

## WORLD MARATHON MAJORS

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## INTRODUCTION TO THE WORLD MARATHON MAJORS

### World's Five Premier Marathons Unite to Form "World Marathon Majors"

**First World Marathon Majors Series, which began in April 2006, will culminate in November 2007 with a \$1 million prize.**

The world's five premier international marathons – the Boston Marathon, the Flora London Marathon, the real,- Berlin-Marathon, The LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon, and the ING New York City Marathon – have joined forces to collectively present the top echelon in the sport of marathon running. These five events now present themselves as the World Marathon Majors® (WMM).

The directors of the five races also have formed the World Marathon Majors Series (WMM Series) which began at the 110th Boston Marathon on Monday, April 17, 2006. The series will culminate at the 2007 ING New York City Marathon on November 4 with the award of a total \$1 million prize purse split evenly between the top male and female series finishers. Over the two-year scoring period, the world's best marathoners will earn points when they finish among the top five places at the individual WMM races, the IAAF World Marathon Championships, and the Olympic Marathons.

"This is one of the most significant changes in the history of our sport," said Dave Bedford, race director of the Flora London Marathon. "The World Marathon Majors Series marks the start of a new era of growth and excitement for our sport."

"The World Marathon Majors marks the first time in the sport's history that the world's top five races have joined together for the common good and promotion of the sport by creating a unified global circuit of the sport's best and most prestigious 26.2-mile championships," said Guy Morse, executive director of the Boston Marathon.

"Our races are to our sport what Wimbledon and the Australian, U.S., and French Opens are to tennis, and what the Masters, U.S. and British Opens and PGA Championship are to golf," said Mary Wittenberg, race director of the ING New York City Marathon. "Each race has the history, the tradition, the honor roll of legendary champions, and a special place in the eyes of all to make them stand apart from the other events."

The WMM Series is designed to further elevate the sport of marathon running in the public eye. Helping to focus the world's best marathoners on the world's premier marathons will create a platform that is intriguing and simple to follow.

The scoring system makes all WMM events equal in terms of the athletes' pursuit of the grand prize jackpot and acknowledges that all marathon courses are not the same. The scoring system is based on points, rather than on performance times or strength of competition, to take into account the unique challenges involved in performing well over a sustained period of time. The winner of the WMM Series unquestionably will be the best performer during the competition period, and additional marathons could be added to a subsequent WMM Series.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE WORLD MARATHON MAJORS (continued)

Two-year scoring periods will overlap, allowing the WMM to award a grand prize jackpot on an annual basis following the inaugural presentation in 2007. That is, after the 2006-2007 series, the subsequent series will include the WMM races during the calendar years 2007 and 2008.

“The creation of this series will generate collective interest and excitement at a level that has not existed between our great events in the past,” remarked Carey Pinkowski, executive race director of The LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon. “The result of these marathons partnering together is increased visibility, exposure, and growth for the sport of marathon running on a national and international scale.”

“In fact, we are the championship events of the sport of marathon running,” said Mark Milde, race director of the real,- Berlin-Marathon. “Like the championship events of tennis and golf, we are now positioning ourselves to work together rather than individually, which will be a venture attractive to runners and non-runners, athletics enthusiasts, and casual observers of sport.”



## WORLD MARATHON MAJORS SCORING SYSTEM

- Men and women compete against their own gender.
- The WMM Series consists of each WMM race over overlapping two-year periods. The first period is 2006-2007; the second period will be 2007-2008.
- A \$1 million grand-prize jackpot will be awarded at the end of each scoring period split equally between the top male and female.
- Besides the five World Marathon Majors, the IAAF World Championships Marathon and the Olympic Marathon will also be used as Qualifying Races for the WMM Series.

- Athletes earn points by placing among the top five at qualifying races. Points will be allocated as follows:

Place	Points
1st .....	25
2nd .....	15
3rd .....	10
4th .....	5
5th .....	1

- In any two-year scoring period, a maximum of four qualifying races will be scored. If an athlete scores points in more than four qualifying races, the athlete's best four races will be scored.
- At least one qualifying race must be in each calendar year of a scoring period in order for an athlete to be eligible for the jackpot.
- In the event of a tie, the first tiebreaker is the head-to-head competition between the contending athletes in a qualifying race. If the athletes remain tied, then the final tiebreaker will be a majority vote of the five WMM race directors.



