

How it Works

The World Marathon Majors Series was set up on 23 January 2006 when the directors of the world's five leading races – in Boston, London, Berlin, Chicago and New York – announced they would pay a total of US\$ 1 million to the top man and woman marathon runners at the end of a two-year cycle.

That cycle would include these 'big five' premier city marathons plus any IAAF World Championships or Olympic Games marathons held during the period. A sixth city marathon was added in 2013 when the Tokyo Marathon joined the series, and in October 2014 the series became the Abbott World Marathon Majors when the Illinois-based global health care company was named as title sponsor for four years from 2015.

The series aims to elevate marathon running in the public eye by focusing the world's best marathon runners on the world's best marathons. It aims to be simple to follow and an intriguing platform for the sport. Each of the member races boasts international elite fields for men and women, has a mass field competing on the same course as the elites, takes place in a major international market, and is regarded as among the very best in the industry.

Collectively, the group annually attracts more than 6.5 million on-course spectators, more than 300 million television viewers, and more than 200,000 participants. The races also raise nearly \$150 million for charity and have an economic impact on their cities amounting to almost \$1.5 billion.

A new format

A new format was announced on 20 February 2015 which replaced the two-year contest with a one-year cycle featuring a rotating start and finish for each of the six annual series races.

Series IX began on 22 February at the 2015 Tokyo Marathon and ended on completion of the February 2016 Tokyo Marathon. Series X began at the 2016 Boston Marathon and ended on completion of the 2017 Boston Marathon. Series XI began at the 2017 Virgin Money London Marathon and ends at this year's London Marathon.

Each subsequent series will begin and end at the next World Marathon Majors race on the calendar. The Olympic and IAAF World Championship marathons will be part of the race schedule in the years they are held, but will not begin or end a series.

Under the new rules, the winners of each of these races earn 25 points apiece, with 16 going to second place, nine to third, four to fourth and one to fifth. To win a prize, runners must start at least two races over the series cycle. If an athlete earns points in more than two events, the athlete's highest two finishes will be scored.

New anti-doping protocols

The AWMM also strengthened its anti-doping efforts. Together with the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), the AWMM has created a pool of championship-eligible runners who are required to undergo additional out-of-competition drug testing.

Prize money payments are now adjusted to take advantage of long-term biological mapping of athletes. Awards are no longer made in one lump sum but paid out over the course of five years.

New prize structure

A new prize structure has been introduced for Series XI, which will conclude at the 2018 Virgin Money London Marathon. Prize money will be awarded to the top three men and women in both the open and wheelchair series, rather than just to the individual winners. The top runners in a series will receive \$250,000 each with \$50,000 going to second and \$25,000 to third, while the top wheelchair racers will get \$50,000 each, with £25,000 and \$10,000 going to second and third respectively.

New charity programme

A new charity programme has also been introduced for Series XI in which \$10,000 will be donated to charity for each winner of an AbbottWMM race (barring the World Championships). With four races at each of the seven city events, that makes \$280,000 in total. Each race winner will nominate a charity to receive \$10,000 in their name.

Age Group World Rankings

In November 2017, the AWMM and partners Abbott and Wanda Group announced the creation of a global age group marathon ranking system and age group world championships. World rankings for men and women aged 40 to 80+ will be launched in September 2018 at the start of Series XII and the top-ranked athletes in each age group will qualify for the first AbbottWMM Wanda Age Group World Championships in spring 2020. Runners in nine age groups will earn points according to their times from two of more than 25 qualifying marathons around the world.

For more details about any of the Abbott World Marathon Majors initiatives go to www.worldmarathonmajors.com



The scoring system

Athletes earn the following points by placing among the top five in qualifying races during the 12-month period:

- 1st place – 25 points
- 2nd place – 16 points
- 3rd place – 9 points
- 4th place – 4 points
- 5th place – 1 point

The champions are the male and female athletes who score the most points during the one-year scoring period. Points from a maximum of two races are scored. An athlete must start in two races over the cycle to be eligible. If an athlete earns points in more than two events, the athlete's highest two finishes are scored.

If there's a tie, the athlete finishing first in any head-to-head competition is declared the winner. If their head-to-head record is level, the winner is the athlete who won more qualifying races during the period. If they are still level, the six AWMM race directors determine the champion. They may decide to award the title jointly.

No athlete found guilty of any anti-doping rules enforced by the IAAF, World Anti-Doping Association (WADA), national federations, or any individual AWMM race is eligible to win the AWMM title. Athletes must comply with the AWMM Code of Conduct.

WMM champions

WMM Series

Series I: 2006/07
Series II: 2007/08
Series III: 2008/09
Series IV: 2009/10
Series V: 2010/11
Series VI: 2011/12
Series VII: 2012/13
Series VIII: 2013/14
Series IX: 2015/16
Series X: 2016/17
Series XI: 2017/18

Men

Robert K Cheruiyot (KEN)
Martin Lel (KEN)
Sammy Wanjiru (KEN)
Sammy Wanjiru (KEN)
Emmanuel Mutai (KEN)
Geoffrey Mutai (KEN)
Tsegaye Kebede (ETH)
Wilson Kipsang (KEN)
Eliud Kipchoge (KEN)
Eliud Kipchoge (KEN)
TBC

Women

Gete Wami (ETH)
Irina Mikitenko (GER)
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Irina Mikitenko (GER) *
Edna Kiplagat (KEN) *
Mary Keitany (KEN)
Priscah Jeptoo (KEN)
Edna Kiplagat (KEN) **
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TBC

* Liliya Shobukhova (RUS) was the original winner of Series IV and V but she was banned from competition for a doping violation in April 2014 and all her results from 9 October 2009 have been annulled.

** Rita Jeptoo (KEN) was the original winner of Series VIII but she was banned from competition for a doping violation and all her results since 17 April 2014 have been annulled. Jeptoo won four races in the 2013/14 series but gave positive A and B samples in an out-of-competition test in September 2014.

*** Jemima Sumgong (KEN) won two races in Series X but she was disqualified after she was banned in 2017 following a doping violation.

