# **MEDIA GUIDE**

# 2025 ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION PEACHTREE ROAD RACE

56<sup>th</sup> Running July 4, 2025



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# **EVENT INFORMATION**

What: The 56th Running of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree

Road Race

When: Monday, July 4, 2025

Shepherd Center Wheelchair Division - 6:12 a.m.

Women's Elite Field - 6:43 a.m.

Men's Elite Field &

Atlanta Journal-Constitution Road Race Start - 6:50 a.m.

Where: Event Start – Peachtree Road at Lenox Square, Buckhead

Event Finish – 10th Street at Charles Allen Dr., Midtown

**Distance:** 10 Kilometers (6.2 miles)

Participants: Approximately 52,000

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### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Join the conversation and share your coverage of this year's events.

#AJCPRR is the official hashtag of the 2025 Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race.

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### MEDIA GUIDELINES AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Credentialed media are invited to cover the Peachtree Health & Fitness Expo presented by Publix, the Chick-fil-A Peachtree Junior, and the 56th Running of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race.

Please read the descriptions of accessible areas and rules below.

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

# June 26 – June 28 | 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. EXPO CONSTRUCTION VIEWING

New in 2025! The Peachtree Health & Fitness Expo presented by Publix will take place in climate-controlled tents in the parking lot across from Macy's at Lenox Square. Come watch the setup in progress as the Expo takes shape.

\*Please contact Natalie Cabanas at (912) 230-3566 or ncabanas@atlanta-trackclub.org to confirm and arrange attendance. Credentials required.

# June 30 - July 2 9 a.m. - 5 p.m CREDENTIAL PICKUP

Credentials must be picked up prior to any of the events listed below. Atlanta Track Club Offices 201 Armour Dr. NE, Atlanta, GA 30324 One representative may pick up for an outlet with multiple credentials.

# July 1 | Time TBD START & FINISH LINE CONSTRUCTION

View the construction of the iconic start line at the Lenox Square Main Entrance parking lot.

View the construction of the iconic finish line in the Piedmont Park Meadow.

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# July 2 & 3 | 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. PEACHTREE HEALTH & FITNESS EXPO PRESENTED BY PUBLIX

Held in climate-controlled tents in the parking lot across from Macy's at Lenox Square. More than 40,000 attendees will pick up race numbers and connect with sponsors and vendors. There is a full lineup of engaging live programming on the main stage. Check out the full schedule at the bottom of the page here.

A change in 2025: Credentials required.

# July 3 | 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. CHICK-FIL-A PEACHTREE JUNIOR

Over 3,000 kids (ages 14 and under) will participate in a Mile and Dash at Lenox Square. Meet Pete the Peach, the Chick-fil-A Cows and more. Enjoy the National Anthem sung by Violet Bove, 14, winner of the "Oh Say Can You Sing" contest.

Credentials required.

- · 9:00 a.m. Mile Start
- 10:00 a.m. Dash Start
- 9:50 a.m. Mile Awards Ceremony

# July 3 | 1:00 p.m. ELITE ATHLETE PRESS EVENT

Head to the stage inside the Expo tents. <u>View Map Here and look for the gold star.</u> Top athletes in the footrace, the Shepherd Center Wheelchair Division and the Elite High School Division join a Q&A with Olympian Carrie Tollefson and Atlanta Track Club COO Eric Heintz at the Peachtree Health & Fitness Expo presented by Publix.

The event will also feature remarks from Shepherd Center President and CEO Jamie Shepherd on the renaming of "Cardiac Hill" to "Hope Hill" in honor of the Center's 50th anniversary.

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# Athletes expected:

Wheelchair Division: Daniel Romanchuk (returning 7-time Peachtree champion), Susannah Scaroni (returning four-time champion)

Elite Women: Cintia Chepngeno (Peachtree debut and #9 in the world), Susanna Sullivan (top ranked American), Hellen Obiri (Peachtree debut, 2x Olympic silver medalist)

Elite Men: Isaia Lasoi (Peachtree debut, ranked #3 in the world), Alex Matata (Peachtree debut, ranked #5 in the world), Zouhair Talbi (Peachtree debut and top American seed)

# Elite High School Division:

Averi Lowen - Bowdon High School, 2024 All-Metro honoree, recently broke the state record in the 3200m

Paige Comstock - Harrison High School, 2024 Atlanta Track Club All-Metro XC Honoree

Cameron Collier - Midtown High School, 2024 state runner-up in the 3200m Riley Comstock - Harrison High School, All-Metro honoree, 2024 state runner-up in the 800m

Credentials required.

# July 3 | 9:15 p.m. FIREWORKS AT LENOX SQUARE

Fireworks launch from the Macy's parking deck. Best viewing: Peachtree Road beneath the start truss.

Credentials required.

# JULY 4 - RACE DAY

Change for 2025: In previous years, live broadcasting of the race by nonrights holder media was strictly prohibited. This year, only live coverage of the elite and wheelchair finishes is restricted. All other live shots are welcome.

### AREAS OF ACCESS

### START LINE:

Media will be stationed on the sidewalk along the south side of Peachtree Road. No access to the start line or wave corrals. First-come, first-served positions are available for broadcast outlets.

Note: Start line media must provide their own transportation to the finish line. Refer to the parking information below and <u>road closure document for more information</u>.

### COURSE:

Peachtree Road access closes to all traffic at 5 a.m. Media planning to set up along the course must indicate so on their credential application.

# PRESS TRUCKS:

Limited space on the press trucks is available for still photographers only. Non-partner television cameras and videographers are not permitted on the press trucks due to broadcast rights restrictions. The men's and women's races will each have their own press truck. If you would like to access a press truck, please contact Director of Marketing, Natalie Cabanas at <a href="mailto:ncabanas@atlantatrackclub.org">ncabanas@atlantatrackclub.org</a>.

#### FINISH LINE:

All media must enter the finish line via Charles Allen and 10th—not through the finish chute.

Please note, the finish chute has changed this year and will now enter the Piedmont Park Meadow further down 10th St next to Park Tavern. See this adjustment here.

**Photo Box:** Head-on photo/video access available. Tripods are NOT allowed in this area. Tripods must be placed within the fenced in media area located on the sidewalk. Placement is on a first come, first served basis. No cell phones are allowed other than Atlanta Track Club staff members.

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**Media Area:** There will be a dedicated fenced in media area located to the left of the photo box on the sidewalk. Placement is on a first come, first served basis.

**Mixed Zone:** A change in 2025 - The mixed zone will be located further down 10th Street and will be the same area where the awards ceremony will take place. Credentialed media may interview elite athletes here.

**Note:** All media must enter via Charles Allen and 10th—not through the finish chute.

View these areas via a Finish Line Media Here.

Change for 2025: Live broadcasting of elites and wheelchair athletes at the finish by non-rights holders is strictly prohibited. All other live shots welcome.

# AWARDS:

This will be held on 10th Street following the elite races. Footrace, Wheelchair Division and Elite High School top finishers will be recognized. *Limit: Two media per outlet.* 

#### PARKING

# **EXPO & PEACHTREE JUNIOR PARKING**

Free parking is available in the Lenox Square East, West, South decks and the Macy's Parking Deck. The closest parking lot to the Expo would be East Deck (also referenced as the Macy's Parking Deck) and is suggested to check first. View Map here.

#### RACE DAY PARKING

#### START:

Media/live trucks park in Lenox Square lot below the designated area. Vehicles must enter via East Paces Ferry and Kingsboro Road and arrive by 4 a.m. No entry will be allowed after 4:30 a.m. <u>View Media Parking Map here</u>.

#### FINISH:

Limited parking available. Assigned on a first-come, first-served basis via parking form (to be sent separately via email).

**FINISH:** Non-rights holder media will be given access to a designated area at the finish line to capture head-on video and still photos of the finish. Photographers and videographers must follow the directions of race staff at all times to ensure a safe and clean finish experience for participants. Media credentials will also provide access to the mixed zone. LIVE BROADCASTING FROM THE FINISH AREA BY NON-RIGHTS HOLDER MEDIA IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

#### RACE DAY CONTACTS:

START LINE: Denali Lerch – 678-756-4772 FINISH LINE: Natalie Cabañas – 912-230-3566

#### HOW TO WATCH THE RACE

# **AJC Live Broadcast Coverage and Streaming**

The live broadcast of the AJC Peachtree Road Race returns for the second year in a row via the AJC with expanded coverage, featuring more than a dozen cameras and live reporting teams at the start, finish, and along the course. The program includes short documentaries highlighting new race elements and the event's impact on the Atlanta community. Coverage will air live from 6-9 a.m. on the AJC homepage and AJC News app with weather updates from 11Alive.

