



2026 TCS New York City Marathon Duo Team Participation Terms and Conditions

NYRR will have a Duo Team exhibition for the 2026 TCS New York City Marathon. This exhibition will be offered to interested participants and with a limited number of teams. Due to demand, we will be utilizing a drawing to identify the teams that will be invited to participate.

A Duo Team is comprised of an individual with no physical, intellectual, or visual disability that impacts the individual's ability to ambulate or participate in the sport of running (the Pusher) who "pushes" a non-ambulatory individual with a permanent physical disability (the Pushee) in a customized wheelchair, specific for outdoor road racing. Both team members must meet the following event registration and pairing requirements.

Event Registration Requirements:

- Duo Teams interested in participating in the marathon must contact the Duo Team Exhibition Manager at DuoTeams@nyrr.org. Limited entries are available, and a drawing will be conducted to identify participant teams from those that have submitted initial required information. This information deadline will be **Friday, July 10, 2026 by 4:00 PM (ET)**.
- A Duo Team is made up of two people: one Pusher (an individual with no physical, intellectual, or visual disability that impacts the individual's ability to ambulate or participate in the sport of running) and one Pushee (non-ambulatory individual with a permanent physical disability). The duo team may **not** be accompanied by a guide or support runner or assisted by another individual or participant during the event.
- Both individuals must complete the registration process (invitations to be sent after selection from drawing), which will include one team entry fee (at appropriate rate for US or International runners). All TCS New York City Marathon fees are non-refundable. If you cancel your entry, it cannot be reinstated for the current year's TCS New York City Marathon, and you will **not** be eligible for guaranteed entry as a Duo Team for the 2027 or other TCS New York City Marathon.
- Along with a signed copy of this form, the team must submit a photograph of the customized racing wheelchair that will be used on the TCS New York City Marathon course.
- The TCS New York City Marathon reserves the right to ask for further information and to verify applications with the USATF ADA accommodation procedures.
- The TCS New York City Marathon reserves the right to reject any entry, issue special invitations, cancel the race, expand or further limit the field, or adjust the entry procedures for Duo Teams.
- The TCS New York City Marathon reserves the right to remove any application, cancel an entry and/or disqualify any registrant who enters under false pretenses.

Duo Team Requirements and Course Safety:

- Both team members, Pusher and Pushee, must be 18 years of age or older on the day of the event. Due to safety concerns, there are no exceptions to this rule.
- The Pushee must be non-ambulatory, have a permanent physical disability and be secured in a customized racing wheelchair.
- One Pusher with no physical, intellectual, or visual disability that impacts the individual's ability to ambulate or participate in the sport of running must push the Pushee the entire race distance within the official race time limit of 8:30; relay teams or the substitution of another runner for the Pusher will not be permitted.
- The Pusher must always maintain contact and control with the customized racing wheelchair throughout the race; this individual pushing the customized racing wheelchair must have a tether on the chair.
- Only the registered Pusher is permitted to propel the customized racing wheelchair forward; no outside assistance is permitted.
- Only the registered Pushee is permitted to ride in the customized racing wheelchair.
- It is strongly recommended that the Pushee in the customized racing wheelchair always wear a safety helmet during the race.
- Motors, pedals, cranks, or gears are strictly prohibited.
- Duo Teams must move to the side of the road if an official race vehicle needs to pass them.
- Duo Teams must provide a local emergency contact. The local contact must be available to respond if contacted by race organizers to assist the team in the event of an emergency.

Scoring:

- Each Duo Team will be equipped with two timing devices: one on the bib of the Pusher of the customized racing chair and one on the bib of the Pushee, along with a name bib for the Pushee. It is mandatory that the Pusher wears their number bib displayed in the front. The Pushee has the option to wear either the number bib or the name bib.
- The fastest net time recorded by the devices will be used as the official finishing time.
- All results of official Duo Team finishers will appear exclusively in a "Duo Team Results" category, in order by finishing time.
- The Duo Team division is considered an exhibition event; no awards will be given, and Duo Team finishers will not be ranked by age group or gender.

Equipment Movement and Transportation:

Due to the nature of a point-to-point course and public safety measures for the TCS New York City Marathon, all Duo Team participants must agree that they are able to meet the following requirements:

- Have customized racing wheelchair available for movement to the AWD Start Staging Area on Saturday, October 31, 2026. Specific time and location to be determined.
- Get to Duo Team Bus Loading area (5th Avenue at 37th or 38th Street or a location nearby) by 4:45am (or another early time) on race day, Sunday, November 1, 2026.
- Ride on ADA accessible buses in a non-motorized wheelchair.
- Do not require personal or medical aides to accompany either duo team member on transportation buses to the start or in the staging area prior to the start.
- Post Finish – Are able to move to the AWD Post Finish area to obtain transported gear along with securing own transportation back to hotel or home.

2026 TCS New York City Marathon Duo Team General Needed Information

In the event you are selected to participate, NYRR will be pulling information from this form to create your invitation to register for the 2026 TCS New York City Marathon. For this reason, it is important that the information you list below is identical to the information you will use for your race registration, should you be selected to participate.

Duo Team Member 1 (Pusher of Racing Wheelchair)

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Email Address: _____

must be different from email address for Duo Team Member 2

Date of Birth: Month: ____ Day: ____ Year: ____

Phone Number: ()

Duo Team Member 2 (Pushee / Riding in Racing Wheelchair)

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Email Address: _____

must be different from email address for Duo Team Member 1

Date of Birth: Month: ____ Day: ____ Year: ____

Phone Number: ()

Will Duo Team Member 1 or Duo Team Member 2 be paying the entry fee? Only one (1) entry fee will be charged for the Duo Team. Circle one: Member 1 or Member 2

What is the duo team's predicted finish time for the 2026 TCS New York City Marathon? ____:____ (hrs:mins)

If you have participated as a Duo Team member in the past (especially the Pusher), please provide proof of finish time with the event/race and finish time for the Marathon or Half Marathon distance:

Event/Race/Year: _____ Finish Time: _____

Are there any special needs required at/on the Start, Course or Finish Areas? (Please explain)

Are there any special medical needs? (Please explain)

By signing below, I agree that I have read, accepted, and agree to abide by the terms and conditions outlined above.

Duo Team Member 1 (Pusher of Racing Wheelchair)

Printed name

Date

Signature

Duo Team Member 2 (Pushee / Riding in Racing Wheelchair)

Printed name

Date

Signature

***NOTE: Please submit this signed form to DuoTeams@nyrr.org, along with a photo of the racing wheelchair being used during the marathon by Friday, July 10, 2026 at 4:00 PM (ET).**