The qualifying races

Series XI (2017/18)

23 April 2017 Virgin Money London Marathon
6 August 2017 IAAF World Championships men's marathon
6 August 2017 IAAF World Championships women's marathon
24 September 2017 BMW Berlin Marathon
8 October 2017 Bank of America Chicago Marathon
5 November 2017 TCS New York City Marathon
25 February 2018 Tokyo Marathon
16 April 2018 BAA Boston Marathon
22 April 2018 Virgin Money London Marathon

Series X began at the 2016 Boston Marathon and ended at the 2017 Boston Marathon.

Series XI began at the 2017 London Marathon and ends at the 2018 London Marathon.

Series XII will begin at the 2018 Berlin Marathon and end at the 2019 Berlin Marathon.

Series XIII will begin at the 2019 Chicago Marathon and end at the 2020 Chicago Marathon.

Series XIV will begin at the 2020 New York City Marathon and end at the 2021 New York City Marathon.

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Abbott World Marathon Majors Races



Tokyo Marathon

Organised by the Tokyo Marathon Foundation, the inaugural Tokyo Marathon was held on 18 February 2007, and drew 95,044 applicants and 30,870 participants. Kenya's Daniel Njenga (2:09:45) and Japan's Hitomi Niiya (2:31:01) were the first champions. Since then, the Tokyo Marathon has grown to more than 300,000 applicants and nearly 36,000 participants. Through its theme, 'The Day We Unite', the Tokyo Marathon brings together runners, volunteers and spectators. In 2011, the Tokyo Marathon implemented its own charity program, 'Run with Heart', through which donors can contribute to various charitable activities. In 2016, the number of charity runner entrants reached its capacity of 3,000 for the first time and close to US\$3 million was raised. The official race logo was renewed for its 10th anniversary event in 2016 to portray the runners, volunteers and cheering crowds along the course, which symbolises the race theme. The 2017 Tokyo Marathon, held on 26 February 2017, was the first on a new course that finished in front of the Tokyo station. Since Tokyo was chosen to host the 2020 Olympic Games, the Tokyo Marathon is gaining more attention and popularity from home and abroad.

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Largest Field:	34,819 finishers (2013)																		
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Estimated Number of Spectators:	1.6 million																		
Course Records:	Men: 2:03:58 (Wilson Kipsang, KEN, 2017) Women: 2:19:47 (Sarah Chepchirchir, KEN, 2017)																		
Most Victories:	Men: 2 (Dickson Chumba, KEN) Women: 2 (Berhane Dibaba, ETH)																		
Prize purse:	US\$400,000 / JPY40.5 million (US\$108,000 / JPY11 million to male and female champions)																		
Wheelchair course records:	Men: 1:26:00 (Kurt Fearnley, AUS, 2016 – IPC-sanctioned*) Women: 1:41:04 (Wakako Tsuchida, JPN, 2016 – IPC-sanctioned*) * wheelchair course records are those set after the race was sanctioned by the IPC in 2016																		
Most wheelchair victories:	Men: 5 (Masazumi Soejima, JPN) Women: 9 (Wakako Tsuchida, JPN)																		
Wheelchair prize purse:	US\$41,000 / JPY4.2 million (US\$9,800 / JPY1 million for male and female champions)																		
Organisation Information:	Tad Hagano, Race Director www.marathon.tokyo/en																		
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Upcoming Race Dates:	3 March 2019																		



BAA 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 started 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.

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Estimated Number of Spectators:	500,000																		
Course Records:	Men: 2:03:02 (Geoffrey Mutai, KEN, 2011) Women: 2:19:59 (Buzunesh Deba, ETH, 2014)																		
Most Victories:	Men: 7 (Clarence DeMar, USA) Women: 4 (Catherine Ndereba, KEN)																		
Prize Purse:	US\$706,000 (US\$150,000 for male & female champions)																		
Wheelchair course records:	Men: 1:18:04 (Marcel Hug, SUI, 2017) Women: 1:28:17 (Manuela Schär, SUI, 2017)																		
Most wheelchair victories:	Men: 10 (Ernst van Dyk, RSA) Women: 8 (Jean Driscoll, USA)																		
Wheelchair prize purse:	US\$84,500 (US\$20,000 for male & female champions)																		
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Upcoming Race Dates:	16 April 2018 15 April 2019																		



Virgin Money London Marathon

In 1979, after running the New York City Marathon with John Disley, 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 he studied the Boston and New York Marathons. On his return, Brasher and Disley secured a three-year contract with Gillette for £75,000, established the organisation's charitable status, and set down six main aims for the event. The first London Marathon was held on 29 March 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. Since then, the London Marathon has grown to more than 39,000 starters and finishers, and elite runners compete for US\$313,000 in prize money. Men's and women's world records have been set in the race, including the current women's mark of 2:15:25 by Britain's Paula Radcliffe in 2003. The race is viewed in more than 196 countries worldwide and watched by four to five million UK viewers via the BBC. In 2016, the London Marathon's one millionth finisher crossed the Finish Line in The Mall. London Marathon runners have raised more than £890 million for charities while The London Marathon Charitable Trust, which owns the race, has granted more than £67 million to improve sport and recreation facilities.

Inaugural Running:	1981																		
Largest Field:	39,487 finishers (2017)																		
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Course Records:	Men: 2:03:05 (Eliud Kipchoge, KEN, 2016) Women Only: 2:17:01 (Mary Keitany, KEN, 2017) Women (Mixed Race): 2:15:25 (Paula Radcliffe, GBR, 2003)																		
Most Victories:	Men: 3 (Dionicio Ceron, MEX; Antonio Pinto, POR; Martin Lel, KEN) Women: 4 (Ingrid Kristiansen, NOR)																		
Prize Purse:	US\$313,000 (US\$55,000 to male & female champions) + bonuses																		
Wheelchair course records:	Men: 1:28:56 (Kurt Fearnley, AUS, 2009) Women: 1:39:57 (Manuela Schär, SUI, 2017)																		
Most wheelchair victories:	Men: 7 (David Weir, GBR) Women: 6 (Tanni Grey-Thompson, GBR)																		
Wheelchair prize purse:	US\$142,700 (US\$25,000 to male & female champions)																		
Organisation Information:	Nick Bitel, Chief Executive / Hugh Brasher, Event Director +44 (0)20 7902 0200 www.virginmoneylondonmarathon.com @LondonMarathon																		
Media Contacts:	Penny Dain, Communications Director +44 (0)7799 170433; penny.dain@londonmarathonevents.co.uk																		
Upcoming Race Dates:	22 April 2018 28 April 2019																		