### WORLD MARATHON MAJORS 2006-2007 MEN'S LEADERBOARD

<b>1. Robert K. Cheruiyot (KEN)</b> <b>25 pts.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
1st	Boston	2006	2:07:14	25
<b>1. Felix Limo (KEN)</b> <b>25 pts.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
1st	London	2006	2:06:39	25
<b>1. Haile Gebrselassie (ETH)</b> <b>25 pts.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
1st	Berlin	2006	2:05:56	25
<b>4. Benjamin Maiyo (KEN)</b> <b>15 pts.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
2nd	Boston	2006	2:08:21	15
<b>4. Martin Lel (KEN)</b> <b>15 pts.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
2nd	London	2006	2:06:41	15
<b>4. Gudisa Shentama (ETH)</b> <b>15 pts.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
2nd	Berlin	2006	2:10:43	15
<b>7. Meb Keflezighi (USA)</b> <b>10 pts.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
3rd	Boston	2006	2:09:56	10
<b>7. Hendrick Ramaala (RSA)</b> <b>10 pts.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
3rd	London	2006	2:06:55	10
<b>7. Kurao Umeki (JPN)</b> <b>10 pts.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
3rd	Berlin	2006	2:13:43	10
<b>10. Brian Sell (USA)</b> <b>5 pts.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
4th	Boston	2006	2:10:55	5
<b>10. Khalid Khannouchi (USA)</b> <b>5 pts.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
4th	London	2006	2:07:04	5
<b>10. Terefe Yae (ETH)</b> <b>5 pts.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
4th	Berlin	2006	2:15:05	5
<b>13. Alan Culpepper (USA)</b> <b>1 pt.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
5th	Boston	2006	2:11:02	1
<b>13. Stefano Baldini (ITA)</b> <b>1 pt.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
5th	London	2006	2:07:22	1
<b>13. Ahmed Ezzobayry (FRA)</b> <b>1 pt.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
5th	Berlin	2006	2:15:29	1

### WORLD MARATHON MAJORS 2006-2007 WOMEN'S LEADERBOARD

<b>1. Rita Jeptoo (KEN)</b> <b>25 pts.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
1st	Boston	2006	2:23:38	25
<b>1. Deena Kastor (USA)</b> <b>25 pts.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
1st	London	2006	2:19:36	25
<b>1. Gete Wami (ETH)</b> <b>25 pts.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
1st	Berlin	2006	2:21:34	25
<b>4. Jelena Prokopcuka (LAT)</b> <b>15 pts.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
2nd	Boston	2006	(2:23:48)	15
<b>4. Ludmila Petrova (RUS)</b> <b>15 pts.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
2nd	London	2006	2:12:29	15
<b>4. Salina Kosgei (KEN)</b> <b>15 pts.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
2nd	Berlin	2006	2:23:22	15
<b>7. Reiko Tosa (JPN)</b> <b>10 pts.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
3rd	Boston	2006	2:24:11	10
<b>7. Susan Chepkemei (KEN)</b> <b>10 pts.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
3rd	London	2006	2:21:46	10
<b>7. Monica Drybulska (POL)</b> <b>10 pts.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
3rd	Berlin	2006	2:30:12	10
<b>10. Bruna Genovese (ITA)</b> <b>5 pts.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
4th	Boston	2006	2:25:28	5
<b>10. Berhane Adere (ETH)</b> <b>5 pts.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
4th	London	2006	2:21:52	5
<b>10. Asha Gigi (ETH)</b> <b>5 pts.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
4th	Berlin	2006	2:32:32	5
<b>13. Kiyoko Shimahara (JPN)</b> <b>1 pt.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
5th	Boston	2006	2:26:52	1
<b>13. Galina Bogomolova (RUS)</b> <b>1 pt.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
5th	London	2006	2:21:58	1
<b>13. Marcia Narlock (BRA)</b> <b>1 pt.</b>				
<i>Finish</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Points Earned</i>
5th	Berlin	2006	2:35:28	1

**WORLD MARATHON MAJORS 2006-07 RESULTS & SCHEDULE****Boston Marathon**  
April 17, 2006**Men**

1. Robert K. Cheruiyot (KEN) ..... 2:07:14
2. Benjamin Maiyo (KEN) ..... 2:08:21
3. Meb Keflezighi (USA) ..... 2:09:56
4. Brian Sell (USA)..... 2:10:55
5. Alan Culpepper (USA)..... 2:11:02
6. Kenjiro Jitsui (JPN)..... 2:11:32
7. Peter Gilmore (USA) ..... 2:12:45
8. William Kiplagat (KEN) ..... 2:13:26
9. Wilson Onsare (KEN) ..... 2:13:47
10. Clint Verran (USA)..... 2:14:12

