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TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon to Be Live Streamed

By Paul Gains

Running fans around the world will have the opportunity to watch the 2026 TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon live on October 18 as this World Athletics Elite Label race is being live streamed on a variety of platforms.

Perhaps the simplest link can be found on the official website: www.torontowaterfrontmarathon.com or by downloading the official app which can be found here.

Another channel will be www.athleticscanada.ca while fans in the Greater Toronto Area may also watch on CityTV cable television a brand new partnership between event organizers and Rogers this year.

Coverage begins at 7:00 a.m. EDT with the race beginning at 8:00 a.m. EDT. The wheelchair racers will set off at 7:57 a.m.

A year ago an audience of more than 140,000 viewers from 79 countries tuned in to watch Kenya's Leonard Langat win the men's race as the first three finished within forty seconds of each other. The women's race was not nearly as close as Shure Demise front ran her way to her third Toronto Waterfront title with a time of 2:21:03. The Ethiopian's margin of victory was 2 minutes 42 seconds. Shure had also won Toronto Waterfront in 2015 and 2016.

This year's race is no less compelling and is once again is both a World Athletics Elite Label race and the Athletics Canada Canadian Marathon championship. Strong international and Canadian fields have been assembled.

"I really like that all four races are important," says the UK based Geoff Wightman who returns to the broadcast commentary team. "The Canadian titles are important, the international titles are important and the course record attempts are important. Also the occasion, the carnival atmosphere, the broadcast captures all of that."

Waganesh Mekasha of Ethiopia set the Toronto Waterfront course record in 2024 (2:20:44) having watched the previous year's race live streamed in her Addis Ababa home. That's a good indication of just how much the race has grown in popularity.

"I think word has gone around that the athletes are well looked after," Wightman continues. "It's a fast, flat course and the rewards are there. The agents know the athletes are well looked after so you get them coming back with a stable of athletes.

"I think if the weather conditions are good that could be one of the stories of the race - the possibility of the first 'sub 2:20' by a woman."

Wightman will be joined in the commentary booth once again by 2016 Olympic Marathoner Krista Duchene and Chris Chavez, the founder of Citius Magazine. Canadian Olympian, Kate Van Buskirk, will be at the finish line interviewing the leading athletes. And this year Chris Dekoning will be out on the course checking in at the community 'cheering stations', part of the carnival atmosphere Wightman points to.

The production will include ten cameras around the course and also following the leading men and women, the leading Canadian men and women and wheelchair racers. These are intended to provide viewers with a view of any key moments during the race. There is also a drone camera providing unique views. Production is managed by some familiar and experienced people.

The Content Producer and Production Manager is Erik O'Neill while Matt Hortobagyi is the Producer. They have worked on TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon for many years but Hortobagyi points to one important change this year.

"All the cameras are going to have increased stabilization," he reveals. "Technology has kind of caught up. We did some camera tests and they were wildly successful so you can expect increased stabilization so you don't see those blips and bumps in the roads."

Organizers of the TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon hope that a large international audience joins Canadians in celebrating and enjoying this event.

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ABOUT THE TCS TORONTO WATERFRONT MARATHON

The TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon is Canada's premier running event, Toronto's largest marathon 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)

Canada Running Series (CRS) organizes the TCS Toronto Waterfront Marathon. CRS is the nation's premier running circuit with 6 events, 4 in Toronto & 2 in Vancouver. It annually attracts over 60,000 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

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