BMW Berlin Marathon

A group of runners from one of Germany's most prestigious athletics clubs, SC Charlottenburg, organised the first Berlin Marathon in 1974. It was not until 1981 that the race moved from the Grunewald (a big forest) into the city centre of West Berlin. Supported by the three western allied forces (Britain, France and USA) it quickly developed into Germany's biggest and best quality marathon. A new era began after the Berlin Wall was brought down in November 1989. On 30 September 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 was changed significantly for the 2003 race. Paul Tergat became the first man to cross the new finish line when he ran a world record of 2:04:55 passing through the Brandenburg Gate – the symbol for reunification. In 2007 and 2008 Haile Gebrselassie broke that record, first lowering it to 2:04:26 and then to 2:03:59, the first sub-2:04 time. In 2011, Patrick Makau reclaimed the record for Kenya, finishing in 2:03:38, only to be eclipsed two years in a row by his compatriots Wilson Kipsang, who clocked 2:03:23 in 2013, and Dennis Kimetto, who ran a barrier-breaking 2:02:57 in 2014.

Inaugural Running:	1974																		
Largest Field:	43,852 finishers (2017)																		
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Estimated Number of Spectators:	1 million																		
Course Records:	Men: 2:02:57 (Dennis Kimetto, KEN, 2014) Women: 2:19:12 (Mizuki Noguchi, JPN, 2005)																		
Most Victories:	Men: 4 (Haile Gebrselassie, ETH) Women: 3 (Uta Pippig, GER; Renata Kokowska, POL, Aberu Kebede, ETH)																		
Prize Purse:	US\$416,629 (US\$50,000 to male/female champions)																		
Wheelchair course records:	Men: 1:21:39 (Heinz Frei, SUI, 1997) Women: 1:40:05 (Manuela Schär, SUI, 2017)																		
Most wheelchair victories:	Men: 20 (Heinz Frei, SUI) Women: 5 (Edith Hunkeler, SUI)																		
Wheelchair prize purse:	US\$28,100/€25,000 (US\$5,600/€5,000 for male & female champions)																		
Organisation Information:	Mark Milde, Race Director +49 30 30 12 88 10 www.bmw-berlin-marathon.com																		
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Upcoming Race Dates:	16 September 2018 29 September 2019																		



Bank of America Chicago Marathon

In 1976 a small band of running enthusiasts met at the Metropolitan YMCA on LaSalle Street to 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 realised their vision on 25 September 1977, hosting 4,200 local participants in the first Chicago Marathon. It has since expanded to 45,000 registered runners and an estimated 1.7 million on-course spectators. The flat course begins and ends in Chicago's historic Grant Park, sweeping through 29 diverse and colourful neighbourhoods including Lakeview, Greektown, Little Italy, Pilsen, Chinatown, and Bronzeville. The loop course and abundance of public transport options enable friends and family to cheer their runners on at many locations along the course. The Chicago Marathon has a long history of hosting the world's fastest runners and has been the site of two men's world records (by Steve Jones who ran 2:08:05 in 1984, and by Khalid Khannouchi who clocked 2:05:42 in 1999) and two women's world records (in 2001 when Catherine Ndereba ran 2:18:47, and in 2002 when Paula Radcliffe clocked 2:17:18).

Inaugural Running:	1977																		
Largest Field:	44,511 finishers (2017)																		
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Estimated Number of Spectators:	1.7 million																		
Course Records:	Men: 2:03:45 (Dennis Kimetto, KEN, 2013) Women: 2:17:18 (Paula Radcliffe, GBR, 2002)																		
Most Victories:	Men: 4 (Khalid Khannouchi MAR/USA) Women: 2 (Rosa Mota POR, Lisa Weidenbach USA, Ritva Lemettinen FIN, Marian Sutton GBR, Joyce Chepchumba KEN, Catherine Ndereba KEN, Berhane Adere ETH, Florence Kiplagat KEN)																		
Prize Purse:	US\$753,000 (US\$100,000 to male & female champions)																		
Wheelchair course records:	Men: 1:26:56 (Heinz Frei, SUI, 2010) Women: 1:39:15 (Tatyana McFadden, USA, 2017)																		
Most wheelchair victories:	Men: 5 (Kurt Fearnley, AUS) Women: 8 (Tatyana McFadden, USA)																		
Wheelchair prize purse:	US\$31,000 (US\$10,000 for male & female champions)																		
Organisation Information:	Carey Pinkowski, Executive Race Director +1 312 904 9800 www.chicagomarathon.com																		
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Upcoming Race Dates:	7 October 2018 6 October 2019																		



TCS New York City Marathon

The premier event of the New York Road Runners, the TCS New York City Marathon is one of the world's great road races, drawing more than 109,000 applicants. The race attracts many world-class professional athletes, attracted by prize money of more than US\$800,000 but also by the chance to excel in the media capital of the world before more than one million cheering spectators and 330 million worldwide television viewers. As any of the more than 1.1 million past participants will attest, crossing the finish line in Central Park is one of the great thrills of a lifetime. The race was held entirely in Central Park for the first six years before moving out into the streets in 1976. It now goes through all five boroughs of New York City. With 47,323 finishers, the 2011 New York City Marathon was the largest marathon in history to date. The 2012 New York marathon was cancelled just a few days before race day following Hurricane Sandy which had devastated the city a week earlier, but the race bounced back in 2013 when 50,226 runners crossed the finish line, breaking the record set just two years before. The numbers increased in 2014 when 50,530 crossed the line, including the event's one millionth finisher, and again in 2016 when 51,394 finished the race.