**Women**

1. Rita Jeptoo (KEN) ..... 2:23:38
2. Jelena Prokopcuka (LAT)..... 2:23:48
3. Reiko Tosa (JPN)..... 2:24:11
4. Bruna Genovese (ITA) ..... 2:25:28
5. Kiyoko Shimahara (JPN) ..... 2:26:52
6. Alevtina Biktimirova (RUS).... 2:26:58
7. Olivera Jevtic (SCG) ..... 2:29:38
8. Madina Biktagirova (RUS).... 2:30:06
9. Olesya Nurgalieva (RUS) ..... 2:30:16
10. Zivile Balciunaite (LTU) ..... 2:32:16

**Flora London Marathon**  
April 23, 2006**Men**

1. Felix Limo (KEN)..... 2:06:39
2. Martin Lel (KEN)..... 2:06:41
3. Hendrick Ramaala (RSA) ..... 2:06:55
4. Khalid Khannouchi (USA)..... 2:07:04
5. Stefano Baldini (ITA)..... 2:07:22
6. Rodgers Rop (KEN) ..... 2:07:34
7. Hicham Chatt (MAR)..... 2:07:59
8. Jaouad Gharib (MAR)..... 2:08:45
9. Haile Gebrselassie (ETH) ..... 2:09:05
10. Evans Rutto (KEN)..... 2:09:35

**Women**

1. Deena Kastor (USA) ..... 2:19:36
2. Ludmila Petrova (RUS) ..... 2:21:29
3. Susan Chepkemei (KEN) ..... 2:21:46
4. Berhane Adere (ETH) ..... 2:21:52
5. Galina Bogomolova (RUS) .... 2:21:58
6. Mara Yamauchi (GBR) ..... 2:25:13
7. Constantina Tomescu-Dita (ROM) . 2:27:51
8. Salina Kosgei (KEN) ..... 2:28:40
9. Margaret Okayo (KEN) ..... 2:29:16
10. Eri Hayakawa (JPN)..... 2:31:41

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September 24, 2006**Men**

1. Haile Gebrselassie (ETH) ..... 2:05:56
2. Gudisa Shentema (ETH) ..... 2:10:43
3. Kurao Umeki (JPN) ..... 2:13:43
4. Terefe Yae (ETH) ..... 2:15:05
5. Ahmed Ezzobayry (FRA) ..... 2:15:29
6. Driss El Himer (FRA) ..... 2:16:44
7. Ombeche Mokamba (KEN) ..... 2:17:34
8. Jackson Koech (KEN) ..... 2:17:42
9. Abel Kirui (KEN) ..... 2:17:47
10. Buzinggo Donatien (KOR) ..... 2:19:25

**Women**

1. Gete Wami (ETH) ..... 2:21:34
2. Salina Kosgei (KEN) ..... 2:23:22
3. Monica Drybulska (POL) ..... 2:30:12
4. Asha Gigi (ETH) ..... 2:32:32
5. Marcia Narlock (BRA) ..... 2:35:28
6. Melanie Kraus (GER) ..... 2:35:37
7. Shitaye Gemechu (ETH) ..... 2:35:56
8. Adanech Zekiros (ETH) ..... 2:36:48
9. Mounia Aboulachen (BEL) ... 2:38:55
10. Alem Ashebir (ETH) ..... 2:41:27

**Upcoming Series Events****2006**

- October 22 ..... The LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon  
November 5 ..... ING New York City Marathon

**2007**

- April 16 ..... Boston Marathon  
April 22 ..... Flora London Marathon  
August 25 ..... IAAF World Championships Men's Marathon (Osaka)  
September 2 ..... IAAF World Championships Women's Marathon (Osaka)  
September 30 ..... real,- Berlin-Marathon  
October 7 ..... The LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon  
November 4 ..... ING New York City Marathon



### BOSTON MARATHON

Inspired by their experience at the 1896 Olympic Games, several members of the Boston Athletic Association founded their own marathon in 1897. The race has been run every year since (though the 1918 edition featured a military relay rather than an individual race) and is now the world's oldest annual marathon. Both the start and finish lines have been moved over the years, but much of the original course remains exactly as it was originally designed. Since 1924 the race has begun in the town of Hopkinton, and from there the point-to-point course descends through Ashland, Framingham, Natick and Wellesley. Upon entering Newton, the course gradually rises to the famous Heartbreak Hill. As runners reach the top, they can see downtown Boston for the first time, four miles in the distance. After running through Brookline, the course enters Boston where it finishes on historic Boylston Street. Runners must qualify for entry by meeting time standards corresponding to gender and age, which is another aspect – besides its course and longevity – unique to the Boston Marathon.