The broadcast team includes:

- Carrie Tollefson, 2004 Olympian, hosting her 12th Peachtree broadcast
- Amanda McGrory, 7-time Paralympic medalist and 2007 Peachtree champion
- Ed Eyestone, 2-time Olympian and 1991 Peachtree champion
- AJC's Najja Parker and Greg Bluestein
- Atlanta native and TV news veteran Nick Valencia
- 11Alive meteorologist Chesley McNeil

### **ELITE HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION RETURNS**

Back for its second year, the Elite High School Division of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race will once again give Georgia's best young distance runners the chance to experience professional road racing firsthand.

The field features 36 top athletes — 18 boys and 18 girls — from the classes of 2026, 2027 and 2028, all invited by Atlanta Track Club. These standout runners will begin their race on July 4 alongside the sport's elite at the start line of the world's largest 10K.

First introduced in 2024, the division was sparked by an idea from Sarah Burwell, a two-time All-Metro selection and Georgia Tech alumna. Burwell partnered with Atlanta Track Club's now chief operating officer, Eric Heintz, to bring the concept to life.

Beyond the race itself, the experience immerses athletes in the world of professional running. From welcome events and a press panel to exclusive gear and behind-the-scenes access, participants get a rare look at life as an elite competitor.

Athletes were selected based on top cross country and track performances across Georgia, with automatic invitations extended to the 2024 All-Metro Cross Country Team. Final selections reflect a deep pool of rising talent from across the state.

Several of the high school competitors will appear at the pre-race media availability on July 3 at noon (see Schedule of Events).

A detailed list of athletes competing in the 2025 Elite High School Division is available <a href="here">here</a>

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# PEACHTREE BY THE NUMBERS

The oldest man entered is Robert Laurens, 92, of Decatur, GA.

The oldest woman entered is Caroline Wilson, 96, of Baldwin, GA.

**Approximately 51,500** runners and walkers will participate in the 2025 race, either in person or virtually.

There are nearly 800 porto-potties between the start, course and finish of the Peachtree.

More than 2.75 million fluid ounces of water is on hand between the start, course and finish of the Peachtree.

89 percent of this year's participants are from Georgia.

The entrants in the in-person race from the **farthest away** are from **Victoria**, **Australia**.

The state with the most participants other than Georgia is **Florida (822 participants)**.

All 50 states and 27 countries are represented in the in-person race.

146 participants will be celebrating their **birthday** on the Fourth of July.

The minimum age for entry is age 10; there are 143 children of that age entered.

By the time cleanup is finished on July 4, **more than 20,000 hours** will be logged by **more than 4000 volunteers and 125 crew chiefs** in putting on the 2025 Peachtree.

# Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race History

On July 4, 1970, 150 runners gathered at the old Sears parking lot on the corner of Peachtree Road and Roswell Road. Of these, 110 completed the entire 6.2-mile distance through Atlanta to Central City Park. This group, now known as the "Original 110," would go down in history as the first finishers of the Peachtree Road Race.

- 1970 Jeff Galloway and Gayle Barron win the inaugural race.
- **1971** The first of the now-famous, much-coveted T-shirts are handed out at the end of the race.
- **1976** The Atlanta Journal-Constitution becomes the title sponsor.
- **1978** Event finish is moved to Piedmont Park in front of the Bath House after 6,500 participate the year before. This year, registration hits 12,000.
- **1980** Event is capped at 25,000 participants. The limit is set due to the congestion on the course where it entered the park.
- **1982** The Shepherd Center Wheelchair Division is added, quickly becoming perhaps the largest and best wheelchair division of any non-marathon road race in the world.
- **1985** Julia Emmons becomes the Executive Director of Atlanta Track Club and Race Director of the AJC Peachtree Road Race. She will remain the director for the next 22 Peachtrees
- 1987 First Peachtree Junior is held.
- 1990 New race cap of 40,000 is announced.
- 1992 Race cap increases to 45,000 and race fills in nine days.
- **1995** Race cap increases to 50,000, and the first AJC Peachtree Road Race T-Shirt Design Contest is held. Carl Wattenberg III is the winning designer.
- 1998 Race cap increases to 55,000 participants.

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- **1999** Race finish moves to 10th Street and Charles Allen Drive due to sewer construction inside the park. The finish will remain there for the next eight years.
- **2004 -** First overseas race is held in Baghdad, Iraq.
- **2006** After 22 years, Julia Emmons directs her last AJC Peachtree Road Race and retires from Atlanta Track Club.
- **2007** Tracey Russell takes over for Emmons as Executive Director of Atlanta Track Club and directs her first AJC Peachtree Road Race. Men's U.S. 10 km Championships comes to Peachtree for the first time.
- **2008** Due to the drought, the event cannot finish in Piedmont Park and is successfully moved to Juniper Street and Ponce de Leon Ave.
- **2009** For the first time, every participant is electronically timed. The event finish returns to 10th Street.
- **2010** Start waves are assigned by performance, expanding from nine time groups to 20 start waves. An official number transfer system is also implemented.
- **2011** Race cap increases to 60,000 and registration moves to an online lottery.
- **2014** Rich Kenah takes over for Russell as Executive Director of Atlanta Track Club and directs his first AJC Peachtree Road Race.
- **2015** Inaugural Peachtree Cup features the U.S. National Team as it takes on all-star teams from around the world. Team Africa is the victor.
- **2016** A 5K split time is offered for all participants for the first time.
- **2018** The USA's Bernard Lagat, at the age of 43, becomes the oldest open winner in Peachtree history.
- **2019** The AJC Peachtree Road Race marks its 50th Running by offering a \$50,000 bonus to winners in each of its four divisions men's and women's open, men's and women's wheelchair who break the course record. All four winners set a new mark. Bill Thorn, the only member of the Original 110 to complete every race, finishes his 50th.

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- **2020** Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the in-person race is switched to a virtual event, in which entrants participate in their own neighborhoods.
- **2021** The Peachtree is held over the course of two days, July 3 and July 4, to reduce crowds in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **2022** Race returns to its traditional one-day format. Bill Thorn, the only remaining runner from the Original 110, competes virtually in what turns out to be his last Peachtree.
- **2023** Bill Thorn serves as Grand Marshal; all but about 500 participants cross the finish line before the race is halted about 30 minutes before the official course-closure time due to lightning.
- **2024** The race welcomes 50,000 participants, the largest field since the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the return to full strength, extreme heat forces organizers to issue a black flag warning the highest level in the event alert system mid-morning. Conditions in Piedmont Park prompt a halt to the race, with all but around 200 participants crossing the finish line before the course is closed.

# **Historic Peachtree Start Temps**

Warmest Start Temperature - 80° (1970, 1973, 1977, 1980, 1983, 1991) Coolest Start Temperature - 62° (1986, 1989)

1970 80°	1997 74°
1971 70°	1998 72°
1972 70°	1999 72°
1973 80°	2000 73°
1974 71°/rain	2001 71°
1975 72°	2002 73°
1976 68°/foggy	2003 71°/foggy
1977 80°	2004 71°/partly cloud
1978 73°	2005 73°/partly cloud
1979 76°	2006 72°
1980 80°	2007 67°
1981 69°	2008 72°
1982 75°	2009 66°
1983 80°	2010 66°
1984 72°	2011 73°
1985 69°	2012 70°
1986 62°/crisp	2013 71°
1987 68°	2014 67°
1988 65°/foggy	2015 68°/rain
1989 62°/foggy	2016 76°
1990 70°	2017 72°
1991 80°	2018 75°
1992 77°	2019 77°
1993 74°	2021 66°
1994 68°/overcast	2022 75°
1995 72°/overcast	2023 74°
1996 63°/overcast	2024 72°

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# 2025 Atlanta Journal Constitution Peachtree Road Race T-Shirt Design Finalists

The winning design of the 2025 AJC Peachtree Road Race T-Shirt Contest will remain under wraps until the first runner crosses the finish line on July 4 — continuing a tradition that has made the finisher's shirt one of the race's most closely guarded and anticipated elements.

In the weeks leading up to that moment, the public helped shape this decision by selecting the winning artwork from five finalists. For the first time in contest history, voting was held exclusively on the AJC News mobile app. Voting opened in March and ran through April 10, with participants allowed one vote per day.

This year's contest drew a record 378 submissions. A panel of judges from Atlanta Track Club and The Atlanta Journal-Constitution narrowed the field to five finalists. The public was then invited to select the winner through the AJC app.

In honor of the 56th Running, the top prize was raised to \$5,600 — the largest in contest history. The second- and third-place vote-getters received \$3,500 and \$2,500, respectively.

