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## **2023 TCS TORONTO WATERFRONT MARATHON SEES NEW PODIUM PRESENCE AND RAISES \$2.9 MILLION FOR CHARITY**



***Elvis Kipchoge Cheboi and Buze Diriba Kejela win 2023 TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon; First time marathoners Thomas Broatch and Caroline Pomerleau win 2023 Athletics Canada Marathon Championship***

TORONTO, ON (October 15, 2023) - More than 25,000 people from across Canada and around the world laced up and hit the pavement today for the 2023 TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon, Half marathon and 5K. In its 34th edition, the world-renowned marathon celebrated an incredible year of firsts. Four debut marathoners took home champion titles and the event saw record breaking participation. Registration for the main events sold out more than a month ahead of race day, participants hailed from 78 countries, and spectators supported from more cheer sites across the route than ever before.

"The TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon has been a staple event for the City of Toronto since it began over 30 years ago, attracting over 25,000 participants annually from across the world," said Olivia Chow, Mayor of Toronto. "Each year, the marathon brings our city to the world stage, encourages active living in our beautiful outdoor spaces and supports over 150 charities making an impact in Toronto's communities. Congratulations to all those who ran, walked and wheeled in this year's events, and thank you to all who have come together across the city to celebrate their achievements."

While windy conditions limited chances for records to be shattered, the international and Canadian women's fields stood out with some unexpected and exciting outcomes. Ethiopian



women swept the first four places, with Buze Diriba winning the Women's Open title by just one second. First time marathoner Caroline Pomerleau also took the lead over Anne-Marie Comeau in the final kilometres to claim the Canadian Championship title. Among the several American women looking to qualify for the US Olympic Trials, Emily Durgin of Arizona came out on top finishing fifth overall in 2:26:46 — a slender four seconds under the qualifying standard for the Paris Games.

The men showcased their resilience after an over-ambitious first half, with Elvis Kipchoge Cheboi of Kenya claiming the overall title and his own personal best at 2:09:20. Thomas Broatch brought a surprising win as the Canadian Champion in his debut marathon, coming in at 2:16:25 and sixth overall. With an array of joyful faces crossing the finish line, today's event marked an exhilarating finale to the Canada Running Series.

"TCS is incredibly proud to cheer on our running community at the TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon," said Soumen Roy, Executive Director and Country Head, Canada, TCS. "TCS is part of a global running community, and we are honoured to be leading the way to bring innovation and sustainability to the forefront of Canada's premier running event, and continuing to build on belief together."

The marathon has been expanding its global presence, with a record of more than 2,000 international runners participating across all events. This year, the 2023 marathon, half marathon and 5K events had representation from all 13 Canadian provinces and territories, as well as 47 American states.

"The TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon has always been about building community and this year was definitely one for the books, arguably the best we've ever had" said Alan Brookes, Race Director, TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon. "We often hear that Toronto is described as the world within a city, and today we truly had the world in this city. With some of the highest energy we've ever seen on the course, we're thrilled that our community pulled through once again this year to run, walk and wheel a combined 549,450 kms, raise an anticipated nearly \$3 million for 159 charities, and once again make Toronto proud on the world stage."

While the in-person event might be finished for the 2023 season, the virtual race can be completed until the end of October and TCS Charity Challenge donations are accepted until November 13th. For those looking ahead to next year, registration for the 2024 TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon will open tomorrow, Monday October 16, 2023.

## **2023 TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon Results**

### Open Men

1. Elvis Kipchoge Cheboi (Kenya), 2:09:20
2. Adugna Takele Bikila (Ethiopia), 2:10:26
3. Alfred Kipchirchir Mukche (Kenya), 2:10:56

### Open Women

1. Buze Diriba Kejela (Ethiopia), 2:23:11
2. Waganesh Mekasha (Ethiopia), 2:23:12
3. Afera Godfey (Ethiopia), 2:23:15



## **2023 Athletics Canada Marathon Championship Results**

### Canadian Men

1. Thomas Broatch, 2:16:25
2. Benjamin Raymond, 2:20:15
3. Sergio Ruez Villanueva, 2:20:48

### Canadian Women

1. Caroline Pomerleau, 2:34:44
2. Anne-Marie Comeau, 2:34:51
3. Dayna Pidhoresky, 2:35:50

For more highlights and complete race results, please visit:

[www.torontowaterfrontmarathon.com](http://www.torontowaterfrontmarathon.com)

## **2023 Guinness World Record \*Unofficial Results**

*\*Results to be confirmed by Guinness World Records*

- Fastest Half Marathon run by a married couple (aggregate time):  
Garret Lee and Amy Duba, 2:32:12
- Fastest half marathon dressed as an elf:  
Melvin Nyairo, 1:15:48
- Fastest Half Marathon run by three siblings  
Paulo, Fernando and Jose Carvalho, 3:57:02
- Fastest half marathon dressed as a train engineer (female)  
Bridget Burns, 2:01:23
- Fastest half marathon in a five person costume  
Dekel Chui, Tom Brooks, Andrew Bondoc, Derek Beaton, Jared Nylander, 1:48:59
- Fastest Half Marathon dribbling a basketball (male)  
Chi Kit Cheung, 2:03:00
- Fastest half marathon dressed as a crustacean (female)  
Frances Ferrabee, 2:15:01
- Fastest Marathon in highland Dress (male)  
Denis Bilyard, 3:20:12
- Fastest marathon dressed as a mountain climber (male)  
Clodoaldo Pasquini, 3:11:54
- Fastest marathon dressed in traditional Chinese dress (male)  
Jun Liu, 3:54:35
- Fastest marathon dribbling a basketball (female)  
Maria Babineau, 3:57:40

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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 the Olympic trials. 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](http://www.torontowaterfrontmarathon.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 50 years. TCS offers a consulting-led, cognitive powered, integrated portfolio of business, technology and engineering services and solutions. This is delivered through its unique Location Independent Agile™ delivery model, recognized as a benchmark of excellence in software development.

A part of the Tata group, India's largest multinational business group, TCS has over 614,000 of the world’s best-trained consultants in 55 countries. The company generated consolidated revenues of US \$27.9 billion in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, and is listed on the BSE (formerly Bombay Stock Exchange) and the NSE (National Stock Exchange) 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.

For more information, visit [www.tcs.com](http://www.tcs.com)

### **About Canada Running Series (CRS)**

Canada Running Series 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 Gold 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/>.

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