**Inaugural Running:** ..... 1897

**Largest Field:** ..... 35,868 finishers (1996)

<b>Recent Participation:</b> .....	<b>Year</b>	<b>Finishers</b>	<b>(Male/Female)</b>
	2006	19,682	(12,061 / 7,621)
	2005	17,528	(10,884 / 6,644)
	2004	16,733	(10,496 / 6,237)

**Estimated Number of Spectators:** ..... 500,000

<b>2006 Performances:</b> .....	<b>Time</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
	sub-3:00:00	1,063	49	1,112
	sub-4:00:00	8,938	4,403	13,341

**Course Records:** ..... Men: 2:07:14 (Robert K. Cheruiyot, KEN, 2006)  
 Women: 2:20:43 (Margaret Okayo, KEN, 2002)

**Most Victories:** ..... Men: 7 (Clarence DeMar, USA)  
 Women: 4 (Catherine Ndereba, KEN)

**Prize Purse:** ..... \$575,000 (\$100,000 to male/female champions)

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**Upcoming Race Dates:** ..... April 16, 2007  
 April 21, 2008  
 April 20, 2009

### FLORA LONDON MARATHON

In 1979, after running the New York City Marathon, the late Chris Brasher questioned whether London could stage such a festival? We have the course...but do we have the heart and hospitality to welcome the world?’

Later that year Brasher travelled to America, where the running boom of the late 1970s had originated. He witnessed the Boston Marathon, the world's oldest, and revisited the New York City race. He studied both races' organizations and finances. Upon his return, he secured a contract with Gillette of £50,000, established the organization's charitable status, and set down six main aims for the event, which he not only hoped would echo the scenes he had witnessed in New York, but also put Britain firmly on the map as a country capable of organising major events.

The first London Marathon was held on March 29, 1981. More than 20,000 people wanted to run, 7,747 were accepted. There were 6,255 finishers led home by American Dick Beardsley and Norwegian Inge Simonsen. Joyce Smith broke the British record to win the women's race. The 1982 race received more than 90,000 applicants from runners around the world. The entry was limited to 18,059. Since that time, the London Marathon now has grown to more than 35,000 starters and finishers. The London Marathon is now viewed in more than 150 countries around the world with over 6 million viewers in the UK via the BBC.

**Inaugural Running:** ..... 1981

**Largest Field:** ..... 35,256 finished in 2005

<b>Recent Participation:</b> .....	<b>Year</b>	<b>Finishers</b>	<b>(Male/Female)</b>
	2006	33,222	23,060 / 10,162
	2005	35,105	24,641 / 10,464
	2004	31,796	23,355 / 8,441

**Estimated Number of Spectators:** ..... 1 million

<b>2006 Performances:</b> .....	<b>Time</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
	sub-3:00:00	1,150	73	1,223
	sub-4:00:00	8,539	1,952	10,491

**Course Records:** ..... Men: 2:05:38 (Khalid Khannouchi, USA, 2002)  
 Women: 2:17:42 (women only)  
 (Paula Radcliffe, GBR, 2005)  
 Women: 2:15:25 (mixed race)  
 (Paula Radcliffe, GBR, 2003)

**Most Victories:** ..... Men: 3 (Dionicio Ceron, MEX)  
 Women: 4 (Ingrid Kristiansen, NOR)

**Prize Purse:** ..... \$295,000 (\$55,000 for the male and female champions)

**FLORA LONDON MARATHON** (continued)

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**Upcoming Race Dates:** ..... April 22, 2007  
 April 13, 2008

**real,- BERLIN-MARATHON**

A group of runners from one of Germany's most prestigious athletics clubs, SC Charlottenburg, organized the first Berlin Marathon in 1974. It was not until 1981 that the Race moved from the Grunewald (a big forest) into the city center of West Berlin. Supported by the three western allied forces (Britain, France and U.S.), it quickly developed into Germany's biggest and best quality marathon. It was after the Berlin Wall collapsed in November 1989 when a new era started. On September 30, 1990, three days before reunification, the course of the Berlin Marathon led through Brandenburg Gate and both parts of Berlin. In 2001 Naoko Takahashi became the first woman to break the 2:20 barrier in Berlin. The flat and fast loop course then was changed significantly for the 2003 Race. Paul Tergat, who ran the World Record of 2:04:55, became the first man to cross the new Finish Line, passing through Brandenburg Gate – the symbol for reunification. Under the guidance of Race Director Mark Milde the real,- BERLIN MARATHON has developed into one of the world's best quality road races.

