NEW YORK MINI 10K 2026

NEW YORK ROAD RUNNERS

RACE NOTES

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ABOUT THE RACE

The **Mastercard New York Mini 10K**—organized by New York Road Runners (NYRR), the nonprofit that "runs" New York City producing 60 annual adult and youth races including the TCS New York City Marathon and providing free year-round youth and community programs—returns to Central Park **Saturday, June 6,** for the 54th running of the world's original women-only road race.

Founded in 1972 as the Crazylegs Mini Marathon, the race was named for the miniskirt, a symbol of women's liberation. Three weeks after the first race, Title IX was signed into law, guaranteeing girls and women the right to participate in school sports and creating new opportunities for generations of female athletes. As a leader in women's sports, New York Road Runners is committed year-round to uplifting athletes and fostering a community that believes in the power of every step to transform lives. The Mastercard New York Mini 10K empowers women of all ages and fitness levels to come together, be active, and accomplish running milestones. More than **10,500 women** are expected to participate in this year's race.

TOP STORYLINES

- New York Road Runners has recruited a star-studded professional field that includes **10 Olympians and Paralympians**, **9 global medalists,** and multiple national record holders representing **10 countries**. The open division is headlined by two former TCS New York City Marathon champions: **Hellen Obiri**—the defending champion—and **Sharon Lokedi**—the 2022 champion—as well as 10K world record holder **Agnes Ngetich.** They're joined by American half marathon record holder **Weini Kelati** and national champions **Jess McClain, Emma Grace Hurley, Ednah Kurgat, Annie Rodenfels, Rachel Smith, Amanda Vestri,** and **Stephanie Bruce**. The professional wheelchair division features five-time TCS New York City Marathon champion **Tatyana McFadden**.
- In addition to the adult 10K, 700 girls ages 8 to 18 will participate in the **10th Girls Run**, one of more than 20 free Rising New York Road Runners youth events New York Road Runners hosts each year.
- **40 NYRR Run for the Future** alumnae will participate in the Mastercard New York Mini 10K this year. Celebrating its **15th anniversary in 2026**, Run for the Future is a free six-week program that introduces young women in high school to running and wellness—including sessions, panels, and workshops focused on mental health, body image, financial responsibility, and more—and culminates in running their first 5K race. Since its inception, more than 670 young women have completed the program.
- On Thursday, June 4, at 5:30 p.m. ET, New York Road Runners will host a race-week panel and networking event titled, "Believe in Every Step: Championing Women Athletes Across Generations" at Volvo Cars Manhattan. The event will bring together the women's running community for an evening of inspiration and connection moderated by NYRR Board Chair **Nnenna Lynch** and featuring: **Kathrine Switzer**, road running legend and co-founder of New York Mini 10K, **Lynn Blackstone**, who ran the first-ever New York Mini 10K in 1972 and was one of the "Six Who Sat," **Viola Cheptoo,** 2026 Mastercard New York Mini 10K professional athlete and founder of Tirop's Angels, and **Safiatu Diagana**, Run for the Future alumna running the 2026 Mastercard New York Mini 10K**.**

Official Start Times	
7:50 a.m.	Professional Wheelchair Division
8:00 a.m.	Professional Open Division & General Runners
8:50 a.m.	Girls Run Stage 3 (ages 12-18) – 1 Mile
9:15 a.m.	Girls Run Stage 2 (ages 8-18) – 1 Mile
9:40 a.m.	Girls Run Stage 2 Corrals E-F (Ages 12-18) – 1/2 Mile
9:50 a.m.	Girls Run Stage 2 Corrals G-H (Ages 8-11) – 1/2 Mile

The race starts at Central Park West and 89th Street and finishes on the 72nd Street Transverse.

EVENT RECORDS

Open Division: 30:12, Senbere Teferi, Ethiopia, 2023
Wheelchair Division: 20:49, Susannah Scaroni, USA, 2025

HOW TO WATCH

The 2026 Mastercard New York Mini 10K will be covered by an all-women broadcast team featuring WABC Sports Anchor **Sam Ryan**, U.S. Olympians **Carrie Tollefson** and **Alysia Montaño**, and host of the "Ali on the Run Show" podcast **Ali Feller.** The professional fields will be covered by a livestream, distributed domestically by ESPN+ and abc7ny.com, and internationally from NYRR's YouTube channel beginning at 7:45 a.m. ET. Additional coverage will be available in the tristate area on ABC New York, Channel 7, with live news cut-ins from 6 to 10 a.m.