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Largest Field:	51,394 finishers (2016)																		
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Upcoming Race Dates:	4 November 2018 3 November 2019																		

World Records set in WMM Races

Men

WR	Athlete	WMM Event	Date
2:02:57*	Dennis Kimetto (KEN)	Berlin	28 September 2014
2:03:23	Wilson Kipsang (KEN)	Berlin	29 September 2013
2:03:38	Patrick Makau (KEN)	Berlin	25 September 2011
2:03:59	Haile Gebrselassie (ETH)	Berlin	28 September 2008
2:04:26	Haile Gebrselassie (ETH)	Berlin	30 September 2007
2:04:55	Paul Tergat (KEN)	Berlin	28 September 2003
2:05:38	Khalid Khannouchi (USA)	London	14 April 2002
2:05:42	Khalid Khannouchi (MAR)	Chicago	24 October 1999
2:06:05	Ronaldo da Costa (BRA)	Berlin	20 September 1998
2:08:05	Steve Jones (GBR)	Chicago	21 October 1984
2:12:12	Abebe Bikila (ETH)	Olympics (Tokyo)	21 October 1964
2:15:17	Abebe Bikila (ETH)	Olympics (Rome)	10 September 1960
2:25:39	Yun Bok Suh (KOR)	Boston	19 April 1947
2:32:36	Hannes Kolehmainen (FIN)	Olympics (Antwerp)	22 August 1920
2:55:19	Johnny Hayes (USA)	Olympics (London)	24 July 1908

Women

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

* Current world record as at 31 March 2018

** Set in the 1977 German marathon championships

Abbott World Marathon Majors Series X (2016/17)

Third title for Kiplagat as Kipchoge retains his AbbottWMM crown

Eliud Kipchoge and Edna Kiplagat were named Series X Abbott World Marathon Majors champions in 2017 at the conclusion of the eight-race 12-month cycle.

Kipchoge's perfect record of two wins from two races again gave him an unbeatable 50-point total, good enough to pocket the \$500,000 cheque as the overall men's winner ahead of his compatriot, Wilson Kipsang, who was nine points short despite posting two sub-2:04 times.

Kipchoge dominated the 2016 season winning the London Marathon for a second time with a superb course record of 2:03:05 before going on to produce a majestic performance at the Rio Olympic Games. He had to wait eight months before his Series victory was confirmed, however, for 2016 Boston Marathon winner Lemi Berhanu remained in contention until the 2017 race when he dropped out.

Kiplagat topped the women's leaderboard with 41 points thanks to her second-place finish in Chicago behind Florence Kiplagat and dominant victory at the 2017 Boston Marathon, the very last race of the Series. The 38-year-old joined Germany's Irina Mikitenko as a three-time Majors champion after her compatriot Jemima Sumgong was disqualified following her doping ban last year.

Sumgong won the 2016 London and Olympic Marathons, but is ineligible for the title because of a doping violation and is now banned for life from all AbbottWMM events.

"They say good things come in threes, and that has been true for me this year," said Kiplagat when she was named champion in December 2017. "At Boston this spring, I was able to win in my third different AbbottWMM city. Then in the summer I was able to win my third World Championship marathon medal. And now I have won the AbbottWMM championship for the third time."

Final Standings

Men

1. Eliud Kipchoge (Kenya)	50 pts
1st London 2016 2:03:05	25 pts
1st Olympics 2016 2:08:44	25 pts
2. Wilson Kipsang (Kenya)	41 pts
1st Tokyo 2016 2:03:58	25 pts
2nd Berlin 2016 2:03:13	16 pts
3. Kenenisa Bekele (Ethiopia)	34 pts
3rd London 2016 2:03:36	9 pts
1st Berlin 2016 2:03:03	25 pts
4. Ghirmay Ghebreslassie (Eritrea)	29 pts
1st New York 2016 2:07:51	25 pts
4th London 2016 2:07:46	4 pts
=5. Dickson Chumba (Kenya)	25 pts
=5. Geoffrey Kirui (Kenya)	25 pts
=5. Abel Kirui (Kenya)	25 pts
=5. Lemi Berhanu Hayle (Ethiopia)	25 pts
=5. Galen Rupp (USA)	25 pts
=5. Gideon Kipketer (Kenya)	25 pts

Women

1. Edna Kiplagat (Kenya)	41 pts
1st Boston 2017 2:21:52	25 pts
2nd Chicago 2016 2:23:28	16 pts
2. Florence Kiplagat (Kenya)	34 pts
1st Chicago 2016 2:31:32	25 pts
3rd London 2016 2:23:39	9 pts
3. Berhane Dibaba (Ethiopia)	32 pts
2nd Tokyo 2017 2:21:19	16 pts
3rd Boston 2016 2:23:58	16 pts
=4. Atsede Baysa (Ethiopia)	25 pts
1st Boston 2016 2:29:19	25 pts
=4. Sarah Chepchirchir (Kenya)	25 pts
1st Tokyo 2017 2:19:47	25 pts
=4. Aberu Kebede (Ethiopia)	25 pts
1st Berlin 2016 2:20:45	25 pts
=4. Mary Keitany (Kenya)	25 pts
1st New York 2016 2:24:26	25 pts

Abbott World Marathon Majors Series XI (2017/18)

Series XI started at the 2017 Virgin Money London Marathon and finishes at the 2018 London Marathon.

Current standings (as at 31 March 2018, before the 2018 Boston Marathon)

Men

=1. Dickson Chumba (Kenya)	25 pts
1st Tokyo 2018 2:05:30	25 pts
=1. Geoffrey Kamworor (Kenya)	25 pts
1st New York 2017 2:10:53	25 pts
=1. Eliud Kipchoge (Kenya)	25 pts
1st Berlin 2017 2:03:32	25 pts
=1. Geoffrey Kirui (Kenya)	25 pts
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=1. Galen Rupp (United States)	25 pts
1st Chicago 2017 2:09:20	25 pts
=1. Daniel Wanjiru (Kenya)	25 pts
1st London 2017 2:05:48	25 pts
7. Abel Kirui (Kenya)	20 pts
4th London 2017 2:07:45	4 pts
2nd Chicago 2017 2:09:48	16 pts
=8. Kenenisa Bekele (Ethiopia)	16 pts
=8. Tamirat Tola (Ethiopia)	16 pts
=8. Guye Adola (Ethiopia)	16 pts
=8. Wilson Kipsang (Kenya)	16 pts
=8. Yuta Shitara (Japan)	16 pts