The T-Shirt Design Contest began in 1995 for the 26th Running. That year's winner, Carl Wattenberg III, received a \$1,000 prize — a figure that remained unchanged for years before increasing to reflect the contest's growing popularity.

"The Peachtree finisher's shirt isn't just a shirt — it's a badge of honor that participants treasure," said Rich Kenah, CEO of Atlanta Track Club and race director of the Peachtree. "Wearing it connects you to decades of Atlanta running history, and the design contest is how we celebrate the spirit, pride, and creativity that make this race so special."

Artist: Beckie Dominick, Design Name: On the Move Residence: Gainesville, GA Occupation: Graphic Designer

**Inspiration:** The bold, playful typography captures the excitement and passion of the race, bringing to life the energy and iconic sights that fill the streets

from start to finish.



Artist: Megan Kincaid

Design Name: Retro Peachscape Hometown: Greensboro, NC Occupation: Graphic Designer

Inspiration: My design pays tribute to the first Peachtree Road Race in 1970, blending inspiration from the era with a modern feel. I chose a retro-inspired color palette that reflects the tones of a peach, but also the colors of the sky. The goal was to create a simple yet bold design that would be instantly recognizable for

such an iconic race.



Artist: Michele Ronan

Design Name: Peachy State of Mind

Hometown: Atlanta, GA Occupation: Art Director

Inspiration: I wanted my design to be fun and to reflect the energy and excitement that the AJC Peachtree Road Race brings to Atlanta every year. Even though it's a big city, Atlanta has a really strong sense of community that you can feel while you're running through each neighborhood, and being a part of it has become a tradition I look forward to every year.



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**Artist: Bart Sasso** 

**Design Name:** A Modern Classic **Hometown:** Somerville, MA

Occupation: Creative Director, Designer, &

**Business Owner** 

Inspiration: The AJC Peachtree Road Race is the quintessential Atlanta event and the original shirt design from the 80s is one of my favorite t-shirts of all time - an absolute classic. This is my homage to that iconic T-shirt design - a modernized version that celebrates the rich history of the world's largest and most renowned 10K



Artist: Russ Vann

Design Name: Atlanta Runs Deep

Hometown: Atlanta, GA Occupation: Creative Director

Inspiration: Atlanta Runs Deep is more than just a statement; it's a tribute to the many people who make the Peachtree Road Race happen every year. It takes an entire community to put on the world's largest 10K - runners, volunteers, cheering crews, cleanup teams, police officers, the City of Atlanta, Atlanta Track Club and the AJC. Every part of Atlanta plays a role in making the race the great event that it is. My design this year features the iconic peach with a road running deep through the middle symbolizing the way this race connects many parts of the city. It's not just about the miles, but the runners who participate and the people who make it happen. Atlanta Runs Deep.







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# 2025 Fast Facts

- Shepherd Center's Wheelchair Division of the AJC Peachtree Road Race is considered one of the largest and fastest wheelchair 10Ks in the country.
- 61 wheelchair racers are scheduled to compete this year 47 men and 14 women.
- 10 push assist are scheduled to compete this year three men and seven women.
- The 2025 race is the 44th year of the division which began in 1982. Start time is 6:12 a.m. The Wheelchair Division follows the same course set for the foot racers 6.2 miles down Peachtree Road, starting at Lenox Road and ending on 10th Street at Piedmont Park.
- Shepherd Center's recreation therapy team coordinates all wheelchair race logistics reviewing
  applications, orchestrating the start and finish, monitoring the times, and overseeing the needs of
  the athletes.
- Shepherd organizes the race in cooperation with the Atlanta Track Club.
- This year, the Wheelchair Division draws racers from seven countries, including Canada, Colombia, Great Britain, Mexico, Netherlands, Spain and the U.S.
- Racers use specially designed racing wheelchairs with a lower center of gravity.
- On average, it takes racers about 2,500 pushes to complete the 6.2 miles of the Peachtree.
- Oldest racer: Ken Higgins 72, of Georgia. This is his 32<sup>nd</sup> Peachtree.
- Most wins in any division: Clayton Gerein of Canada holds the record for the most first-place finishes. He won the Open Quad Division 12 times from 1991 to 2002.
- Daniel Romanchuk of the U.S. set the course record of 18:11.00 in 2019.
- Susannah Scaroni of the U.S. set the course record of 21:11.00 in 2023.

For more information, contact Kerry Ludlam at 404-358-5601.

# **2025 ATHLETE BACKGROUNDER**

Total # of Racers: 61 Women: 14 Men: 47 Oldest: 72 Youngest: 12

# **OPEN MEN (2**

300 Daniel Romanchuk, IL

9th Peachtree

1st Place:

Junior Peachtree 2016 Peachtree 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021,

2022, 2023, 2024

Age: 25

301 Aaron Pike, IL

16th Peachtree

Age: 38

302 Geert Schipper, Netherlands

2nd Peachtree

Age: 47

303 Josh Cassidy, Canada

12th Peachtree

1st Place:

Peachtree 2010, 2013, 2024

Age: 39

304 Miguel Jimenez Vergara, NJ

2nd Peachtree

Age: 24

305 Brian Siemann, IL

10K PR: 20:00; 12th Peachtree

Age: 34

306 Pedro Gandarilla Fernandez, Mexico

2nd Peachtree

Age: 33

315 Aidan Gravelle, Arizona

3rd Peachtree

Age: 20

316 Matthew Porterfield, TN

23rd Peachtree

Age: 43

317 Matt Tingley, CO

1st Peachtree

Age: 36

307 Evan Correll, IL

4th Peachtree

Age: 22

308 Valera "Jacob" Allen, TX

5th Peachtree

Age: 23

309 Wyatt Bruce Willand, AZ

3rd Peachtree

Age: 20

310 Hermin Garic, NY

8th Peachtree

Age: 34

311 Rafael Botello Jimenez, Spai

11th Peachtree

Age: 45

312 Jason Robinson, NY

6th Peachtree

Age: 21

313 Dustin Stallberg, AZ

4th Peachtree

Age: 22

314 Luis "Francisco" Sanclement

6th Peachtree

Age: 36

318 Brad Smith, Atlanta, GA

9th Peachtree

Age: 47

319 Jeffrey Files, AZ

1st Peachtree

Age: 19

320 Alexis Romero, CA

1st Peachtree

# **OPEN WOMEN (13)**

321 Susannah Scaroni, IL

12th Peachtree

1st Place:

Peachtree, 2018, 2022, 2023, 2024

Age: 32

322 Tatyana McFadden, Clarksville, MD

12th Peachtree

1st Place:

Peachtree, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014,

2015, 2016, 2017, 2021

Age: 36

323 Kendall Gretsch, CO

3rd Peachtree

Age: 32

324 Emelia Perry, CO

4th Peachtree

Age: 31

325 Hannah Babalola, Nigeria

5th Peachtree

Age: 35

326 Hoda Elshorbagy, IL

2nd Peachtree

Age: 34

327 Hannah Dederick, WA

3rd Peachtree

Age: 21

328 Chelsea Stein, TX

4th Peachtree

Age: 22

329 Linden Williamson

2nd Peachtree

Age: 22

330 Aerelle Jones, KY

6th Peachtree

Age: 24

331 Veronica Gonzales

3rd Peachtree

Age: 51

332 Rachel Cleaver, W

1st Peachtree

Age:20

333 Milena Sobie, OH

1st Peachtree

# **OPEN QUAD (8)**

# 334 Santiago Sanz, Spain

12th Peachtree

1st Place:

Open Quad Peachtree 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2023

Age: 43

# 335 Robert Smith, England

2nd Peachtree

Age: 49

#### 336 Norbert Holowat, NY

4th Peachtree

Age: 26

### 337 Duane Morrow, GA

13th Peachtree

Age:57

# 338 Christian Eduardo Torres, CA

2nd Peachtree

Age: 44

### 339 Mario Farfan, Mexico

1st Peachtree

Age: 33

### 340 Josa Moreno, Mexico

1st Peachtree

Age: 38

### 341 Nishan Patel, NJ

1st Peachtree

Age:32

# T1 QUAD (2)

### 342 Scott Stokes, GA

22nd Peachtree

1st Place:

Peachtree 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012,

2013, 2015, 2017, 2023, 2024

Age: 46

### 343 Ernesto Fonesco, CA

5th Peachtree

1st Place:

Peachtree 2018, 2019, 202.