**Inaugural Running:** ..... 1974

**Largest Field:** ..... 30,709 finishers (2003)

**Recent Participation:** ..... 

Year	Finishers	(Male/Female)
2005	30,382	(24,511 / 5,871)
2004	28,023	(22,802 / 5,221)
2003	30,709	(25,105 / 5,604)

**Estimated Number of Spectators:** ..... 1.1 Million

**2005 Performances:** ..... 

Time	Male	Female	Total
sub-3:00:00	1,375	41	1,416
sub-4:00:00	18,142	1,321	19,463

**Course Records:** ..... Men: 2:04:55 (Paul Tergat, KEN, 2003)  
 Women: 2:19:12 (Mizuki Noguchi, JPN, 2005)

**Most Victories:** ..... Men: 3 (Ingo Sensburg, GER)  
 Women: 3 (Uta Pippig, GER; Renata Kokowska,POL)

**Prize Purse:** ..... \$340,000 (\$64,000 for the male and female champions)

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**Upcoming Race Dates:** ..... September 30, 2007  
 September 28, 2008

Note: (The 2006 Race took place on September 24, 2006. All above information is as of September 1, 2006)

### THE LASALLE BANK CHICAGO MARATHON

In 1976 a small band of running enthusiasts met at the Metropolitan YMCA on LaSalle Street to discuss and plan a marathon in Chicago. Backed by the athletic enthusiasm of the new Chicago Mayor, Michael Bilandic, and the leadership of Lee Flaherty, this founding group realized their vision on September 25, 1977, hosting 4,200 local participants in the first Chicago Marathon. The LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon has since expanded to a 40,000-runner cap and has enjoyed 28 years of record-breaking history. The flat, geographically consistent course begins and ends in Chicago's historic Grant Park, sweeping through 15 culturally colorful neighborhoods including Greektown, Little Italy, Pilsen, Chinatown, and Bridgeport. Sections of the course are woven parallel to others, allowing friends and family multiple points to encourage runners during the Race. 1.5 million spectators line the ethnically diverse city streets infusing the community atmosphere with humanity and solidarity.

With a mid-fall race date and early morning start, the Race is seasonally positioned for exceptional running conditions. The LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon has witnessed two men's World Records (1984 Steve Jones – 2:08:55, 1999 Khalid Khannouchi – 2:05:42) and two women's World Records (2001 Catherine Ndereba – 2:18:47, 2002 Paula Radcliffe – 2:17:18).

**Inaugural Running:** ..... 1977

**Largest Field:** ..... 33,080 finishers (2004)

<b>Recent Participation:</b> .....	<b>Year</b>	<b>Finishers</b>	<b>(Male/Female)</b>
	2005	32,868	(18,602 / 14,266)
	2004	33,082	(19,105 / 13,977)
	2003	32,361	(18,690 / 13,671)

**Estimated Number of Spectators:** ..... 1.5 million

<b>2006 Performances:</b> .....	<b>Time</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
	sub-3:00	621	47	668
	sub-4:00	7,898	2,796	10,694

**Course Records:** ..... Men: 2:05:42 (Khalid Khannouchi, MAR, 1999)  
 Women: 2:17:18 (Paula Radcliffe, GBR, 2002)

**Most Victories:** ..... Men: 4 (Khalid Khannouchi, MAR/USA)  
 Women: 2 (Catherine Ndereba, KEN; Joyce Chepchumba, KEN; Marian Sutton, GBR; Ritva Lemettinen, FIN; Lisa Weidenbach, USA; Rosa Mota, POR)

**Prize Purse:** ..... \$650,000 (\$125,000 for the male and female champions)

**Organization Information:** ..... Carey Pinkowski, Executive Race Director  
 LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon  
 79 W. Monroe St., Suite 600  
 Chicago, IL 60603  
 (312) 904-9800  
 www.chicagomarathon.com

**Media Contacts:** ..... Marianne Caponi, Media Relations Manager  
 (312) 904-9816  
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**Upcoming Race Dates:** ..... October 7, 2007  
 October 12, 2008

### THE ING NEW YORK CITY MARATHON

The premier event of New York Road Runners, the ING New York City Marathon is one of the world's great road races, drawing more than 90,000 applicants. The race attracts many world-class professional athletes, not only for the more than \$500,000 in prize money, but also for the chance to excel in the media capital of the world before two million cheering spectators and 312 million worldwide television viewers. As any one of the 672,000 past participants will attest, crossing the finish line in Central Park is one of the great thrills of a lifetime. The race was originally held entirely in Central Park for the first six years, before moving out into the streets and all five boroughs of New York City in 1976. For more information, visit [www.ingnycmarathon.org](http://www.ingnycmarathon.org).