Women

=1. Tirunesh Dibaba (Ethiopia)	41 pts
2nd London 2017 2:17:56	16 pts
1st Chicago 2017 2:27:54	25 pts
=1. Mary Keitany (Kenya)	41 pts
1st London 2017 2:17:01	25 pts
2nd New York 2017 2:27:54	16 pts
3. Ruti Aga (ETH)	32 pts
2nd Berlin 2017 2:20:41	16 pts
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Results and reports from Series XI

Virgin Money London Marathon

23 April 2017

Keitany's remarkable near solo run included the fastest ever start in a women's marathon, a half-way split of 66:54, on sub-2:14 pace, and a huge 30km world record of 1:36:05. Defying every watcher's prediction that she would soon 'blow up', the punchy Kenyan battled on to complete the second half in 70:07, to eclipse Paula Radcliffe's women-only world record and go second on the all-time list. Despite finding herself a 'chaser' from mile two onwards, and halting with stomach problems on the run-in, Dibaba stuck to her task and finished well within a minute of the victor with an Ethiopian record, becoming the third quickest woman in history. Of the top six finishers, only Mergia missed out on a PB. Wanjiru was the unpredicted winner of the men's race after breaking clear of debutant Karoki at 35km and holding off the charging Bekele who had almost lost touch with the leaders at 30km because of blisters but later mounted a surging finish.

Men

1. Daniel Wanjiru	KEN	2:05:48
2. Kenenisa Bekele	ETH	2:05:57
3. Bedan Karoki	KEN	2:07:41
4. Abel Kirui	KEN	2:07:45
5. Alphonse Simbu	TAN	2:09:10

Women

1. Mary Keitany	KEN	2:17:01
2. Tirunesh Dibaba	ETH	2:17:56
3. Aselefech Mergia	ETH	2:23:08
4. Vivian Cheruiyot	KEN	2:23:50
5. Lisa Weightman	AUS	2:25:15

IAAF World Championships, London

6 August 2017

Kirui added world gold to the Boston title he'd taken in April after winning a duel in the sun with Tola who broke clear around 32km but was reeled in by the Kenyan over the last of the four twisting laps around central London. Kirui crossed the finish line on Tower Bridge more than a minute ahead of the tiring Tola as Simbu held off Britain's Hawkins for the bronze medal. Running on the same course on the same day, Chelimo matched Kirui by taking world gold in only her second year as a marathon runner. The former Kenyan turned the tables on her Boston victor Kiplagat, after a slow yet topsy turvy race, led at first by Portugal's Catarina Ribeiro and then by Britain's Alyson Dixon, before the big names finally woke up just before 30km. Chelimo made her move in the 38th and Kiplagat stuck with her until half a mile from the finish where she was almost caught by the fast-closing Cragg.

Men

1.	Geoffrey Kirui	KEN	2:08:27
2.	Tamirat Tola	ETH	2:09:49
3.	Alphonse Simbu	TAN	2:09:51
4.	Callum Hawkins	GBR	2:10:17
5.	Daniele Meucci	ITA	2:10:56

Women

1.	Rose Chelimo	BRN	2:27:11
2.	Edna Kiplagat	KEN	2:27:18
3.	Amy Cragg	USA	2:27:18
4.	Flomena Cheyech	KEN	2:27:21
5.	Shure Demise	ETH	2:27:58

BMW Berlin Marathon

24 September 2017

Kipchoge won a dramatic race with a world leading time after coming from behind to overhaul debutant Adola in drenching conditions that may well have denied the Kenyan a world record. The expected three-way tussle with Kenenisa Bekele and Wilson Kipsang dissolved when both dropped out in the second half leaving Adola to carve out a 25m lead on the Olympic champion which Kipchoge eventually closed at 40km. He finished with his second fastest time while Adola became the second fastest Ethiopian behind Bekele. Cheronon regained the women's crown she'd won in 2015 after breaking clear of Aiyabei and Aga before 35km. On course record pace at half way, she slowed towards the finish but held on to win by 18 seconds.

Men

1.	Eliud Kipchoge	KEN	2:03:32
2.	Guye Adola	ETH	2:03:46
3.	Mosinet Geremew	ETH	2:06:09
4.	Felix Kandie	KEN	2:06:13
5.	Vincent Kipruto	KEN	2:06:13

Women

1.	Gladys Cheronon	KEN	2:20:23
2.	Ruti Aga	ETH	2:20:41
3.	Valary Aiyabei	KEN	2:20:53
4.	Helen Tola	ETH	2:22:51
5.	Anna Hahner	GER	2:28:32

Bank of America Chicago Marathon

8 October 2017

Rupp became the first US winner of the men's race for 15 years when he surged to victory ahead of defending champion Kirui in the last three miles. A huge pack dawdled through half way in 66:11 and reached 30km in 1:33:21 before Kirui's pressure finally broke them up. He and Rupp fought out the last 6km with the American lengthening his lead steadily to the finish. Dibaba took her first major marathon victory with a show of dominant brilliance from the start that ended with her second sub-2:20 time in six months. Four women hung on to her tail until 30km where she dispensed with her zig-zagging attempts to shrug them off and simply powered away down the road. Kosgei held on longer than the rest but was almost two minutes back at the close with Hasay in third becoming the second quickest US marathon runner in history.

Men

1.	Galen Rupp	USA	2:09:20
2.	Abel Kirui	KEN	2:09:48
3.	Bernard Kipyego	KEN	2:10:23
4.	Sisay Lemma	ETH	2:11:01
5.	Stephen Sambu	KEN	2:11:07

Women

1.	Tirunesh Dibaba	ETH	2:18:31
2.	Brigid Kosgei	KEN	2:20:22
3.	Jordan Hasay	USA	2:20:57
4.	Madai Perez	MEX	2:24:44
5.	Valentine Kipketer	KEN	2:28:05

TCS New York Marathon

5 November 2017

Flanagan ended a 40-year drought for US women in New York when she out-fought defending champion Keitany and the redoubtable Daska in the last three miles of an attritional race on a cool, blustery day. Flanagan shadowed her rivals as they traded punches on the route through Central Park before inflicting her own counter blow with mile splits of 5:08, 5:11 and 5:04. She coasted to her first Majors win with more than a minute to spare on the world record holder, and crossed the line an emotional and euphoric victor. Kamworor was no less delighted with his first marathon triumph, a just reward for the two-time world half marathon and world cross country champion after he had pushed the pace in the 23rd mile and injected a killer burst in the 25th that saw off Kipsang and Desisa. Kipsang, the 2014 champion, made a late charge and closed to three seconds but could not deny his compatriot.