# MASTERS (5)

344 Krige Schabort, GA

28th Peachtree

1st Place:

Peachtree 2002, 2003, 2006, 2011,

2014, 2018, 2024

Age: 61

345 Fidel Aguilar, Mexico

28th Peachtree

1st Place:

Peachtree 2019, 2021

Age: 46

346 Alfonso Zaragoza Solorio, Mexico

18th Peachtree

Age: 49

347 Jose Pulido, GA

18th Peachtree

Age: 44

348 Natan Morales Velazquez, Mexico

2nd Peachtree

Age: 49

**GRAND MASTERS (8)** 

349 Gary Brendel, MA

8th Peachtree

1st Place:

Peachtree 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022,

2023, 2024

Age: 65

350 Steve Montgomery, Great Britain

2nd Peachtree

Age: 56

351 Roger Krause, PA

3rd Peachtree

Age: 66

352 Ulysses Elijah, GA

31st Peachtree

1st Place:

Peachtree 2014

Age: 68

353 Matt Davis, KY

10K PR: 26:48; 25th Peachtree

Age: 57

354 Peter Hawkins, NY

25th Peachtree

Age: 61

355 Marc Van Refelahen, OH

2nd Peachtree

Age: 68

356 Ken Higgins, GA

32nd Peachtree

# JUNIOR (4)

357 Harry Houng-Lee, NY

2nd Peachtree

1st Place:

Peachtree 2014

Age: 12

358 Kohen Grantom, TX

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359 Ben Vondrak, GA

1st Peachtree

Age: 16

360 Isabel Crew, TX

1st Peachtree

# **RESULTS AND RECORDS**



# 2025 Prize Purse

Some of the best distance runners and wheelchair races in the world will lead the way down Peachtree Road as part of the elite footrace and the Shepherd Center Wheelchair Division. Athletes in both will compete for prize money for the top 8 places.

1st	\$12,500
2nd	\$7,500
3rd	\$5,000
4th	\$3,000

5th	\$2,500
6th	\$2,000
7th	\$1,500
8th	\$1,000

# **Event Record Bonus**

Winners in the men's and women's open division and men's and women's Shepherd Center Wheelchair Divisions will be awarded \$5,000 for breaking the event record.

# **Event Records:**

Men's Open - 27:01 (Rhonex Kipruto, 2019) \*
Women's Open - 30:22 (Brigid Kosgei, 2019)
Men's Wheelchair - 18:11 (Daniel Romanchuk, 2019)
Women's Wheelchair - 21:11 (Susannah Scaroni, 2023)

\*NOTE: On June 5, 2024, the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) banned Rhonex Kipruto for six years due to violations of its Athlete Biological Passport (ABP). The biological passport tracks athletes' blood samples over time to detect irregularities and changes that point to blood doping. In addition to the ban, the Disciplinary Tribunal also disqualified Kipruto's competitive results going back to September 2, 2018. This timeframe encompasses Kipruto's wins here in 2022 and 2019, when he set the course record. We will continue to recognize Kipruto's Peachtree results pending the outcome of his planned appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport but will do so with an asterisk of explanation.

Atlanta Track Club is committed to the integrity of sport. For decades, we have conducted drug testing of the elite athlete field at the Peachtree as part of our efforts to maintain a clean and fair environment for competition.

# **Masters Prize Money**

**Top Georgian Prize Money** 

1<sup>st</sup> - \$1000 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$ 600

3<sup>rd</sup> - \$ 400

1<sup>st</sup> - \$500

# **RESULTS & AWARDS**

Live results from the 2025 Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race will be available on the AJC News App and posted online at <a href="mailto:ajc.com/peachtree">ajc.com/peachtree</a> oon race morning. Results are made official 30 days after the event, at which time age group awards will be mailed. Age group awards will be mailed to the Top 3 male and female finishers in the following age groups: 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60- 64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90+. Age group awards are based on chip time. All finish times are reviewed before results are made official.

# Past Champions, 1970-2024

	Men			Women		
1970	Jeff Galloway	USA	32:22	Gayle Barron	USA	49:13
1971	Bill Herron	USA	30:58	Gayle Barron	USA	45:17
1972	Scott Eden	USA	31:10	Gillian Valk	GBR	47:42
1973	Bill Blewett	USA	31:18	Gayle Barron	USA	40:47
1974	Wayne Roach	USA	30:47	Gayle Barron	USA	38:40
1975	Ed Leddy	IRL	29:52	Gayle Barron	USA	38:04
1976	Don Kardong	USA	29:14	Janice Gage	USA	39:12
1977	Frank Shorter	USA	29:20	Peg Neppel	USA	36:00
1978	Mike Roche	USA	28:59	Mary Decker	USA	33:52
1979	Craig Virgin	USA	28:30	Heather Carmichael	NZL	33:38
1980	Craig Virgin	USA	28:39	Patti Lyons Catalano	USA	32:48
1981	Craig Virgin	USA	28:03	Allison Roe	NZL	32:38
1982	Jon Sinclair	USA	28:16	Anne Audain	NZL	32:35
1983	Michael Musyoki	KEN	28:21	Grete Waitz	NOR	32:01
1984	Filbert Bayi	TAN	28:35	Betty Springs	USA	32:55
1985	Michael Musyoki	KEN	27:58	Grete Waitz	NOR	32:02
1986	John Doherty	IRL	27:56	Grete Waitz	NOR	32:12
1987	Joseph Nzau	KEN	28:00	Lynn Jennings	USA	32:22
1988	J.P. Ndayisenga	BEL	28:17	Grete Waitz	NOR	32:10
1989	Ibrahim Hussein	KEN	28:13	Judi St. Hilaire	USA	32:05
1990	Dionicio Ceron	MEX	28:23	Cathy O'Brien	USA	32:04
1991	Ed Eyestone	USA	28:34	Dorthe Rasmussen	DEN	32:42
1992	Sammy Lelei	KEN	27:57	Francie Larrieu Smith	USA	31:49
1993	Thomas Osano	KEN	28:05	Uta Pippig	GER	32:15
1994	Benson Masya	KEN	28:01	Anne Marie Letko	USA	31:57
1995	Simon Morolong	RSA	28:00	Joan Nesbit	USA	32:20
1996	Joseph Kimani	KEN	27:04	Hellen Kimaiyo Kipkoskei	KEN	30:52

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1997	Joseph Kimani	KEN	27:43	Hellen Kimaiyo Kipkoskei	KEN	31:21
1998	Khalid Khannouchi	MAR	27:47	Hellen Kimaiyo Kipkoskei	KEN	31:52
1999	Khalid Khannouchi	MAR	27:45	Elana Meyer	RSA	31:34
2000	Alene Emere	ETH	28:04	Lornah Kiplagat	KEN	30:52
2001	John Korir	KEN	28:19	Lornah Kiplagat	KEN	30:58
2002	Paul Kosgei	KEN	27:36	Lornah Kiplagat	KEN	30:32
2003	Robert Cheruiyot	KEN	28:23	Susan Chepkemei	KEN	31:13
2004	Martin Lel	KEN	28:04	Susan Chepkemei	KEN	31:55
2005	Gilbert Okari	KEN	28:19	Lornah Kiplagat	NED	31:17
2006	Martin Lel	KEN	27:35	Lornah Kiplagat	NED	31:13
2007	Martin Irungu	KEN	28:01	Wude Ayalew	ETH	31:44
2008	Terefe Maregu	ETH	28:30	Nataliya Berkut	UKR	32:23
2009	Sammy Kitwara	KEN	27:22	Lineth Chepkurui	KEN	31:30
2010	Gebre Gebremariam	ETH	27:56	Lineth Chepkurui	KEN	30:51
2011	Sammy Kitwara	KEN	28:05	Werknesh Kidane	ETH	31:23
2012	Peter Kirui	KEN	27:37	Mamitu Daska	KEN	32:22
2013	Mosinet Geremew	ETH	28:07	Lineth Chepkurui	KEN	32:09
2014	Christo Landry	USA	28:25	Amy Hastings	USA	32:16
2015	Scott Overall	GBR	29:30	Alexi Pappas	USA	33:28
2016	Gabriel Geay	TAN	28:49	Edna Kiplagat	KEN	32:24
2017	Leonard Korir	USA	28:16	Aliphine Tuliamuk	USA	32:49
2018	Bernard Lagat	USA	28:45	Stephanie Bruce	USA	32:21
2019	Rhonex Kipruto	KEN	27:01*	Brigid Kosgei	KEN	30:22*
2020	None: Virtual Race Only			None: Virtual Race Only		
2021	Sam Chelanga	USA	28:42	Sara Hall	USA	31:40
2022	Rhonex Kipruto	KEN	27:26	Senbere Teferi	ETH	30:49
2023	Charles Langat	KEN	27:41	Fotyen Tesfay	ETH	30:43
2024	Sebastian Sawe	KEN	28:03	Stacy Ndiwa	KEN	31:12

