

2026 TCS New York City Marathon - Agreement and Understanding

Application Deadline: March 15, 2026

Runner Commitments:

By participating, runners agree to the following obligations:

- **Fundraising Minimum:** Raise at least \$4,000 for the American Neuromuscular Foundation (ANF). The final fundraising amount is due by **Monday, November 2, 2026**.
 - If the minimum is not met, the runner is responsible for paying the difference.
- **Travel Arrangements:** Arrange and cover the cost of personal travel and accommodations.
- **Event Registration Fee:** Pay the \$315 race registration fee by **September 8, 2026**, directly to the NYC Marathon NYRR using the invitation code provided on the NYRR event registration website.
- **ANF Apparel:** Share photos wearing the ANF-provided apparel.
- **Training Commitment:** Dedicate adequate time and effort to train for the event.

Runner Benefits:

- **Guaranteed Entry:** Secure a spot in the 2026 TCS New York City Marathon.
 - No race bib lottery (only 12% of lottery entrants are typically accepted).
 - No time qualification requirement.
- **ANF Support:**
 - Receive an ANF-branded shirt, donate button, business cards with QR code to donate.
 - Personalized Social Media Tool Kit.
 - Access to a personalized fundraising webpage with IT support.
 - Promotion of your participation and fundraising efforts through ANF/AANEM communication channels.
- **Impact:** Contribute to advancing neuromuscular research and raising awareness of ANF.

Declaration:

By submitting my application and being approved to participate, I pledge to:

- Raise a minimum of **\$4,000** for the ANF by **November 2, 2026**. I understand the ANF reserves the right to remove me as an entrant if I do not meet this obligation. If removed, I forfeit my entrance fee, and any funds raised will remain with the ANF.
- Accept responsibility for paying the difference if my fundraising minimum is not met by the deadline, unless alternate arrangements are made with ANF staff.
- Refrain from canceling or deferring participation without prior approval from the ANF. If I am unable to run for any reason, including injury, I am still obligated to meet the fundraising minimum.

Event Cancellation Policy:

In the event the marathon is canceled due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g., acts of God, terrorism, severe weather, pandemic, or any other reason determined by the NYC Marathon organizers), I understand:

- Registration fees paid to the NYC Marathon are non-refundable.
- Any donations collected as of the cancellation date will remain with the ANF.
- ANF is not guaranteed entry into the NYC Marathon the following year; therefore, my participation in a subsequent race is not assured.

By submitting my application, I confirm that I have read, understood, and agree to the terms and conditions outlined above.