Men

1.	Geoffrey Kamworor	KEN	2:10:53
2.	Wilson Kipsang	KEN	2:10:56
3.	Lelisa Desisa	ETH	2:11:32
4.	Lemi Berhanu	ETH	2:11:52
5.	Tadesse Abraham	SUI	2:12:01

Women

1.	Shalane Flanagan	USA	2:26:53
2.	Mary Keitany	KEN	2:27:54
3.	Mamitu Daska	ETH	2:28:08
4.	Edna Kiplagat	KEN	2:29:36
5.	Allie Kieffer	USA	2:29:39

Tokyo Marathon

25 February 2018

History was made in Tokyo as Chumba and Dibaba became the first runners ever to win a second title at the event. Chumba romped home to reclaim the men's crown he won in the Japanese capital four years ago after favourite Wilson Kipsang had dropped out early in the race, while Dibaba proved too strong for Aga in the closing stages and missed the women's course record by just four seconds. Behind Chumba, Shitara provided high drama by passing Kipruto, Kipketer and Feyisa Lelisa to break the 16-year-old Japanese record. Dibaba unleashed a finishing burst to leave Aga alone in second after the pair had moved clear of Demise and Cragg in the second half. Cragg took five minutes from her previous best, making her the fifth quickest American woman of all-time.

Men

1.	Dickson Chumba	KEN	2:05:30
2.	Yuta Shitara	JPN	2:06:11
3.	Amos Kipruto	KEN	2:06:33
4.	Gideon Kipketer	KEN	2:06:47
5.	Hiroto Inoue	JPN	2:06:54

Women

1.	Berhane Dibaba	ETH	2:19:51
2.	Ruti Aga	ETH	2:21:19
3.	Amy Cragg	USA	2:21:42
4.	Shure Demise	ETH	2:22:07
5.	Helah Kiprop	KEN	2:28:58

Forthcoming races in Series XI

16 April 2018	BAA Boston Marathon
22 April 2018	Virgin Money London Marathon

Abbott World Marathon Majors Series XII (2018/19)

Series XII starts at the 2018 Berlin Marathon on Sunday 16 September and finishes at the 2019 Berlin Marathon on 29 September 2019.

Races in Series XI

16 September 2018	BMW Berlin Marathon
7 October 2018	Bank of America Chicago Marathon
4 November 2018	TCS New York City Marathon
3 March 2019	Tokyo Marathon
15 April 2019	BAA Boston Marathon
28 April 2019	Virgin Money London Marathon
29 September 2019	BMW Berlin Marathon
tbc September 2019	IAAF World Championship marathons, Doha

Hiroyuki Yamamoto of Japan crosses the finish line to win the Tokyo Marathon earlier this year



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Abbott World Marathon Majors Wheelchair Series

A new milestone in the evolution of the World Marathon Majors was reached in 2016 with the addition of a wheelchair series for T53/54 para-athletes to run alongside the contest for able-bodied runners.

The World Marathon Majors Wheelchair Series follows the same format as the runners' contests with para-athletes accumulating points for their finishing positions at each of the six World Marathon Majors races plus, in appropriate years, marathons at the World Para Athletics World Championships and Paralympic Games.

The first wheelchair series ran parallel to Series X, starting at the 2016 Boston Marathon on 18 April 2016 and finishing at the 2017 Boston Marathon. In between it included the T53/54 wheelchair marathons in London, Berlin, Chicago, New York and Tokyo as well as those at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games – making eight in all.

Athletes score points as follows:

- 1st place – 25 points
- 2nd place – 16 points
- 3rd place – 9 points
- 4th place – 4 points
- 5th place – 1 point

The champions are the male and female athletes who score the most points during the one-year scoring period. Points from a maximum of five races are scored.

An athlete must start in five races over the cycle to be eligible. If an athlete earns points in more than five events, the athlete's highest five finishes are scored.

The men's and women's Majors champions in Series X each received \$50,000.

A new prize structure was introduced for Series XI. Prize money will be awarded to the top three men and women with the winners receiving \$50,000 each, \$25,000 going to second place and \$10,000 to third.

Abbott World Marathon Majors Wheelchair Series X (2016/17)

It is no surprise that Marcel Hug and Tatyana McFadden were crowned inaugural World Marathon Majors Wheelchair champions after the eighth and final race of Series X in Boston on Monday 17 April 2017. But the manner of their respective victories was extraordinary.

Hug, in particular, was in astonishing form over the course of 12 almost unbeaten months in which he won all but one of the eight races. He wrapped up the men's contest in Chicago in October 2016 when he claimed a fifth straight marathon victory, a sequence of scintillating wins that started with a three-way sprint in Boston and included a powering victory over Kurt Fearnley at the Paralympic Games, one of four occasions when the Australian was forced to play second fiddle.

Seemingly unstoppable, Hug concluded 2016 with yet another victory in New York and looked on course for a clean sweep of all eight races until his run came to an unexpected end in Tokyo where he suffered a shock defeat by the unheralded Japanese Sho Watanabe. Undaunted, he bounced back to win the Boston Marathon in 2017 and crown the inaugural wheelchair series with a world best time.

McFadden may not have dominated quite like Hug, but she also had Series X in the bag early in the programme thanks to her fourth quadruple in a row, repeating victories in Boston, London, Chicago and New York. The American's quest for Paralympic marathon gold was thwarted, however, when she was pipped at the line in Rio by China's Zou Lihong.