# 2024 Top Performances - Footrace

Men's Champion Sebastian Sawe (KEN) – 28:03

Women's Champion Stacy Ndiwa (KEN) – 31:12 Top Men's Masters David Angell (USA) – 34:25

Top Women's Masters Katie Sherron (USA) – 37:39

Top Georgian Male Edward Blaha, Atlanta – 31:09

Top Georgian Female Ryann Helmers, Alpharetta – 34:30

# RESULTS & RECORDS

# **Top Performances in Race History**

### **Top 10 Open Performances**

Men

1.	Rhonex Kipruto*	KEN	27:01	(2019)
2.	Joseph Kimani	KEN	27:04	(1996)
3.	Sammy Kitwara	KEN	27:22	(2009)
4.	Martin Lel	KEN	27:25	(2006)
5.	Rhonex Kipruto*	KEN	27:26	(2022)
6.	Bravin Kiptoo	KEN	27:29	(2019)
7.	Kibiwott Kandie	KEN	27:34	(2022)
8.	Paul Kosgei	KEN	27:36	(2002)
9.	Peter Kirui	KEN	27:37	(2012)
10.	Micah Kogo	KEN	27:39	(2012)

#### Women

1.	Brigid Kosgei^	KEN	30:22	(2019)
	Agnes Tirop^	KEN	30:22	(2019)
3.	Fancy Chemutai	KEN	30:32	(2019)
	Lornah Kiplagat	KEN	30:32	(2002)
5.	Fotyen Tesfay	ETH	30:43	(2023)
6.	Jesca Chelangat	KEN	30:45	(2023)
7.	Senbere Teferi	ETH	30:47	(2023)
8.	Senbere Teferi^	ETH	30:49	(2022)
	Irine Chepet Cheptai^	KEN	30:49	(2022)
10.	Lineth Chepkurui	KEN	30:51	(2010)

<sup>\*\*</sup>Both women were given the same time, but Kosgei and Teferi finished a step ahead and broke the tape

# Top U.S. Performances in Race History

# Men

1.	Craig Virgin	28:03	(1981)
2.	Conner Mantz	28:05	(2022)
3.	Ed Eyestone	28:07	(1986)
4.	Abdi Abdirahman	28:11	(2007)
5.	Abdi Abdirahman	28:11	(2009)
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#### Women

1.	Anne Marie (Letko) Lauck	31:23	(1996)
2.	Libbie Hickman	31:34	(1997)
3.	Sara Hall	31:40	(2021)
4.	Emily Durgin	31:48	(2021)
5.	Francie Larrieu Smith	31:49	(1992)

# **Top Masters Performances in Race History**

#### Men

1.	Bernard Lagat	USA	28:42	(2017)
2.	Bernard Lagat	USA	28:45	(2018)
3.	Abdi Abdirahman	USA	28:54	(2017)
4.	Joseph Nzau	KEN	29:09	(1992)
5.	Pierre Levisse	FRA	29:12	(1992)

### Women

1.	Colleen de Reuck	USA	28:42	(2004)
2.	Priscilla Welch	GBR	28:45	(1985)
3.	Lorraine Moller	NZL	28:54	(1996)
4.	Lorraine Moller	NZL	29:09	(1995)
5.	Colleen de Reuck	USA	29:12	(2005)

# WOMEN'S OPEN DIVISION

Cintia Chepngeno

Age: 25

Citizenship: Kenya

**10K Personal Best:** 30:08 (Valencia, 2024)

**Peachtree History:** 5th, 2024 (32:02)

# Career Highlights:

Four top 5 finishes in 10Ks in 2025

Currently the #9 ranked in women's cross country worldwide

Chepngeno has the fastest personal best of anyone in the field at 30:08. She also placed 5th at the 2024 Peachtree Road Race with a time of 32:02, and is currently ranked #9 worldwide in women's cross country. With four top-five 10K finishes in 2025, she is one to be watched.

#### Hellen Obiri

Age: 35

Citizenship: Kenya

10K Personal Best: 30:15 (Manchester, 2022)

Peachtree History: Debut

# **Career Highlights:**

- · Currently #9 in the World for the Women's Marathon
- 2-time World Championship gold medalist in the Women's 5000m

Obiri is a two-time World Champion in the 5000m and currently holds the #9 ranking in the world for the women's marathon. Since transitioning to road racing, she has recorded a 10K personal best of 30:15 (Manchester, 2022) and has become a consistent contender across various distances including two Boston Marathon wins, one in New York City, and an Olympic Bronze Medal in the marathon. She is the only woman to have world titles in cross country, indoor track and outdoor track.

# Gladys Kwamboka

**Age**: 30

Citizenship: Kenya

10K Personal Best: 30:24 (Castellon, 2025)

Peachtree History: Debut

# Career Highlights:

 2024 National Champion in Women's 10,000m at Kenyan Championships

2024 African Athletics Champion in Women's 10,000m

# **Alem Nigussie**

Age: 22

Citizenship: Ethiopia

10K Personal Best: 30:28 (Langeaux, 2023)

Peachtree History: Debut

# Career Highlights:

2024 Corrida Internationale de Langeaux 10K winner in 30:28

#### Tirunesh Dibaba

**Age:** 39

Citizenship: Ethiopia

**10K Personal Best:** 30:30 (Tilburg, 2013 **Peachtree History:** 19th, 2023 (32:42)

# Career Highlights:

2x Olympic gold medalist in the Women's 10,000m (2008, 2012)

Olympic gold medalist in the Women's 5,000m (2008)

• 5 total World Championship gold medal title

With a strong reputation in distance running, Dibaba returns to Peachtree with one of the most decorated resumes in the sport. A three-time Olympic gold medalist, she has also claimed five world Championship titles. Dibaba has a 10K personal best of 30:30 from Tilburg 2023, and placed 19th at Peachtree in 2023 with a time of 32:42.

# Senayet Getachew

**Age:** 19

Citizenship: Ethiopia

**10K Personal Best**: 30:31 (Herzo, 2025)

Peachtree History: Debut

# Career Highlights:

Currently ranked #20 in the world in Women's road running

2023 World Cross Country Champion

U20 Record in the 5000m indoors, 14:42.94

A rising star in distance running, Getachew is currently ranked #20 in the world in women's road racing and won the U20 title at the 2023 World Cross Country Championships. She set her 10K personal best of 30:34 in Herzogenaurach in 2023 and improved on that mark with a 30:31 performance this year.

# Stella Chesang

Age: 28

Citizenship: Uganda

10K Personal Best: 30:40 (Cape Town, 2022)

Peachtree History: Debut

# Career Highlight:

• Competed in the 2024 Paris Olympics Women's Marathon

# Gladys Chepkurui

Age: 30

Citizenship: Kenya

10K Personal Best: 30:48 (Valencia, 2022)

Peachtree History: Debut

# **Career Highlight:**

Currently ranked #29th Women's road racer in the world

# Gela Hambese Degefa

Age: 22

Citizenship: Ethiopia

**10K Personal Best**: 31:15 (Lille, 2025)

Peachtree History: Debut

# Career Highlights:

 Bronze medalist at the 2024 African Championships in Women's 10000m

Winner of 2025 BAA 5K

Degefa earned a bronze medal in the 10,000m at the 2024 African Championships and recorded her 10K personal best of 31:15 in Lille earlier this year. After winning the BAA 5K earlier this year, she is making her Peachtree debut, entering with strong track credentials and valuable experience on the roads.

### Melknat Wudu

Age: 20

Citizenship: Ethiopia

10K Personal Best: 31:15 (Boston, 2025)

Peachtree History: Debut

# Career Highlight:

Currently ranked #12 worldwide in Women's 5000m

2024 Boston 10k champion

Set U20 indoor world record in 3000m (8:32.34) in 2024

# Hanne Verbruggen

Age: 21

Citizenship: Belgium

**10K Personal Best**: 31:34 (Berlin, 2024)

Peachtree History: Debut

# **Career Highlight:**

• 2x Olympic Marathoner (2020, 2024)

 Multiple Belgian National titles across various distances, including the 5000m, 10000m, and the half marathon

Miriam Dattke

Age: 27

Citizenship: Germany

10K Personal Best: 31:38 (Berlin, 2021)

Peachtree History: Debut

Career Highlights:

• 2017 gold medalist at the European U20 in the Women's 5000m (2017)

## **Rachel Chebet**

Age: 28

Citizenship: Uganda

10K Personal Best: 32:00 (Valencia, 2020)

Peachtree History: Debut

Career Highlight:

3rd place in the 2022 Chicago Marathon (2:20.52)

#### Susanna Sullivan

Age: 35

Citizenship: United States

**10K Personal Best**: 32:18 (New York, 2024)

**Peachtree History:** 8th, 2021(33:02); 9th, 2017 (34:04)

# Career Highlight:

 Placed 7th in the 2024 Chicago Marathon, becoming the fastest American woman in the race

Placed 10th overall at 2023 London Marathon

Competed for Team USA at the 2023 World Championships in the marathon

Sullivan placed 7th at the 2024 Chicago Marathon, finishing as the top American woman in the race. She was 10th overall at the 2023 London Marathon and represented Team USA in the marathon at the 2023 World Championships. Sullivan ran her 10K personal best of 32:18 at the 2024 Mastercard New York Mini 10K. She returns to Peahtree for the third time, having previously placed 8th in 2021 and 9th in 2017.

