



# HONOLULU MARATHON MEDIA GUIDE 2019

## Media Information

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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 5-7). See Accreditation section for hours.

On race day, Sunday December 8, 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 6.

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 9

Place: Hawaii Convention Center, by Certificate Pick Up

Time: 9am, Monday, December 9

## 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 5, 9AM-6PM
- Friday, December 6, 9AM-7PM
- Saturday, December 7, 10AM-1PM

For accreditation we require proof of affiliation and valid id.

## Social Media

[www.twitter.com/hnlmarathon](http://www.twitter.com/hnlmarathon)

[www.facebook.com/honolulumarathon](http://www.facebook.com/honolulumarathon)

[www.instagram.com/honolulumaraton](http://www.instagram.com/honolulumaraton)

[www.honolulumarathon.org](http://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 –

For editorial use of images from the Honolulu Marathon, please visit our [media library](#). All images should be credited to Honolulu Marathon.

### Kalakaua Merrie Mile – Saturday Dec 7th

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.

*Registration for this 2019 event is up more than 50% from last year.*

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 \$3 between 6AM – 9AM.*
- *Parking entrance located at the intersection of Kuhio Avenue and Walina Street.*

### Elite Field – Kalakaua Merrie Mile 2019

Men (Bib Number)	Country	1500m	Mile
Edward Cheserk (M1)	Kenya	3:33:87(i)	3:49:44(i)
Nick Willis (M2)	New Zealand	3:29:66	3:49:83
Craig Huffer (M3)	Australia	3:36.35	3:57:81(i)
Brimin Kiprono (M4)	Kenya		
Johnny Gregorek (M5)	USA	3:35:00	3:49:98(i)
Pat Casey (M6)	USA	3:35:32	3:52:62
Eric Avila (M7)	USA	3:36:37	3:55:43
Patrick Joseph (M8)	USA		

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Women (Bib Number)	Country	1500m	Mile
Shannon Osika (W1)	USA	4:01:80	4:25:47
Rachael Schneider (W2)	USA	4:02:26	4:20:91
Amanda Eccleston (W3)	USA	4:03:25	4:25:64
Elinor Purrier (W4)	USA	4:02:34	4:24:88(i)
Nikki Hiltz (W5)	USA	4:01:52	4:31:42(i)
Taryn Rawlings (W6)	USA	4:10:20	4:36:00(i)
Sharon Lokedi (W7)	Kenya	4:24:00	
Therese Haiss (W8)	USA	4:14:44	4:34:54(i)

### Start to Park 10K

Back for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year, this wildly popular event continues to be the talk of the town! Registration has increased more than 25% from last year with 7000 runners set to experience the thrill of the start line at one of the largest marathons in the world! 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 7<sup>th</sup>.

### 2019 Honolulu Marathon General Information

**DATE/START:** Sunday, December 8 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.

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**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.

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

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

No Entry Fee.

**LATE ENTRIES:** Accepted Thursday, December 5 through Saturday, December 7 at the Hawaii Convention Center during Packet Pick-Up.

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

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

**At Kapiolani Park:** Race Day, Sunday, December 8, 7 AM-4PM

**RACE HEADQUARTERS:** **Hawaii Convention Center:**  
Monday, December 2 - Monday, December 9.

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

**WHEELCHAIR DIVISION:** Sunday, December 8 — 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 9, 9 AM – 5 PM at the Finisher's Festival.

**AWARDS CEREMONY:** Sunday, December 8 at 1 PM at the Kapiolani Park Bandstand

**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 8 in conjunction with the start of the Honolulu Marathon. Late entry fee is \$100 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 7.  
Start on Monsarrat Ave by the Honolulu Zoo. Finish at Queens Beach, Waikiki.  
Late entry available at the Honolulu Marathon Expo for \$70

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## Elite Field

### Athlete Bio's MEN –

#### **Bib #1: – Titus Ekiru, 27, Kenya**

Titus Ekiru is the 2019 man to beat and the fastest man in the field! Back for the 3<sup>rd</sup> years and running in Nike SuperFly's, he's here to defend his title and if conditions are ripe, he might aim to break the course record.

Titus was the pacer at the Chicago Marathon in 2018 before winning the Honolulu Marathon in 2:09:01, which was the second best in Honolulu history to Lawrence Cherono's 2:08:27 in 2017.

Titus Ekiru was also the pacer in Honolulu in 2017, but continued on to finish in fourth place in 2:12:19. He was also the winner August 26th 2018 at the Mexico City Marathon in a course record 2:10:38 in what was his fourth career marathon after a debut in Casablanca in October 2016 (2nd, 2:15:43). His second career marathon was the Seville Marathon in Spain in February 2017, which he won in 2:07:43. Honolulu 2017 was his third career marathon. Mexico City in August 2018 was his fourth, Honolulu 2018 his fifth and Milan 2019 his sixth in April (1st, 2:04:46). He is from Turkana, Kenya which is at an altitude of 2240m.

