathon. He also ran a personal best of 27:59 at the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games.

- 2nd, Vienna City Marathon 2016.
- 4th, Kericho 10KM 2016, 29:54.
- PRs- 1:01:12/2:10:09

Bib #: 7 – Titus Sang, Kenya

Titus Sang is a pacer and member of the prestigious RunCzech Racing Team. In his HM debut, he placed third at the 2018 East Africa HM Championships in Burundi. Sang has also paced a marathon to 25 kilometers at 2:05 pace before. He looks strong to lead this year's marathon field along the streets of Honolulu.

Bib #: 8 – Ezekiel Kemboi, 22 Kenya

Ezekiel Kemboi is an up-and-coming road racer – having placed 7th before in the 2018 Wurzburg 10K – running a time of 29:10.

Elite Athlete Bios - WOMEN

Bib #: F1 – Joyce Chepkirui, 30, Kenya

Joyce Chepkirui is a two time Honolulu Marathon winner (2014-2015). Representing Adidas, she earned an impressive 45 career wins. She now looks to reclaim her crown at the 2018 Honolulu Marathon.

- Repeat champion at the Honolulu Marathon, 2014-2015.
- 3rd, Boston Marathon, 2016.
- 4th, New York Marathon, 2016.
- PRs- 66:18/2:24:11

- Personal Best: 2015 / Amsterdam Marathon / 2:24:11
- Key 2018 Result: Istanbul Half Marathon (Only 2018 race) / 1:09:18
- Best Known For: Runner up finish at the New York City Half Marathon.
- Other Marathon Achievements: Set her marathon personal best by winning the Amsterdam Marathon, an IAAF Gold Label race.
- At Honolulu: Won 2014 and 2015 edition of the Honolulu Marathon.

Bib #: F2 – Vivian Jerono Kiplagat, 27, Kenya

Vivian Jerono Kiplagat is a Kenyan born athlete representing Nike. She won three of four international competitions in 2018, remaining undefeated in the half marathon this year.

- Won both the Giulietta & Romeo HM and Buenos Aires HM in 71:59, and 69:10 respectively.
- 2nd at the 2018 Milano Marathon, 2:27:08.
- 1st at the 2018 Buenos Aires Marathon, 2:29:03.
- PRs- 69:05/2:27:08.

Personal Best: 2018 / Milano Marathon / 2:27:08 (for marathon, if NA, best long race)

Key 2018 Result: 2018 Buenos Aires Half Marathon Champion, 69:10.

Best Known For: First at the 2017 North Rift Cross Country Championships.

Other Marathon Achievements: N/A

At Honolulu: Honolulu Debut

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Bib #: F3 – Sheila Jerotich, 29, Kenya

Sheila Jerotich is a versatile distance runner, spending her 2016 season ranging from the 1500m to HM before ultimately moving to the marathon.

- Fourth at the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games, 2:36:19.
- PRs- 72:02/2:27:34.

- Personal Best: 2017 / Košice Marathon / 2:27:34 (for marathon, if NA, best long race)
- Key 2018 Result: Košice Peace Marathon / 2:29:40
- Best Known For: Breaking the Košice course record whilst setting a personal best in 2017.
- Other Marathon Achievements: Fourth at the 2018 Commonwealth Games, 2:36:19.
- At Honolulu: Debut

[See more info on our Elite Fields](#)

Prize Money

\$110,000 prize money purse including time bonuses.
Equal \$40,000 first prize payments for men and women.

1 st Place	\$25,000
2 nd Place	\$10,000
3 rd Place	\$5,000

Time Bonus

\$10,000 bonuses for the men's and women's race records.

Men's record: 2:08:27
Women's record: 2:22:15

Course Records

COURSE RECORDS				
Men	2017	Lawrence Cherono	Kenya	2:08:27
Women	2017	Brigid Kosgei	Kenya	2:22:15
Wheelchair	2006	Masazumi Soejima	Japan	1:29:22

[*Additional information on Awards*](#)

Champions 1973-2017

<https://www.honolulumarathon.org/key-information/history-statistics/course-records>

2018 Stat Snacks

- Runners from all 50 US States
- Runners from 50 countries
- A near even 50/50 split of male and female runners
- 2 runners over the age of 90