**Tristin Colley** 

**Age:** 30

Citizenship: United States

**10K Personal Best**: 32:34 (New York, 2023)

Peachtree History: 23rd, 2023

Career Highlights:

· Placed 14th overall in the 2023 Chicago Marathon with a new PB of

2:25.58

# Natosha Rogers

**Age:** 34

Citizenship: United States

**10K Personal Best**: 32:40 (Boston, 2021)

Peachtree History: Debut

# **Career Highlight:**

 Gold medalist at the 2022 NACAC Championships in the Women's 5000m

2020 USA Cross Country Champion in the Women's 10000m (35:44.3)

# Everlyn Kemboi

Age: 24

Citizenship: United States

10K Personal Best: 32:58 (Boston, 2024)

Peachtree History: Debut

# **Career Highlight:**

2023 NCAA 10000m Champion with a time of 32:39.08
1st place in the 2024 Wharf to Wharf 6-miler (30:29)

3rd place in 2024 Pittsburgh Half Marathon (1:12.33)

#### Mare Dibaba

Age: 35

Citizenship: Ethiopia

**10K Personal Best**: 33:34 (Bengaluru, 2011)

Peachtree History: Debut

#### Career Highlights:

2015 World Marathon Champion (2:27.35)

1st place in the 2014 Chicago Marathon (2:25.37)

• Bronze medalist at the 2016 Rio Olympics in the Women's marathon

#### **Margarita Masias**

Age: 34

Citizenship: Chile

**10K Personal Best**: 36:14 (Concepcion, 2023)

Peachtree History: Debut

#### Career Highlight:

2nd place at the 2022 Los Angeles Marathon (2:47.26)

Tied for 1st place at the 2022 Santiago Half Marathon (1:18.29)
 7x National Champion in various events, including the 3000m

Steeplechase, 5000 meters, and 10,000 meters

#### MEN'S OPEN DIVISION

Vincent Langat

Age: 24

Citizenship: Kenya

10K Personal Best: 26:55 (Valencia, 2025)

Peachtree History: Debut

Career Highlights:

Currently ranked #9 worldwide in Men's road running

Ranked #40 in Men's cross country

Silver medalist at the 202

4 African Cross Country Championships

Langat set a 10K personal best of 27:11 at the 2025 Adizero Road to Records event in Valencia. He also earned a silver medal at the 2024 African Cross Country Championships with a 28:32 performance. Ranked among the world's top road runners, Langat makes his Peachtree debut this year.

## Dennis Kitiyo

Age: 25

Citizenship: Kenya

10K Personal Best: 27:01 (Valencia, 2024)

Peachtree History: Debut

Career Highlights:

Ranked #22 worldwide in Men's road racing

Winner of 2024 Birell Grand Prix Prague 10k (27:17)

#### **Boniface Kibiwott**

Age: 32

Citizenship: Kenya

**10K Personal Best**: 27:13 (Geneva, 2021)

Peachtree History: 5th, 2024 (28:32)

Career Highlights:

Runner-up in the 2022 Course de l'Escalade

Top 5 Peachtree Road Race Elite finisher

#### MEN'S OPEN DIVISION

Kiprono Sitonik

Age: 23

Citizenship: Kenya

**10K Personal Best:** 27:20 (Lille, 2023) **Peachtree History:** 10th, 2023 (28:27)

Career Highlights:

2nd place in the 2025 Gifu Seiryu Half Marathon (1:00.13)

#### **Patrick Mosin**

Age: 25

Citizenship: Kenya

**10K Personal Best**: 27:20 (Brasov, 2024)

Peachtree History: Debut

#### Career Highlights:

Currently ranked #15 worldwide in Men's road running
1st place at the 2024 Cardiff Half Marathon (1:00.01)

2nd place in the 2025 Bank of China Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge

Half Marathon (1:01.30)

## **Hillary Kipkoech**

Age: 26

Citizenship: Kenya

10K Personal Best: 27:23 (Castellon, 2023)

Peachtree History: 4th, 2024 (28:20)

## **Career Highlights:**

2023 Madrid Half Marathon Champion (59:56)2024 Gifu Half Marathon winner (1:01.26)

2021 Sapporo Challenge Half Marathon winner (1:01.12)

#### Haftamu Gebresilase

**Age:** 21

Citizenship: Ethiopia

10K Personal Best: 27:48 (Langueux, 2023)

Peachtree History: Debut

#### **Career Highlights:**

Winner of 2023 Poznan Half Marathon (1:00.27)

Winner of 2025 Vienna City Marathon with a new PB of 2:08.28

#### **Teshome Mekonen**

Age: 29

Citizenship: United States

**10K Personal Best**: 27:50 (Prague, 2015)

Peachtree History: Debut

## Career Highlight:

 Qualified for the 2024 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials with a time of 2:10.16

#### Simon Mwangi

Age: 28

Citizenship: Kenya

10K Personal Best: 28:20 (Prievidza, 2024)

Peachtree History: Debut

## Career Highlights:

Winner of the 2025 Stramilano Half Marathon with a time of 1:00.54

• Winner of the Ndakaini Half Marathon in 2018 (1:12.00)

## Fearghal Curtin

**Age**: 26

Citizenship: Ireland

10K Personal Best: 28:24 (Ibiza, 2023)

Peachtree History: Debut

## **Career Highlights:**

 Set a new course record at the 2025 John Treacy Dungarvan 10 with a time of 47:42

 Placed 5th at the 2025 Berlin Half Marathon with a new personal best of 1:01.12

#### Patrick Tiernan

Age: 30

Citizenship: Australia

**10K Personal Best**: 28:37 (Atlanta, 2022)

**Peachtree History:** 9th, 2022 (28:37)

#### Career Highlights:

2016 NCAA 1500m Champion

Represented Australia at the 2016 Rio Olympics

Tiernan was the 2016 NCAA Champion in the 1500m and represented Australia at the Rio Olympics that same year. He set his 10K personal best of 28:37 at Peachtree in 2022, where he finished 9th. This year marks his return to the race, bringing both international experience and a familiarity with the course.

#### **Andrew Colley**

Age: 34

Citizenship: United States

10K Personal Best: 28:45 (Washington DC, 2018)

**Peachtree History:** 6th, 2018 (29:02)

## Career Highlights:

Ranked #100 worldwide in Men's road racing

Winner of the 2024 Manchester Road Race (21:09)

· Finished 5th at the USATF Half Marathon Championships

#### Ben Eidenschink

Age: 28

Citizenship: United States

10K Personal Best: 29:00 (Charleston, 2025)

Peachtree History: Debut

## **Career Highlights:**

 Placed 2nd at the 2019 Stanford Invitational in the Men's 10000m (28:55.76)

Finished 6th overall at the 2022 USATF Cross Country Championships

#### Isaia Lasoi

Age: 25

Citizenship: Kenya

10K Personal Best: 28:43 (Guadalajara, 2023)

Peachtree History: Debut

### Career Highlights:

Currently ranked #3 worldwide in Men's road running
 Placed 3rd at the 2025 Ras Al Khaimah Half Marathon

Lasoi is currently ranked #3 in the world in men's road running and placed 3rd at the 2025 Ras Al Khaimah Half Marathon. He set his 10K personal best of 28:43 in Guadalajara in 2023 and will make his Peachtree debut this year.