NYRR APP

Participants, spectators, and supporters can access runner tracking, leaderboards, race-day information, and course maps through the **NYRR App** Developed by Tata Consultancy Services. Within the year-round app, fans can watch uninterrupted live feeds of the professional wheelchair and open divisions. The NYRR App is available for download on the Apple App Store and Google Play.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Media interested in covering the race on site MUST apply for a media credential.

ABOUT MASTERCARD

Mastercard is a global technology company in the payments industry. We support a wide range of digital payments choices, making transactions secure, simple, smart, and accessible. Since 2020, Mastercard has sponsored New York Road Runners and its annual race circuit, helping bring runners and spectators closer to their passion for the sport. Through our work together, the Mastercard New York Mini 10K empowers runners, primarily women, of all ages, fitness levels and more. It also provides an opportunity to spotlight small businesses rooted in New York City with opportunities to increase their visibility in the local community so they can grow and thrive.

PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE FIELDS

Open Division			
Name	**Country**	**Residence**	**10K Personal Best**
Agnes Ngetich	KEN	Iten, KEN	28:46 WR (Valencia, 2024)
Klara Lukan	SLO	Lublanja, SLO	29:51 NR (Laredo, 2026)
Joan Chelimo	ROM	Iten, KEN	30:14+ (Prague, 2018)
Hellen Obiri	KEN	Boulder, Colo.	30:15 (Manchester, 2022)
Tsigie Gebreselama	ETH	Boulder, Colo.	30:29 (Paderborn, 2023)
Weini Kelati	USA	Flagstaff, Ariz.	30:49 (Mini, 2025)
Sharon Lokedi	KEN	Flagstaff, Ariz.	30:52 (Mini, 2022)
Viola Cheptoo	KEN	Iten, KEN	30:55 (Phoenix, 2019)
Emma Grace Hurley	USA	Indianapolis	31:00 (Tokyo, 2025)
Jessica McClain	USA	Scottsdale, Ariz.	31:13 (Mesa, Ariz., 2026)
Amanda Vestri	USA	Boone, N.C.	31:17 (Mini, 2024)
Annie Frisbie	USA	Hopkins, Minn.	31:37 (Charleston, S.C., 2026)
Bailey Hertenstein	USA	Boulder, Colo.	31:48 (Mini, 2025)
Annie Rodenfels	USA	Boulder, Colo.	31:54 (Boston, 2024)
Ednah Kurgat	USA	Colorado Springs, Colo.	31:56 (Miramar, Fla., 2025)
Dakotah Popehn	USA	Burnsville, Minn.	31:58 (Mini, 2024)
Fionnuala McCormack	IRL	Dublin, IRL	32:08 (Meath, IRL, 2022)
Emily Venters	USA	Salt Lake City	32:11 (Boston, 2024)
Stephanie Bruce	USA	Flagstaff, Ariz.	32:21 (Atlanta, 2018)
Tess Barrett	USA	Arlington, Va.	32:27+ (Philadelphia, 2026)
Rachel Smith	USA	Flagstaff, Ariz.	32:35 (Cape Elizabeth, Maine, 2024)
Mercy Chelangat	KEN	Flagstaff, Ariz.	32:37 (Boston, 2024)
WuGa He	CHN	Chengdu, China	33:06 (Mini, 2022)
Elena Hayday	USA	Minneapolis	33:30 (Boston, 2024)
Sophia King	USA	Chesterfield, Va.	33:50 (Northport, N.Y., 2023)
Lisa Hart	GBR	Winter Garden, Fla.	34:05 (Winter Park, Fla, 2026)
Gabi Rooker	USA	Minneapolis	34:11 (Charleston, S.C., 2026)
Madison Offstein	USA	New York	34:24 (Atlanta, 2021)
Brooke Starn	USA	New York	35:14 (New York City, 2024)
Alexandra Conway	USA	New York	35:28 (New York City, 2025)
Alana Levy	USA	New York	35:50+ (New York City, 2025)
Alosha Southern	USA	Brooklyn, N.Y	35:52 (Mini, 2024)
Annabel Stafford	USA	North Grafton, Mass.	36:02 (Boston, 2025)
Stephanie Diacovo	USA	New York	36:19+ (Brooklyn, N.Y., 2026)
Anastasia Dmitrienko	USA	New York	36:20+ (Brooklyn, N.Y., 2026)
Jennifer DiMascio-Donohue	USA	Long Island City, N.Y.	36:42 (Flushing, N.Y., 2025)
Katarina Mayer	CAN	New York	36:51 (Flushing, N.Y., 2025)
Katarina Birimac	AUS	Bronx, N.Y.	Debut
Cailie Hughes	USA	Bloomington, Minn.	Debut
Amisa Murayama	JPN	Sendai, JPN	Debut
Nazuki Sasaki	JPN	Sendai, JPN	Debut
Sydney Vaught	USA	Fayetteville, Ark.	Debut