**Inaugural Running:** ..... 1970

**Largest Field:** ..... 36,894 finishers (2005)

<b>Recent Participation:</b> .....	<b>Year</b>	<b>Finishers</b>	<b>(Male/Female)</b>
	2005	36,856	24,794/12,062
	2004	36,562	24,574/11,988
	2003	34,729	23,014/11,715

**Estimated Number of Spectators:** ..... 2.5 million

**Course Records:** ..... Men: 2:07:43 (Tefsaye Jifar, ETH, 2001)  
 Women: 2:21:43 (Margaret Okayo, KEN, 2003)

**Prize Purse:** ..... More than \$600,000

**Organization Information:** ..... Mary Wittenberg, Race Director  
 New York Road Runners  
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 New York, NY USA 10128  
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**Upcoming Race Dates:** ..... November 5, 2006  
 November 4, 2007



## WORLD MARATHON MAJORS STATISTICS

(as of September 24, 2006)

Abbreviations used throughout WMM statistics:

BOS (Boston Marathon)

LON (Flora London Marathon)

BER (real,- BERLIN MARATHON)

CHI (The LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon)

NYC (ING New York City Marathon)

OLY (Olympic Games Marathon)

WCM (World Championships Marathon)

Bold font = active athlete

### Most Career World Marathon Majors Victories – All-Time

MEN	Total	BOS	LON	OLY	WCM	BER	CHI	NYC
1. Bill Rodgers (USA)	<b>8</b>	4						4
2. Clarence DeMar (USA)	<b>7</b>	7						
3. <b>Khalid Khannouchi (MAR/USA)</b>	<b>5</b>		1				4	
4. Abel Anton (ESP)	<b>4</b>		1		2	1		
4. Steve Jones (GBR)	<b>4</b>		1				2	1
4. Ibrahim Hussein (KEN)	<b>4</b>	3						1
4. Antonio Pinto (POR)	<b>4</b>		3			1		
4. Toshihiko Seko (JPN)	<b>4</b>	2	1					1
4. Alberto Salazar (USA)	<b>4</b>	1						3
4. Gerard Cote (CAN)	<b>4</b>	4						

WOMEN	Total	BOS	LON	OLY	WCM	BER	CHI	NYC
1. Grete Waitz (NOR)	<b>12</b>		2		1			9
2. Rosa Mota (POR)	<b>8</b>	3	1	1	1		2	
2. Ingrid Kristiansen (NOR)	<b>8</b>	2	4				1	1
4. <b>Catherine Ndereba (KEN)</b>	<b>7</b>	4			1		2	
4. Uta Pippig (GER)	<b>7</b>	3				3		1
6. <b>Paula Radcliffe (GBR)</b>	<b>6</b>		3		1		1	1
6. <b>Joyce Chepchumba (KEN)</b>	<b>5</b>		2				2	1
8. Katrin Dorre-Heinig (GER)	<b>4</b>		3			1		
8. Wanda Panfil (POL)	<b>4</b>	1	1		1			1
8. <b>Joan Benoit Samuelson (USA)</b>	<b>4</b>	2		1				1
8. <b>Tegla Loroupe (KEN)</b>	<b>4</b>		1			1		2
8. <b>Margaret Okayo (KEN)</b>	<b>4</b>	1	1					2
8. Fatuma Roba (ETH)	<b>4</b>	3		1				
8. Michiko Gorman (USA)	<b>4</b>	2						2

### Most Career World Marathon Majors Victories - Active

MEN	Total	BOS	LON	OLY	WCM	BER	CHI	NYC
1. Khalid Khannouchi (MAR/USA)	<b>5</b>		1				4	
2. Gezahegne Abera (ETH)	<b>3</b>		1	1	1			
2. Abdelkader El Mouaziz (MAR)	<b>3</b>		2				1	
2. Felix Limo (KEN)	<b>3</b>		1			1	1	
2. Evans Rutto (KEN)	<b>3</b>		1				2	
6. Robert K. Cheruiyot (KEN)	<b>2</b>	2						
6. Jaouad Gharib (MAR)	<b>2</b>				2			
6. John Kagwe (KEN)	<b>2</b>						2	
6. Martin Lel (KEN)	<b>2</b>	1	1					
6. Rodgers Rop (KEN)	<b>2</b>	1						1
6. Paul Tergat (KEN)	<b>2</b>					1		1