#### Seifu Tura

Age: 28

Citizenship: Ethiopia

10K Personal Best: 29:05 (Addia Abeba, 2016)

Peachtree History: Debut

## Career Highlights:

Winner of the 2021 Chicago Marathon(2:06.12)

Finished 4th at the Milano Marathon with a new PB of 2:04.29

#### Aidan Reed

**Age:** 27

Citizenship: United States

10K Personal Best: 29:06 (Boulder, 2025)

Peachtree History: Debut

## Career Highlight:

Qualified for and competed at the 2024 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials

#### Zouhair Talbi

Age: 30

Citizenship: United States

**10K Personal Best**: 27:20 (Irvine, 2021)

Peachtree History: Debut

#### Career Highlights:

Currently ranked #71 worldwide in the Men's marathon

- Winner of the 2024 Chevron Houston Marathon with a new course record of 2:06.39
- Qualified for the Tokyo Olympics with a 10000m PB of 27:20.61

Talbi won the 2024 Chevron Houston Marathon in 2:06.39, setting a new course record and earning a top-100 world ranking in the men's marathon. He qualified for the Tokyo Olympics with his 10,000m personal best of 27:20.61 and brings both track and road experience to his Peachtree debut this year.make his Peachtree debut this year.

#### Suguru Osako

**Age:** 34

Citizenship: Japan

10K Personal Best: 27:36 (Osaka, 2020)

Peachtree History: Debut

## Career Highlights:

3rd place at the 2018 Chicago Marathon (2:05.50)

Secured the Japanese record at the 2020 Tokyo Marathon (2:05.29)

Finished 5th at the 2022 NYC Marathon (2:11.31)

#### Jacob McLeod

Age: 25

Citizenship: United States

**10K Personal Best:** 28:28 (Palo Alto, 2023)

Peachtree History: Debut

## **Career Highlight:**

NCAA Conference Champion for the 3000m and 5000m

Georgia High School State Champion in the 800m, 1600m, 3200m

#### Chandler Underwood

Age: 27

Citizenship: United States

10K Personal Best: 229:52 (CA, 2022)

Peachtree History: Debut

### Career Highlights:

Mississippi High School State Champion in the 1600m and 3200m
Competed at the collegiate level at Mississippi State and Boise State

#### **Alex Matata**

Age: 27

Citizenship: Kenya

10K Personal Best: 9:20 (13.1 UAE, 2025)

Peachtree History: Debut

#### **Career Highlights:**

Currently ranked #5 worldwide in Men's road running

 Winner of the 2025 Istanbul Half Marathon with the third fastest time in the event's history (59:40)

Matata is currently ranked #5 in the world in men's road running and won the 2025 Istanbul Half Marathon in 59:40, the third fastest time in the event's history. He set his 10K personal best this year during a 59:20 half marathon performance earlier this year in the UAE, and makes his Peachtree debut with strong momentum on the roads.

## **Patrick Kiprop**

Age: 25

Citizenship: Kenya

10K Personal Best: 13:11 (5000m)

Peachtree History: Debut

## **Career Highlight:**

- 2022 NCAA Arkansas team All-American
- SEC Champion in both 5000m (2022, 2024) and silver in 10000m (2022, 2024)

#### **Damiso Legesse Gudeta**

**Age:** 26

Citizenship: Ethiopia

10K Personal Best: Debut Peachtree History: Debut

## **Career Highlight:**

• 11th place in the 2021 Berlin Marathon (2:12.35)

#### **Charles Lawrence**

Age: 30

Citizenship: United States

10K Personal Best: Debut

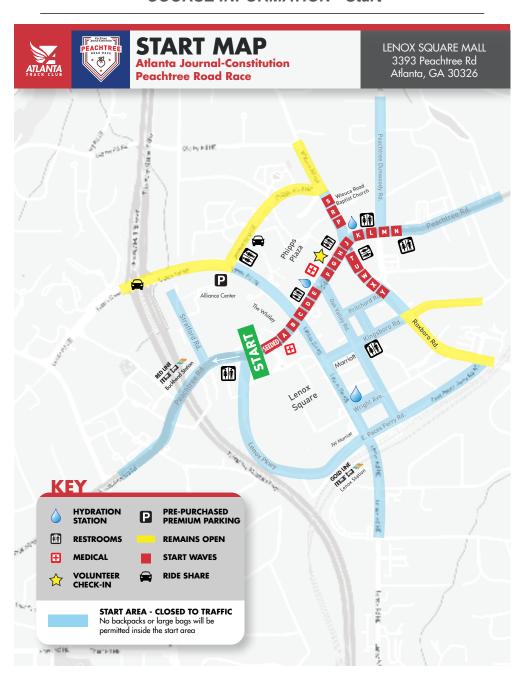
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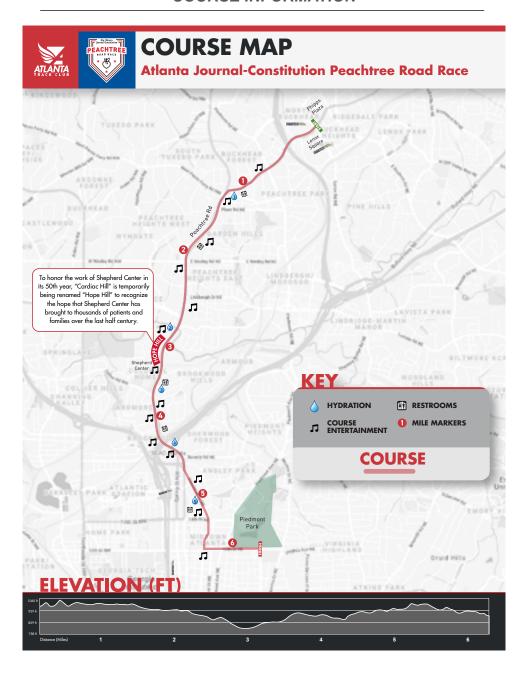
## Career Highlights:

- 50-mile World Record holder with a time of 4:48:21 in 2023
- 2x Olympic Marathon Trials qualifier
- Winner of the 2025 USATF 50k Road Championships (2:49:02)with strong momentum on the roads.

## **COURSE INFORMATION**







#### 2025 Course Entertainment

The 2025 Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race will feature its most dynamic entertainment lineup yet, with 14 official course performances and dozens of community activations. Building on last year's success, this year's race will include live music, DJs, dance groups and cultural performers spread from the start line to the finish in Piedmont Park.

See the full list of entertainment below.

For the first time, the finish line experience will feature multiple stages with music and DJs in shaded recovery areas. Emcee Ronnel Blackmon will host from the main stage, welcoming finishers and guiding the celebration. DJ Jarian, DJ Genres and DJ Flow Jo will perform at three designated pods throughout the meadow, while DJ Qtip anchors entertainment in the Partner Employee Village.

These shaded entertainment zones are part of a redesigned finish area focused on post-race recovery. The changes were introduced as one of several efforts to cool participants following the extreme heat that forced the 2024 race to be canceled mid-morning.

## **Cheer Stations & Spectator Engagement**

Five official Cheer Item Pickup Stations will be located along the route to equip spectators with items to help amplify support. Hand clappers, thunder sticks, maracas, bells, beads, and cheer signs will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Cheer Item Pickup Locations:

- Mile 1 Outside of Shake Shack (3035 Peachtree Rd NE Suite A146)
- Mile 1.8 Near Loudermilk Parking Lot (3122 Peachtree Rd NE)
- Mile 2.4 Second Ponce De Leon Baptist Church (2715 Peachtree Rd NE)
- Mile 3.7 Chick-fil-A at Collier Road (1901 Peachtree Rd NE)
- Mile 4.7 In front of the AJC Building (1200 Peachtree St NE Suite 100)

In addition to official cheer stations, more than eight local businesses, community groups, and volunteer teams will serve as Cheer Party Hosts, creating festive pop-up cheer zones designed to boost runner energy and draw in spectators.

Spectators, cheer groups, and volunteers are also invited to take part in the Best Course Sign Competition. Participants can enter by posting photos of their most creative or encouraging signs on Instagram or Facebook using the appropriate hashtag. The top five entries will each receive a \$50 adidas gift card

#### **COURSE INFORMATION - Finish**

#### **Entertainment Locations**

#### Start Line

Emcee Ronnel Blackmon and DJ 4:12

## Mile 0.9 (3235 Peachtree Rd NE):

DJ Baptiste and Musician

#### Mile 1.2 (Intersection of Sardis Way NE and Peachtree Rd):

Andrew Holley Band

#### Mile 1.5 (2915 Peachtree Rd):

Danceanado Band & Dancers

#### Mile 2.3 (2744 Peachtree Rd - Near Cathedral of St Philip):

Out of Office

#### Mile 2.6 (2520 Peachtree Rd)

Kiya Lacey

#### Mile 3 (2274 Peachtree Rd)

Komanse Dance

#### Mile 3.5 (2020 Peachtree Rd - Shepherd Center)

Ethel & Oliver Inc.