Wheelchair Division			
Name	**Country**	**Residence**	**10K Personal Best**
Tatyana McFadden	USA	Baltimore	23:14 (Atlanta, 2016)
Hannah Dederick	USA	Champaign, Ill.	24:29 (Mini, 2025)
Linden Williamson	USA	Boerne, Texas	25:11 (Mini, 2025)
Michelle Wheeler	USA	Dallas	26:04 (Mini, 2023)
Hoda Elshorbagy	EGY	Champaign, Ill.	26:09 (Mini, 2025)
Milena Sobie	USA	Streetsboro, Ohio	30:17 (Cedartown, Ga., 2025)
Rachel Cleaver	USA	Beloit, Texas	34:44 (Atlanta, 2025)
April Coughlin	USA	New York	35:37 (Mini, 2025)

WR = World Record
NR = National Record
+ signifies en route performance

PRIZE PURSE

The 2026 Mastercard New York Mini 10K will offer $45,000 in prize money to runners in the professional athlete division and New York Road Runners members. Prize money is for women only and is determined by Gun Time.

Open Division	
1st	$10,000
2nd	$8,000
3rd	$5,000
4th	$2,500
5th	$1,000
6th	$500
7th	$250

USA Division	
1st	$5,000
2nd	$2,500
3rd	$1,250
4th	$750
5th	$500

Wheelchair Division	
1st	$2,500
2nd	$1,500
3rd	$1,000

NYRR Member Division	
1st	$1,000
2nd	$750
3rd	$500

NYRR Member Division 40+	
1st	$250
2nd	$150
3rd	$100

NOTABLE DATES IN EVENT HISTORY

June 3, 1972: The first women-only road race, the six-mile Crazylegs Mini Marathon, makes its debut. A total of 72 women finish the race. Three weeks later, Title IX is signed into law, guaranteeing women the right to participate in school sports and creating new opportunities for generations of female athletes.

May 31, 1980: Grete Waitz of Norway breaks her own event and world records, winning in 31:00.

June 2, 1984: Waitz wins her fifth Mini 10K title, setting a record for the most victories by an athlete in event history.

June 6, 1998: The race surpasses the 100,000 mark for total finishers.

June 10, 2000: Tegla Loroupe of Kenya wins her fifth and final Mini crown, tying Grete Waitz for most wins in event history.

June 9, 2001: Paula Radcliffe of Great Britain breaks Grete Waitz's 21-year-old event record by 13 seconds.

June 8, 2002: Asmae Leghzaoui of Morocco breaks Radcliffe's one-year-old event record, winning in 30:29. Runner-up Lornah Kiplagat of Kenya also finishes under the previous record, crossing the finish in 30:44.

June 12, 2004: Deena Kastor becomes the first U.S. champion since Kim Griffin in 1998. Kastor would take the bronze medal at the 2024 Athens Olympic Marathon two months later.

June 9, 2018: Susannah Scaroni wins the event's first-ever professional wheelchair division title in a world-best time of 22:48, as the event surpassed the 200,000 total finisher mark.

June 8, 2019: The open division race serves as the USATF 10K Championships for the first time, with Sara Hall winning the national title in 32:27. In the wheelchair division, Susannah Scaroni betters her world-best time with a new mark of 22:22.

June 12, 2021: Sponsored for the first time by Mastercard, the event marks the first regularly scheduled and largest New York Road Runners race since the COVID-19 pandemic began. It also marks the return of a professional athlete race for New York Road Runners for the first time since the 2019 TCS New York City Marathon.

June 11, 2022: The race celebrates the 50th anniversary of the event. Several legends and pioneers of the sport help mark the occasion, including Jacki Marsh-Dixon, the first Mini 10K champion; Kathrine Switzer, the 1974 New York City Marathon champion who also ran the first Mini 10K;

Deena Kastor, Olympic medalist and 2004 Mini 10K champion; and Lynn Blackstone, Pat Barrett, and Nina Kuscsik, three of the "Six Who Sat" at the 1972 New York City Marathon.

June 10, 2023: Senbere Teferi breaks the open division event record by outsprinting Hellen Obiri in the final 800 meters to finish in 30:12, while Susannah Scaroni breaks her own event record in the wheelchair division, leading the entirety of the race to clock a 21:06.