That gave Berlin champion Manuela Schär a glimmer of hope if she could only win the final two races in Tokyo and Boston. But Schär, a runner-up to McFadden on four occasions in Series X, lost out in Tokyo to Amanda McGrory leaving her 27 points adrift with just one to go.

Final Series X standings

Men

1. Marcel Hug (Switzerland)	125 pts
1st Boston 2016	1:24:06 25 pts
1st London 2016	1:35:19 25 pts
1st Paralympics 2016	1:26:16 25 pts
1st Berlin 2016	1:29:51 25 pts
1st Chicago 2016	1:32:57 25 pts
[1st New York 2016	1:35:49 -]
[2nd Tokyo 2017	1:28:01 -]
[1st Boston 2017	1:18:04 -]
2. Kurt Fearnley (Australia)	73 pts
3rd Boston 2016	1:24:06 9 pts
2nd London 2016	1:35:20 16 pts
2nd Paralympics 2016	1:26:17 16 pts
2nd Chicago 2016	1:32:58 16 pts
2nd New York 2016	1:35:49 16 pts
3. Ernst van Dyk (South Africa)	56 pts
2nd Boston 2016	1:24:06 16 pts
4th London 2016	1:35:23 4 pts
2nd Berlin 2016	1:29:53 16 pts
4th New York 2016	1:40:08 4 pts
2nd Boston 2017	1:18:04 16 pts
4. Sho Watanabe (JPN)	25 pts
1st Tokyo 2017	1:28:01 25 pts
5. Joshua George (United States)	19 pts
3rd Chicago 2016	1:32:59 9 pts
3rd New York 2016	1:39:01 9 pts
5th Tokyo 2017	1:28:03 1 pt

Women

1. Tatyana McFadden (United States)	116 pts
1st Boston 2016	1:42:16 25 pts
1st London 2016	1:44:14 25 pts
2nd Paralympics 2016	1:38:44 16 pts
1st Chicago 2016	1:42:28 25 pts
1st New York 2016	1:47:43 25 pts
2. Manuela Schär (Switzerland)	98 pts
2nd Boston 2016	1:43:30 16 pts
2nd London 2016	1:44:15 16 pts
1st Berlin 2016	1:43:00 25 pts
2nd Chicago 2016	1:42:29 16 pts
1st Boston 2017	1:28:17 25 pts
3. Amanda McGrory (United States)	68 pts
3rd Paralympics 2016	1:38:45 9 pts
3rd Chicago 2016	1:47:55 9 pts
3rd New York 2016	1:53:15 9 pts
1st Tokyo 2017	1:43:27 25 pts
2nd Boston 2017	1:33:13 16 pts
4. Zou Lihong (China)	30 pts
5th London 2016	1:52:42 1 pt
1st Paralympics 2016	1:38:44 25 pts
4th Tokyo 2017	1:44:28 4 pts
5. Susannah Scaroni (United States)	27 pts
4th Boston 2016	1:46:53 4 pts
5th Chicago 2016	1:52:50 1 pt
4th New York 2016	1:58:16 4 pts
3rd Tokyo 2017	1:43:29 9 pts
3rd Boston 2017	1:33:17 9 pts

Abbott World Marathon Majors Wheelchair Series XI (2017/18)

Series XI started at the 2017 Virgin Money London Marathon and finishes at the 2018 London Marathon.

Current standings (as at 31 March 2018, before the 2018 Boston Marathon)

Men

1. Marcel Hug (Switzerland)	91 pts
2nd London 2017	1:31:07 16 pts
1st Berlin 2017	1:29:03 25 pts
1st Chicago 2017	1:29:23 25 pts
1st New York 2017	1:37:17 25 pts

2. Kurt Fearnley (Australia)	29 pts
3rd London 2017	1:31:07 9 pts
2nd Chicago 2017	1:30:24 16 pts
4th Tokyo 2018	1:31:30 4 pts

=3. David Weir (Great Britain & NI)	25 pts
1st London 2017	1:31:06 25 pts

=3. Hiroyuki Yamamoto (Japan)	25 pts
1st Tokyo 2018	1:26:23 25 pts

=5. JohnBoy Smith (Great Britain & NI)	17 pts
5th Berlin 2017	1:32:45 1 pt
2nd New York 2017	1:39:40 16 pts

=5. Ernst van Dyk (South Africa)	17 pts
4th London 2017	1:31:08 4 pts
4th New York 2017	1:39:56 4 pts
3rd Tokyo 2018	1:31:30 9 pts

=7. Kota Hokinoue (Japan)	16 pts
2nd Berlin 2017	1:32:42 16 pts

=7. Tomoki Suzuki (Japan)	16 pts
2nd Tokyo 2018	1:26:24 16 pts

Women

1. Manuela Schär (Switzerland)	109 pts
1st London 2017	1:39:57 25 pts
1st Berlin 2017	1:40:05 25 pts
3rd Chicago 2017	1:39:17 9 pts
1st New York 2017	1:48:09 25 pts
1st Tokyo 2018	1:43:25 25 pts

2. Tatyana McFadden (United States)	57 pts
1st Chicago 2017	1:39:15 25 pts
2nd New York 2017	1:51:02 16 pts
2nd Tokyo 2018	1:44:51 16 pts

3. Amanda McGrory (United States)	45 pts
2nd London 2017	1:44:34 16 pts
2nd Chicago 2017	1:39:15 16 pts
3rd New York 2017	1:53:11 9 pts
4th Tokyo 2018	1:48:01 4 pts

4. Sandra Graf (Switzerland)	16 pts
2nd Berlin 2017	1:45:24 16 pt

5. Susannah Scaroni (United States)	10 pts
3rd London 2017	1:47:37 9 pts

=6. Annika Zeyen (Germany)	9 pts
3rd Berlin 2017	1:51:02 9 pts

=6. Tsuba Kina (Japan)	9 pts
3rd Tokyo 2018	1:46:17 9 pts

Virgin Money London Marathon

23 April 2017

Weir finally achieved his long-cherished dream of a record seventh London Marathon title when he outprinted a large pack of racers down the finishing straight on The Mall. Having won his sixth London Marathon in 2012, Weir had placed second, second and third in the last three years. But this time his will to win was finally too much for arch rival Hug and long-term nemesis Fearnley who were both one second behind. Schär won her first women's crown in hugely contrasting fashion. The Swiss dominated from the outset as she flew round the London course quicker than anyone else in history. Just six days after her astonishing world best in Boston, Schär took the absent McFadden's course record to win by nearly five minutes from former champion McGrory.

