

# SPECTATOR GUIDELINES

The **Boston Marathon** is a special celebration of running, community and accomplishments.

The B.A.A. is committed to creating an amazing race day experience for all. As a spectator of a B.A.A. event you play a powerful role in fostering a sense of belonging and community for participants, volunteers, staff, and fellow spectators. We are especially grateful to the cities and towns that host us year after year and appreciate the effort spectators make to treat every person, and their property, along the route with **dignity, respect, and care.**

Spectators are not allowed to enter the course, run alongside athletes, or impede athletes in any manner. Any person on the course without an official race bib or accreditation will be directed to leave the course immediately.

- ▶ Bicycles, scooters, strollers and other unauthorized vehicles are not permitted on the course.
- ▶ Spectators are prohibited from throwing any items onto the course. Such items include – but are not limited to - confetti, streamers, bubbles and bottles.
- ▶ Spectators are asked to refrain from the use of discriminatory or offensive language, or obscene gestures. Discriminatory and offensive language includes, but is not limited to a person's race, ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or national origin.
- ▶ Spectators are expected to refrain from verbal and physical harassment of staff, volunteers, race officials, public safety officials, participants and other spectators.
- ▶ Spectators are asked not to interfere with race operations, for example, impeding access to medical tents and hydration stations.
- ▶ Spectators are asked not to leave any trash along the course. If garbage cans are not available, please take trash with you.
- ▶ Spectators are asked to respect their surroundings as well as the residents, and their properties, along the course.
- ▶ Spectators are asked not to bring the following prohibited items to the course:
  - ▶ Weapons of any kind
  - ▶ Suitcases and rolling bags/rollers
  - ▶ Inflatable items that could impede participants on the course
  - ▶ Flammable liquids, fuels, fireworks or explosives
- ▶ The use of drones (unmanned aerial vehicles) anywhere, including above the course is prohibited.
- ▶ Along the 26.2-mile course spectators should expect a significant presence of uniformed police officers. These measures are taken for the security of participants and spectators.



**FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THE CODE OF CONDUCT ANYWHERE ALONG THE COURSE MAY RESULT IN BEING ASKED BY PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS TO LEAVE THE VICINITY.**