June 7, 2025: Nearly 10,000 athletes cross the finish line, marking the largest race in event history. Hellen Obiri wins the open division, breaking the tape in 30:44, and six-time champion Susannah Scaroni sets a new wheelchair division event record of 20:49. Weini Kelati runs the fastest-ever 10K by an American woman in 30:49.

PAST CHAMPIONS AND TOTAL FINISHERS

Year	Athlete	Country	Time	Finishers
1972	Jacqueline Dixon	USA	37:02*	72
1973	Katherine Schrader	USA	36:49*	96
1974	Doreen Ennis	USA	36:46*	152
1975	Charlotte Lettis	USA	35:57	276
1976	Julie Shea	USA	35:05	408
1977	Peg Neppel	USA	34:16	1,894
1978	Martha White	USA	33:30	3,334
1979	Grete Waitz	NOR	31:16	4,118
1980	Grete Waitz	NOR	31:00	4,021
1981	Grete Waitz	NOR	32:44	4,137
1982	Grete Waitz	NOR	32:00	4,500
1983	Anne Audain	NZL	32:23	4,681
1984	Grete Waitz	NOR	31:53	4,565
1985	Francie Larrieu Smith	USA	32:23	5,566
1986	Ingrid Kristiansen	NOR	31:45	5,775
1987	Lisa Martin	AUS	32:49	5,897
1988	Ingrid Kristiansen	NOR	31:31	6,190
1989	Lynn Williams	CAN	32:09	5,686
1990	Judi St. Hilaire	USA	32:36	4,487
1991	Delilah Asiago	KEN	32:24	3,617
1992	Liz McColgan	SCO	31:41	2,866
1993	Tegla Loroupe	KEN	32:30	4,368
1994	Anne Marie Letko	USA	31:52	5,421
1995	Delilah Asiago	KEN	31:22	6,387
1996	Tegla Loroupe	KEN	32:12	6,154
1997	Tegla Loroupe	KEN	31:45	6,582
1998	Kim Griffin	USA	35:26	5,103
1999	Tegla Loroupe	KEN	31:48	4,622
2000	Tegla Loroupe	KEN	31:37	2,453
2001	Paula Radcliffe	ENG	30:47	3,748
2002	Asmae Leghzaoui	MAR	30:29	3,829
2003	Lornah Kiplagat	KEN	31:13	3,467
2004	Deena Kastor	USA	31:44	3,389
2005	Lornah Kiplagat	NED	31:44	3,606
2006	Lornah Kiplagat	NED	31:27	3,552
2007	Lornah Kiplagat	NED	32:10	3,522
2008	Hilda Kibet	NED	32:43	4,108
2009	Rose Kosgei	KEN	32:43	4,304
2010	Linet Masai	KEN	30:48	5,193
2011	Linet Masai	KEN	31:39	4,766
2012	Edna Kiplagat	KEN	32:08	6,123
2013	Mamitu Daska	ETH	31:47	5,595
2014	Molly Huddle	USA	31:37	5,892
2015	Mary Keitany	KEN	31:15	7,892
2016	Jemima Sumgong	KEN	31:26	8,844
2017	Mary Keitany	KEN	31:20	8,475
2018	Mary Keitany & Susannah Scaroni	KEN/USA	30:59/22:48	8,370
2019	Sara Hall & Susannah Scaroni	USA/USA	32:27/22:22	8,885
2021	Sara Hall & Susannah Scaroni	USA/USA	31:33/22:44	2,875**
2022	Senbere Teferi & Susannah Scaroni	ETH/USA	30:43/21:10	7,409
2023	Senbere Teferi & Susannah Scaroni	ETH/USA	30:12/21:06	8,377
2024	Senbere Teferi	ETH	30:47	9,694
2025	Hellen Obiri & Susannah Scaroni	KEN/USA	30:44/20:49	9,987

**The course was six miles.* ***Limited race capacity due to COVID-19 pandemic*

2025 MASTERCARD NEW YORK MINI 10K – TOP OPEN DIVISION FINISHERS

Rank	Athlete	Country	Time
1	Hellen Obiri	KEN	30:44
2	Weini Kelati	USA	30:49
3	Gotytom Gebreslase	ETH	30:54
4	Taylor Roe	USA	30:58
5	Sharon Lokedi	KEN	31:13
6	Amanda Vestri	USA	31:20
7	Grace Nawowuna	KEN	31:34
8	Emma Grace Hurley	USA	31:42
9	Bailey Hertenstein	USA	31:48
10	Juliette Thomas	BEL	31:52

