

TCS TORONTO

WATERFRONT MARATHON



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2024 TCS TORONTO WATERFRONT MARATHON SEES COURSE BREAKING FEATS, RECORD TURNOUT, AND MILESTONE FIRSTS



TORONTO, ON (October 20, 2024) - Nearly 30,000 people from across Canada and around the world hit the pavement today for the 2024 TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon. This year marks the 35th anniversary of the world-renowned World Athletics Elite Label event and the first year to have the race's distances spread across two days. With the 5K taking place on Saturday, October 19 and the half marathon and marathon on Sunday, October 20, Mayor Olivia Chow has even proclaimed the weekend of October 18-20, 2024 to be "TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon Weekend".

This year's race featured outstanding performances, particularly among the women. The first three female finishers broke the existing course record, with Ethiopia's Waganesh Mekasha setting a new record time of 2:20:44, surpassing the previous record of 2:22:16 set in 2019. This was a redemption for Waganesh, who narrowly missed first place last year by one second.

Vancouver's Natasha Wodak put in a strong performance to claim the Athletics Canada National Championship crown, finishing in 2:27:54. This marked the former Olympian and Team Canada member's first national marathon title and fastest time over the distance. These triumphs



capped off a year of record-breaking participation, with the highest number of women ever competing in the full marathon distance.

"TCS is thrilled to support our running community at the TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon," said Soumen Roy, Executive Director and Country Head, Canada, TCS. "As a key player in the global running community, we're proud to lead efforts that highlight innovation and sustainability at Canada's biggest marathon, while continuing to foster a shared belief in the power of community."

The iconic 2024 race weekend brought over 100,000 visitors to the streets of Toronto, showcasing the spirit of the city in full force. In a year of firsts, registration has been expanded to include a Non-Binary category, and full and half marathon distances selling out for the race over two months in advance of race weekend. With more than 2200 international runners participating across all in-person events, the 2024 marathon, half marathon and 5K events had representation from all 70 countries and 12 of Canada's provinces and territories, a testament to the event's globally renowned reputation for international participation.

2024 TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon Results

Overall Men

1. Mulugeta Asefa Uma, ETH: 2:07:16
2. Domenic Ngeno, KEN: 2:07:23
3. Noah Kipkemboi, KEN: 2:07:31

Overall Women

1. Waganesh Mekasha, ETH: 2:20:44
2. Roza Dereje, ETH: 2:21:26
3. Afera Godfay, ETH: 2:21:50

2024 Athletics Canada Marathon Championship Results

Canadian Men

1. Justin Kent: 2:12:17
2. Lee Wesselius: 2:13:47
3. Andrew Alexander: 2:14:13

Canadian Women

1. Natasha Wodak: 2:27:54
2. Leslie Sexton: 2:33:15
3. Rachel Hannah: 2:34:33

2024 TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon Overall Open Results

Overall Open Men

1. Tyler Hamilton: 2:23:26
2. Aaron Manning: 2:23:38
3. Matthew Hope: 2:24:49



Overall Open Women

1. Philes Ongori: 2:37:17
2. Erin Schenkels: 2:47:02
3. Ana Laura Fray: 2:48:49

Overall Open Non-Binary

1. Joshua Shin: 3:36:43
2. Kyle Dech: 3:37:25
3. Jordie Winn: 3:48:13

"The TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon has always been about bringing people together, and this year was truly exceptional—possibly our best yet," said Alan Brookes, Race Director of the TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon. "I have had the great privilege of seeing the marathon develop into the full scale Toronto landmark that it now is, with 35 years of historic moments, incredible Olympic qualifiers, electric energy and city-wide charitable impacts. With some of the highest energy we've seen on the course, our community came through in an outstanding way, covering a combined 640,170 kilometers. We are well on our way to our \$3 million fundraising goal for our 152 Charity Partners through the TCS Charity Challenge, and we couldn't be more proud of all who came out to walk, wheel and run this weekend. We once again raised Toronto's profile on the global stage, with the live stream broadcast watched in more than 55 countries, and the event is estimated to bring in excess of \$30 million to the city."

Although the in-person events have wrapped up for the 2024 season, participants can still complete the virtual race until the end of October and donations for the TCS Charity Challenge will be accepted until November 18th. Looking ahead, registration for the 2025 TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon opens tomorrow, October 21, 2024.

For more highlights and complete race results, please visit:
www.torontowaterfrontmarathon.com

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ABOUT THE TCS TORONTO WATERFRONT MARATHON

The TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon is Canada's premier running event and the grand finale of the Canada Running Series (CRS). Since 2017, the race has served as the Athletics Canada national marathon championship race and has doubled as an Olympic qualifier. Using innovation and organization as guiding principles, Canada Running Series stages great experiences for runners of all levels, from Canadian Olympians to recreational and charity runners. With a mission of "building community through the sport of running," CRS is committed to making sport part of sustainable communities and the city-building process. To learn more about the TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon, visit www.torontowaterfrontmarathon.com.

ABOUT CANADA RUNNING SERIES (CRS)

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Canada Running Series (CRS) organizes the TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon. CRS is the nation's premier running circuit with 7 events, 4 in Toronto, 2 in Vancouver, and 1 in Montreal. It annually attracts over 50,000 participants and raises more than \$6 million for some 320 mostly-local charities. The Series includes the World Athletics Elite Label TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon, and the Athletics Canada National Marathon Championships. Since 1999, CRS has gained international recognition for innovation and organization. To learn more about CRS, visit <https://canadarunningseries.com/>.

ABOUT TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES (TCS)

Tata Consultancy Services is an IT services, consulting and business solutions organization that has been partnering with many of the world's largest businesses in their transformation journeys for over 65 years. Its consulting-led, cognitive powered, portfolio of business, technology and engineering services and solutions is delivered through its unique Location Independent Agile™ delivery model, recognized as a benchmark of excellence in software development.

As part of the Tata group, India's largest multinational business group, TCS has over 601,000 of the world's best-trained consultants in 55 countries. The company generated consolidated revenues of US \$29 billion in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2024, and is listed on the BSE and NSE in India. TCS' proactive stance on climate change and award-winning work with communities across the world have earned it a place in leading sustainability indices such as the mSCI Global Sustainability Index and the FTSE4Good Emerging Index.

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