WOMEN	Total	BOS	LON	OLY	WCM	BER	CHI	NYC
1. Catherine Ndereba (KEN)	<b>7</b>	4			1		2	
2. Paula Radcliffe (GBR)	<b>6</b>		3		1		1	1
2. Joyce Chepchumba (KEN)	<b>5</b>		2				2	1
4. Joan Benoit Samuelson (USA)	<b>4</b>	2		1			1	
4. Tegla Loroupe (KEN)	<b>4</b>		1			1		2
4. Margaret Okayo (KEN)	<b>4</b>	1	1					2
6. Naoko Takahashi (JPN)	<b>3</b>			1		2		
7. Deena Kastor (USA)	<b>2</b>		1				1	
7. Mizuki Noguchi (JPN)	<b>2</b>			1		1		
7. Svetlana Zakharova (RUS)	<b>2</b>	1					1	

### Most World Marathon Majors Top-5 Performances (All-Time)

#### Men

15. . . . . John A. Kelley (USA): 1934 BOS (2nd); 1935 BOS (1st); 1936 BOS (5th); 1937 BOS (2nd); 1938 BOS (3rd); 1940 BOS (2nd); 1941 BOS (2nd); 1942 BOS (5th); 1943 BOS (2nd); 1944 BOS (2nd); 1945 BOS (1st); 1946 BOS (2nd); 1948 BOS (4th); 1949 BOS (4th); 1950 BOS (5th)

13. . . . . Bill Rodgers (USA)

13. . . . . Clarence DeMar (USA)

10. . . . . **Stefano Baldini (ITA)**

9. . . . . **Abdelkader El Mouaziz (MAR); Khalid Khannouchi (MAR/USA); Antonio Pinto (POR)**

#### Women

16. . . . . **Joyce Chepchumba (KEN)**: 1995 NYC (4th); 1996 LON (2nd); 1996 NYC (3rd); 1997 LON (1st); 1998 LON (3rd); 1998 CHI (1st); 1999 LON (1st); 1999 CHI (1st); 2000 LON (3rd); 2000 OLY (3rd); 2001 LON (3rd); 2001 NYC (4th); 2002 NYC (1st); 2003 BOS (3rd); 2004 LON (5th); 2004 CHI (4th)

14. . . . . Ingrid Kristiansen (NOR)

14. . . . . **Catherine Ndereba (KEN)**

14. . . . . Grete Waitz (NOR)

13. . . . . Renata Kokowska (POL)

**Most World Marathon Majors Top-5 Performances (Active)****Men**

10. . . . . Stefano Baldini (ITA): 1997 LON (2nd); 1997 NYC (3rd); 2001 WCM (3rd); 2002 NYC (5th); 2003 LON (2nd); 2003 WCM (3rd); 2004 LON (4th); 2004 OLY (1st); 2005 LON (5th); 2006 LON (5th)
9. . . . . Khalid Khannouchi (MAR/USA)
9. . . . . Abdelkader El Mouaziz (MAR)
7. . . . . Paul Tergat (KEN)
7. . . . . John Kagwe (KEN)
6. . . . . Hendrick Ramaala (RSA)

**Women**

16. . . . . Joyce Chepchumba (KEN) [see above]
14. . . . . Catherine Ndereba (KEN)
10. . . . . Svetlana Zakharova (RUS)
10. . . . . Margaret Okayo (KEN)
8. . . . . Susan Chepkemei (KEN); Colleen De Reuck (USA); Ludmila Petrova (RUS); Lidia Simon (ROM); Malgorzata Sobanska (POL)

**Most World Marathon Majors Top-3 Performances – All-Time****Men**

12. . . . . Clarence DeMar (USA): 1910 BOS (2nd); 1911 BOS (1st); 1917 BOS (3rd); 1922 BOS (1st); 1923 BOS (1st); 1924 BOS (1st); 1924 OLY (3rd); 1925 BOS (2nd); 1926 BOS (3rd); 1927 BOS (1st); 1928 BOS (1st); 1930 BOS (1st)
10. . . . . John A. Kelley (USA)
9. . . . . Bill Rodgers (USA)
9. . . . . Antonio Pinto (POR)
7. . . . . John J. Kelley (USA); **Khalid Khannouchi (MAR/USA)**

**Women**

14. . . . . **Catherine Ndereba (KEN)**: 1999 NYC (2nd); 2000 BOS (1st); 2000 CHI (1st); 2001 BOS (1st); 2001 CHI (1st); 2002 BOS (2nd); 2002 CHI (2nd); 2003 LON (2nd); 2003 WCM (1st); 2003 NYC (2nd); 2004 BOS (1st); 2004 OLY (2nd); 2005 BOS (1st); 2005 WCM (2nd)
13. . . . . Grete Waitz (NOR)
12. . . . . **Joyce Chepchumba (KEN)**
12. . . . . Ingrid Kristiansen (NOR)
10. . . . . Rosa Mota (POR); Uta Pippig (GER)