2025 MASTERCARD NEW YORK MINI 10K – TOP WHEELCHAIR DIVISION FINISHERS

Rank	Athlete	Country	Time
1	Susannah Scaroni	USA	20:49
2	Tatyana McFadden	USA	23:32
3	Hannah Dederick	USA	24:29
4	Linden Williamson	USA	25:11
5	Hoda Elshorbagy	EGY	26:09
6	Chelsea Stein	USA	26:34
7	April Coughlin	USA	35:37
8	Rachel Cleaver	USA	36:04
9	Gawa Strachan	USA	2:11:29

10 FASTEST MASTERCARD NEW YORK MINI 10K PERFORMANCES, ALL-TIME – OPEN DIVISION

Rank	Athlete	Country	Time	Year
1	Senbere Teferi	ETH	30:12	2023
2	Hellen Obiri	KEN	30:19	2023
3	Asmae Leghzaoui	MAR	30:29	2002
4	Senbere Teferi	ETH	30:43	2022
4	Lornah Kiplagat	KEN	30:43	2002
6	Hellen Obiri	KEN	30:44	2025
7	Senbere Teferi	ETH	30:47	2024
7	Paula Radcliffe	ENG	30:47	2001
9	Linet Masai	KEN	30:48	2010
10	Weini Kelati	USA	30:49	2025

10 FASTEST MASTERCARD NEW YORK MINI 10K PERFORMANCES, ALL-TIME – WHEELCHAIR DIVISION

Rank	Athlete	Country	Time	Year
1	Susannah Scaroni	USA	20:49	2025
2	Susannah Scaroni	USA	21:06	2023
3	Susannah Scaroni	USA	21:10	2022
4	Susannah Scaroni	USA	22:22	2019
5	Susannah Scaroni	USA	22:44	2021
6	Susannah Scaroni	USA	22:48	2018
7	Tatayana McFadden	USA	23:32	2025
8	Tatayana McFadden	USA	23:34	2018
9	Tatayana McFadden	USA	24:01	2019
10	Amanda McGrory	USA	24:28	2018

10 FASTEST MASTERCARD NEW YORK MINI 10K PERFORMANCES BY AMERICANS, ALL-TIME OPEN DIVISION

Rank	Athlete	Time	Year
1	Weini Kelati	30:49	2025
2	Taylor Roe	30:58	2025
3	Keira D'Amato	31:03	2022
4	Aliphine Tuliamuk	31:08	2022
5	Emily Sisson	31:16	2023
6	Amanda Vestri	31:17	2024
7	Amanda Vestri	31:20	2025
8	Jessica McClain	31:22	2024
9	Keira D'Amato	31:23	2023
10	Emily Sisson	31:29	2022

NOTABLE AND HUMAN-INTEREST RUNNERS

In addition to the professional athlete field, the 2026 Mastercard New York Mini 10K will feature several notable runners with inspirational stories, including:

- **Patina Miller:** Tony-Award-winning Broadway star who will be performing her final show of her residency at Café Carlyle the evening of the race. Patina's daughter will be joining her on race day to participate in the **Girls Run.**
- **Jennafer Newberry Peery:** Actress currently in Broadway's "Wicked" as Glinda's standby and running her second-ever New York Road Runners race after the 2025 Broadway Mile.
- **Cathleen London (Teaneck, N.J.)**: A triathlete, marathon runner, doctor, and lawyer returning to run the Mastercard New York Mini 10K after having a brain tumor removed last April. Six months after her own surgery, her son was also diagnosed with a brain tumor after an ER visit—a devastating coincidence that inspired her to use running to raise funds for brain tumor research.
- **Denise Peralta (Elmhurst, Queens, N.Y.):** An alumna of NYRR Run for the Future, a free six-week program introducing young women in high school to running, who returned to the sport last year after a decade away. Her first race back was the 2025 Mastercard New York Mini 10K, making this year's race a meaningful milestone in her running journey as part of the Run for the Future community. This summer, she'll give back to the program as a Race Buddy for this year's session.
- **Shira Stein (Morningside Heights, New York, N.Y.)**: A breast cancer survivor who turned to running as a way to take care of her health, feel more confident in her body after a double mastectomy, and set an example of strength and resilience for her 12-year-old daughter.
- **Danielle Todman (Scotch Plains, N.J.)**: A track & field and cross country coach, Air Force veteran, and domestic violence survivor who has found strength and community through women's running and now hopes to use her experience to create a safe space for her student athletes.
- **Chantal Watler (Philadelphia, Pa.):** A "Crazyleg" who has been running the Mini 10K nearly every year since 1999, when her mother first inspired her to start running. The two always ran the race together—even through her mother's chemotherapy treatments—until her passing in 2015. Chantal now runs every race in her mom's memory, wearing a photo of her on her bib.