In June 2018 he upset the Olympic marathon silver medalist from 2016 Feyisa Lilesa of Ethiopia at the Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon in San Diego running 61:02.

- Personal Best: 2019 / Milano Marathon / 2:04:46
- Key 2019 Result: Milano / 2:06:46
- At Honolulu: 2017 / 4th, 2:12:19, Winner 2018 / 2:09:01

#### **Bib #: 2 -- Wilson Chebet, 34, 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 five years. He won the event in 2014 - running 2:15:35.

- Personal Best: 2011 / Rotterdam Marathon / 2:05:27

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•At Honolulu: 2014 (Winner 2:15:35), 2015, 2016, 2017 (under course record, 2<sup>nd</sup> place), 2:09:55, 2018 DNF.

### **Bib #: 3 – Daniel Kipkore Kibet, 23, Kenya**

*Honolulu Marathon Debut*

Daniel Kibet is a strong challenger having run two 2:07~ marathons this year. Keep your eye on #3!

Personal Best: 2:06:49, Seville Marathon, February 17, 2019

Top Career Results:

5th, 2019 Seville Marathon, 2:06:49

3rd, 2019 Buenos Aires Marathon, 2:06:52

8th, 2018 Rotterdam Marathon, 2:11:13

### **Bib #: 4 – Edwin Kipngetich Koech, 27, Kenya**

*Making Honolulu Marathon debut*

Personal Best: 2:07:13, Milano City Marathon, April 2, 2017

Top Career Results:

1st, 2019 Cape Town Marathon, 2:09:20

3rd, 2019 Milano City Marathon, 2:08:24

1st, 2018 Shenzhen Marathon, 2:09:44

### **Bib #: 5 – Jackson Limo, 31, Kenya**

*Making Honolulu Marathon debut*

Personal Best: 2:09:06, Paris Marathon, April 6, 2014

Top Career Results:

1st, 2019 Copenhagen Marathon, 2:09:54

6th, 2019 Kosice Marathon, 2:14:31

1st, 2017 Porto Marathon, 2:11:34

### **Bib #: 6 – Mike Chesire, 23, Kenya**

*Making Honolulu Marathon debut*

Marathon Personal Best: 2:29:55, Tapei Marathon, December 9, 2018

Top Career Results:

2nd, 2019 Hapalua, 1:03:04

## Pacers – Men

### **Bib #: 7 – Reuben Kerio, 25, Kenya**

Reuben Kerio was a pacer in Honolulu 2017. He is from Nyharuru, Kenya. He is a member of the Kalenjin tribe, the most dominant runners of the 42 tribes in Kenya. He is a member of the Tugen sub-group of the Kalenjin.

•Personal Best: 2:07:00

### **Bib #: 8 – Edwin Kibet Koech, 31, Kenya**

•Personal Best: 2:08:17

## **Elite Athlete Bios - WOMEN**

### **Bib #: F1 – Betsy Saina, 31, Kenya**

*Making Honolulu Marathon debut*

Personal Best: 2:22:43, Toronto Waterfront Marathon, October 20, 2019

Top Career Results:

10th, 2019 Boston Marathon, 2:30:32

1st, 2019 Marugame Half-Marathon, 1:07:49 (personal best)

1st, 2018 Paris Marathon, 2:22:56

### **Bib #: F2 – Renee Metivier, 37, Bend, Oregon**

*Making Honolulu Marathon debut*

Renee has her sight set on the Olympic trials and She will need a 2:45 to make the trials.

Personal Best: 2:27:17, Chicago Marathon, October 7, 2012

Top Career Results:

6th, 2012 Chicago Marathon, 2:27:17 PB

### **Bib #: F3 – Miharū Shimokado, 29, Japan**

*Making Honolulu Marathon debut*

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Has run 4 marathons this year already!

Personal Best: 2:27:54, Nagoya Marathon, March 12, 2017

Top Career Results:

6th, 2019 Wuxi Marathon, 2:36:30

4th, 2018 Gold Coast Marathon, 2:29:38

## **Bib #: F4 – Margaret Wangari Muriuki, 33, Kenya**

*Making Marathon debut*

Half-Marathon Personal Best: 1:09:02, Valencia Half-Marathon, October 19, 2014

Top Career Results:

2nd, 2019 Cooper River Bridge Run 10-K, 31:39

3rd, 2019 Cherry Blossom 10 Mile, 51:38 (personal best)

[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 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$25,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$10,000
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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

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<b>Women</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>Brigid Kosgei</b>	<b>Kenya</b>	<b>2:22:15</b>
<b>Wheelchair</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>Masazumi Soejima</b>	<b>Japan</b>	<b>1:29:22</b>

*[Additional information on Awards](#)*

### **Champions 1973-2018**

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