Men

1. David Weir	GBR	1:31:06
2. Marcel Hug	SUI	1:31:07
3. Kurt Fearnley	AUS	1:31:07
4. Ernst van Dyk	RSA	1:31:08
5. Rafael Botello Jimenez	ESP	1:31:09

Women

1. Manuela Schär	SUI	1:39:57
2. Amanda McGrory	USA	1:44:34
3. Susannah Scaroni	USA	1:47:37
4. Margriet van den Broek	NED	1:49:50
5. Jade Jones	GBR	1:51:46

BMW Berlin Marathon

24 September 2017

Hug returned to winning ways with a comfortable victory in the German capital. The Swiss star took nearly four minutes out of a pack led home by Japanese pair Hokinoue and Yoshida ahead of the course and world record holder, Frei. Smith grabbed his first Majors points in fifth, a welcome surprise for the Briton who went on to place second in New York. Schär completed a Swiss double with a women's course record while former winner Graf made it a Swiss one-two in the women's race ahead of the host nation's Zeyen.

Men

1.	Marcel Hug	SUI	1:29:03
2.	Kota Hokinoue	JPN	1:32:42
3.	Ryota Yoshida	JPN	1:32:43
4.	Heinz Frei	SUI	1:32:45
5.	Johnboy Smith	GBR	1:32:45

Women

1.	Manuela Schär	SUI	1:40:05
2.	Sandra Graf	SUI	1:45:24
3.	Annika Zeyen	GER	1:51:02
4.	Patricia Keller	SUI	1:57:27
5.	Mel Nicholls	GBR	1:58:10

Bank of America Chicago Marathon

8 October 2017

Hug left it late to assert his dominance, pushing ahead in the last 5km to open a one minute lead on a large pack. Fearnley repeated his runner-up performance from 2016 one second ahead of Spain's Jordi Madera. Switzerland were denied another double victory when local favourite McFadden outpowered long-time leader Schär in the closing stages to win her eighth Chicago women's title. Schär had raced at world record pace in an attempt to break the US star but McFadden slipstreamed the pack before turning on the afterburners. McGrory hung on to her training partner to place second.

Men

1.	Marcel Hug	SUI	1:29:23
2.	Kurt Fearnley	AUS	1:30:24
3.	Jordi Madera	ESP	1:30:25
4.	Sho Watanabe	JPN	1:30:26
5.	Rafael Botello Jimenez	ESP	1:30:27

Women

1.	Tatyana McFadden	USA	1:39:15
2.	Amanda McGrory	USA	1:39:15
3.	Manuela Schär	SUI	1:39:17
4.	Madison de Rozario	AUS	1:39:22
5.	Sammi Kinghorn	GBR	1:43:52

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TCS New York Marathon

5 November 2017

Hug notched up his third win in three fall marathons to take his four-race total to 91 points. The Silver Bullet took the lead with Josh Cassidy before half way and moved away from his Canadian rival after 35km, going on to win by more than two minutes from surprise runner-up Smith. Schär made up for her third place in Chicago by securing her third Series XI win and first ever in New York, denying McFadden a fourth straight victory in the Big Apple. The two rivals went wheel-to-wheel until 25km where Schär eased away to win by almost three minutes. McFadden finished an isolated second with McGrory alone in third.

Men

1.	Marcel Hug	SUI	1:37:21
2.	JohnBoy Smith	GBR	1:39:40
3.	Sho Watanabe	JPN	1:39:51
4.	Ernst van Dyk	RSA	1:39:56
5.	Masazumi Soejima	JPN	1:39:58

Women

1.	Manuela Schär	SUI	1:48:09
2.	Tatyana McFadden	USA	1:51:02
3.	Amanda McGrory	USA	1:53:11
4.	Zou Lihong	CHN	2:03:20
5.	Madison de Rozario	AUS	2:04:28

Tokyo Marathon

25 February 2018

Schär powered away from McFadden in the last 5km to win her fourth Series XI race by more than a minute and take an unassailable lead in the women's standings. Kina snatched a podium place for Japan finishing third ahead of last year's winner McGrory with Scaroni some way back in fifth. Hug failed to make the men's start due to flight problems, and Yamamoto took full advantage after he and Suzuki blew the men's race apart with a bold break before 15km that stretched to more than five minutes by the close. Yamamoto almost tipped out of his chair as he flew round the final corner on one wheel, but he hung on to complete his Tokyo hat-trick. Van Dyk stole third from 2016 winner Fearnley with defending champion Watanabe in fifth.

Men

1.	Hiroyuki Yamamoto	JPN	1:26:23
2.	Tomoki Suzuki	JPN	1:26:24
3.	Ernst van Dyk	RSA	1:31:30
4.	Kurt Fearnley	AUS	1:31:30
5.	Sho Watanabe	JPN	1:31:31

Women

1.	Manuela Schär	SUI	1:43:25
2.	Tatyana McFadden	USA	1:44:51
3.	Tsubasa Kina	JPN	1:46:17
4.	Amanda McGrory	USA	1:48:01
5.	Susannah Scaroni	USA	1:54:02

Forthcoming races in Series XI

16 April 2018	BAA Boston Marathon
22 April 2018	Virgin Money London Marathon

Abbott World Marathon Majors Wheelchair Series XII (2018/19)

Series XII starts at the 2018 Berlin Marathon on Sunday 16 September 2018 and finishes at the 2019 Berlin Marathon on 29 September 2019.

Races in Series XI

16 September 2018	BMW Berlin Marathon
7 October 2018	Bank of America Chicago Marathon
4 November 2018	TCS New York City Marathon
3 March 2019	Tokyo Marathon
15 April 2019	BAA Boston Marathon
28 April 2019	Virgin Money London Marathon
29 September 2019	BMW Berlin Marathon