#### Mile 4 (1740 Peachtree St NE)

Playmakers Avenue

#### Mile 4.3 (2 Deering Rd NW)

Delta Air Lines DJ

## Mile 4.5 (Spring St & Peachtree Rd)

Proper Frequency

#### Mile 4.9 (150 15th St Ne and Peachtree)

AJC Live Band

#### Mile 5.5 (Peachtree St NE & 10th St NE)

Atlanta Hawks and DJ Brab



#### **COURSE INFORMATION**

#### Safety & Security

Safety is Atlanta Track Club's top priority. With Event Alert System the help of the City of Atlanta and various local, state and federal agencies, we've done extensive planning to ensure the safety of our participants, spectators, volunteers and partners.

On this page you will find information about some of our security measures, as well as simple things you can do to help make the 2025 Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race a great event.

**Substantial law enforcement presence** will exist at the start, finish and post-event areas, as well as along the course.

There will be clearly defined restricted areas at the start and at the finish areas. Additional fencing with designated entry and exit points will be in place around the post-event area. Anyone entering a restricted area with a backpack, bag, purse, etc. will be subject to search.

**Piedmont Park** will be open to spectators, family and friends. There will be six security checkpoints to get into the park. No bags or coolers will be permitted. Anyone carrying a bag will be required to empty the contents into a clear plastic bag that will be provided.

See something, say something. Be vigilant. If you see something suspicious, contact the nearest police officer or call 911.

## **Event Alert System**

Event Alert System colored flags will be located at the start line, along the course at the water stations and in the finish area. The flags will communicate the specific alert level, which could range from low (green) to moderate (yellow) to high (red) to cancelled (black) and are based primarily on weather conditions.

ALERT LEVEL	EVENT CONDITIONS	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS
EVENT CANCELLED Follow Official Event Instruction	Event cancelled	Participation stopped/ follow official event instructions
HIGH Potentially Dangerous Conditions Follow Official Event Instruction	Dangerous Conditions	Slow down/ observe course changes/ follow official event instructions/ consider stepping
MODERATE Be Aware of Worsening Conditions	Use Caution	Slow down/ be prepared for worsening conditions
LOW Enjoy the Event	Good Conditions	Enjoy the event/ be alert

## **SPONSORS AND CHARITIES**





# THANK YOU

Atlanta Track Club would like to thank all the people and organizations that make the 2025 Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race possible.

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A special thank you to the 175 crew chiefs and more than 3,500 volunteers. Without your support, this Independence Day tradition would not be possible.

- Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens
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- Grady EMS
- MARTA

- Piedmont Park Conservancy
- Pegasus
- Lenox Square & Phipps Plaza
- Buckhead Community Improvement District
  - Livable Buckhead
- Midtown High School
- Atlanta Hawks
- Atlanta Braves
- Atlanta United
- Atlanta Falcons
- The many organizations, businesses, churches and residents of Buckhead and Midtown

#### **CHARITIES**



Peachtree with a Purpose: Kilometer Kids Charity Waves
For the 2025 Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race, Atlanta
Track Club again offered a limited number of guaranteed entries through
the Peachtree with a Purpose – Kilometer Kids Charity Wave, benefiting the
Club's signature youth program.

Participants chose from two levels of support — \$260 or \$500 — in exchange for guaranteed entry into Wave C or Wave A, respectively, along with additional race-day considerations. Proceeds support Kilometer Kids, the Club's oldest and largest youth initiative.

Kilometer Kids is Atlanta Track Club's oldest and largest youth running program. The free, game-based curriculum is designed to teach kids in grades K-5 about goal setting, healthy habits, respect, and community building, all by exposing them to the sport of running. Over the course of the 10-week season, the goal for every Kilometer Kid is to run 13.1 or 26.2 miles (depending on how many practices they attend each week). There is no fee to participate, and the program is for all elementary students regardless of running ability or experience.

There is no cost to participate.

Launched in 2007 with just 38 participants at a single site, Kilometer Kids has since grown dramatically. In 2024, the program was active at almost 150 sites serving over 6,000 youth in Atlanta.

For more on Kilometer Kids and Atlanta Track Club's year-round youth programming, visit atlantatrackclub.org.



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#### ATLANTA TRACK CLUB HISTORY

## **Celebrating Six Decades of Running and Community Impact**

Founded in 1964 as a merger between the Metropolitan Track Coaches Association and the Atlanta Striders, Atlanta Track Club is now in its 61st year as a nonprofit dedicated to creating an active and healthy Atlanta through running and walking. Initially focused on honoring top high school athletes and organizing local track meets, the Club has grown into one of the nation's largest and most influential running organizations.

Its pivotal role in road racing began in 1970 with the creation of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Peachtree Road Race, inspired by a road trip home from Fort Benning. That first race drew 150 runners; today, the Peachtree is the world's largest 10K, welcoming 50,000 participants annually.

In 1982, the Club made its first philanthropic investment, funding lights at Grady High School's track, the first in the city usable at night. Since then, Atlanta Track Club has led several major community efforts, including the 2017 restoration of Cheney Stadium, the former Olympic warm-up track in Summerhill, now open to the public year-round.

In 2025, Atlanta Track Club supports a membership of 35,000 and engages more than 10,000 volunteers annually across 50+ events and programs. Notably, the Club has seen record participation this year, including:

Its popularity grew rapidly, and it is now a 50,000-person event celebrating people of all athletic abilities as the world's largest 10K running event.

- A largest-ever Northside Hospital Atlanta Women's 4 Miler in May, now held on Mother's Day weekend at Lenox Square following a distance, date and venue change.
- The sold out and largest-ever Braves Country 5K presented by Southwire.
- New partnerships with Major League Baseball and the College Football Playoff, hosting the MLB All-Star 4.4 Miler on July 13 and the College Foot ball Playoff Trophy Trot 5K - 10K in early January.

The Club's free youth initiative, Kilometer Kids, continues to expand, serving more than 6,000 children across nearly 150 sites in 2024. The program introduces students in grades K–5 to running through a game-based curriculum focused on goal-setting, healthy habits, and community.

Atlanta Track Club also operates an elite team that competes internationally. In 2025, Luke Houser made history by capturing a bronze medal in the men's 1500m at the World Athletics Indoor Championships, the Club's first medal on the world stage.

With a mission rooted in health, inclusion and community, Atlanta Track Club remains a cornerstone of the Atlanta fitness landscape and a leader in the national running community.

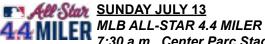


#### **Contributions to Community**

- \$20,000 in Scholarships: Awarded to high school track and field/ cross country athletes in Spring 2025, through a partnership between the Atlanta Track Club Foundation and the Atlanta Youth Running Foundation.
- Atlanta Public Schools Partnership: Continued collaboration to provide coaching resources, meet management and educational sessions to 23 track and field and cross country programs.
- Run with Maud 5K: Staging of the Run with Maud 5K, a fundraiser for the Ahmaud Arbery Foundation with a mission to promote mental and physical wellness among young black boys.
- Atlanta's Finest 5K, Mile & Dash: Hosting annually, in partnership with the Atlanta Police Foundation.
- Firefighter 5K: In 2025, Atlanta Track Club will host the inaugural Firefighter 5K, in conjunction with the Atlanta Fire & Rescue Foundation.

#### A SELECTION OF UPCOMING ATLANTA TRACK CLUB EVENTS

Check out these future Atlanta Track Club events at atlantatrackclub.org.



## SUNDAY JULY 13

## 7:30 a.m., Center Parc Stadium

- Celebrate MLB All-Star Week and honor Hank Aaron with a 4.4-mile run
- All participants receive a shirt and medal
- Includes one (1) ticket to the HBCU Swingman Classic on Friday, July 11
- Includes one (1) ticket for single-day access to Capital One All-Star Village (valid July 12–15)



## SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

## WESTSIDE BELTLINE 5K-8K PRESENTED BY RESURGENS **ORTHOPAEDICS**

#### 7:00 a.m., Westside Beltline

- Second event in the Race the Loop Series
- All participants receive an adidas shirt
- Competitive 8K (ages 9 & older)
- Non-competitive 5K (ages 8 & older); strollers and dogs are welcome
- Post-race party with free beer from Monday Night Garage and nonalcoholic options



#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

#### ATLANTA'S FINEST 5K

#### 7:30 a.m., Pemberton Place

- Join the Atlanta Police Foundation to thank local heroes
- All participants receive an adidas shirt
- Support and honor local law enforcement and public safety officials



#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 FIREFIGTHER 5K HOSTED BY ATLANTA'S BRAVEST

#### 8:00 a.m., Fire Rescue Station 1

- Show your support for Atlanta's Bravest
- All participants receive an adidas shirt
- An annual tradition, run each year on the Saturday before September 11