**Most World Marathon Majors Top-3 Performances – Active****Men**

7. . . . . Khalid Khannouchi (MAR/USA): 1997 CHI (1st); 1998 CHI (2nd); 1999 CHI (1st); 2000 CHI (1st); 2002 CHI (1st); 2000 LON (3rd); 2002 LON (1st)
6. . . . . Stefano Baldini (ITA)
5. . . . . Abdelkader El Mouaziz (MAR)
5. . . . . Paul Tergat (KEN)
5. . . . . Martin Lel (KEN)

**Women**

14. . . . . Catherine Ndereba (KEN) [see above]
12. . . . . Joyce Chepchumba (KEN)
8. . . . . Svetlana Zakharova (RUS)
7. . . . . Tegla Loroupe (KEN)
6. . . . . Susan Chepkemei (KEN); Margaret Okayo (KEN); Paula Radcliffe (GBR); Joan Benoit Samuelson (USA); Lidia Simon (ROM); Constantina Tomescu-Dita (ROM)

**World Marathon Majors Top-5 Performances (Season)**

Eight women have placed in the Top 5 in three Majors in a season. Only one, Grete Waitz, has won three Majors in the same season. No men have placed in three Majors in the same year.

1983. . . . . Grete Waitz: LON (1st), WCM (1st), NYC (1st)
1983. . . . . Jacqueline Gareau: BOS (2nd), WCM (5th), CHI (2nd)
1984. . . . . Ingrid Kristiansen: LON (1st), OLY (4th), CHI (3rd)
1995. . . . . Manuela Machado: LON (2nd), WCM (1st), NYC (2nd)
1995. . . . . Rittva Lemettinen: LON (3rd), WCM (5th), CHI (1st)
2001. . . . . **Svetlana Zakharova**: LON (2nd), WCM (3rd), NYC (3rd)
2003. . . . . **Catherine Ndereba**: LON (2nd), WCM (1st), NYC (2nd)
2005. . . . . **Constantina Tomescu-Dita**: LON (2nd), WCM (3rd), CHI (2nd)



## World Records Set in World Marathon Majors

## MEN

WR	Athlete	WMM Event	Date
2:04:55*	Paul Tergat (KEN)	BER	September 28, 2003
2:05:38	Khalid Khannouchi (USA)	LON	April 14, 2002
2:05:42	Khalid Khannouchi (MAR)	CHI	October 24, 1999
2:06:05	Ronaldo da Costa (BRA)	BER	September 20, 1998
2:08:05	Steve Jones (GBR)	CHI	October 21, 1984
2:12:12	Abebe Bikila (ETH)	OLY (Tokyo)	October 21, 1964
2:15:17	Abebe Bikila (ETH)	OLY (Rome)	September 10, 1960
2:25:39	Yun Bok Suh (KOR)	BOS	April 19, 1947
2:32:36	Hannes Kolehmainen (FIN)	OLY (Antwerp)	August 22, 1920
2:55:19	Johnny Hayes (USA)	OLY (London)	July 24, 1908

## WOMEN

WR	Athlete	WMM Event	Date
2:15:25*	Paula Radcliffe (GBR)	LON	April 13, 2003
2:17:18	Paula Radcliffe (GBR)	CHI	October 13, 2002
2:18:47	Catherine Ndereba (KEN)	CHI	October 7, 2001
2:19:46	Naoko Takahashi (JPN)	BER	September 30, 2001
2:20:43	Tegla Loroupe (KEN)	BER	September 26, 1999
2:21:06	Ingrid Kristiansen (NOR)	LON	April 21, 1985
2:22:43	Joan Benoit Samuelson (USA)	BOS	April 18, 1983
2:25:29	Grete Waitz (NOR)	LON	April 17, 1983
2:25:29	Allison Roe (NZL)	NYC	October 25, 1981
2:25:42	Grete Waitz (NOR)	NYC	October 26, 1980
2:27:33	Grete Waitz (NOR)	NYC	October 21, 1979
2:32:30	Grete Waitz (NOR)	NYC	October 22, 1978
2:34:48**	Christa Vahlensieck (GER)	BER	September 10, 1977
2:42:24	Liane Winter (GER)	BOS	April 21, 1975

\*Current World Record as of September 24, 2006

\*\*Set in the 1977 German Marathon Championships

