



# 2023 SoleMates Team FAQ

## What are the benefits of joining the SoleMates team?

Aside from the impact that your work as a Solemate makes in ensuring that girls who need it most can participate in our programming, there are some great additional perks, including:

- Free, guaranteed entry into the Bank of America Chicago Marathon
- Complimentary marathon training program with Chicago Endurance Sports or Run for Change (in-person and virtual options)
- VIP Race Day amenities across the street from the start line, including pre/post-race food, beverages, massage, and more!
- SoleMates team gear, including racing singlet
- Team dinner during race weekend
- Awards and incentives for top fundraisers
- Customizable, online fundraising page
- Access to fundraising support and coaching

## Are there still spots left?

Yes! We will update our website and team pages when there are no longer entries available.

## What are the fundraising minimums for SoleMate running the Bank of America Chicago Marathon?

As a charity runner, you will commit to fundraising the below amount for Girls on the Run-Chicago:

- \$1,250 if you are a 2020 Deferred SoleMate.
- \$1,250 if you register for the team before the close of the marathon lottery on November 17, 2022 at 2 PM CT.
- \$1,750 if you register for the team after the close of the marathon lottery on November 17, 2022 at 2 PM CT.

## I am interested in joining the SoleMates BOA Chicago Marathon Team. What are the next steps?

Wonderful! Thanks so much for wanting to make such an amazing decision!

1. Complete the 2023 SoleMates Team Registration [HERE](#).
2. Claim your bib with the link provided in the confirmation email of the registration form.
3. Girls on the Run will approve your bib request, and you will officially be on the team. We will send you a welcome email once approved with all the information you need.

## I'm a deferred runner from the 2020 team. What is different for me?

All deferred runners need to claim their bib by 2 pm CST on November 17, 2022. Any and all fundraising that you did in 2020 will be credited to your fundraising page for the 2023 race.

## What is the cancellation policy once I register for the team?

- Runners who experience an injury or illness that requires them to withdraw from the race are required to meet the following fundraising levels:
  - Notify SoleMates Staff on or before April 15, 2023: \$250 is due by June 29, 2023.
  - Notify SoleMates Staff between April 16, 2023 and June 8, 2023: 25% of fundraising minimum required, due by July 31, 2023.
  - Notify SoleMates Staff between June 9, 2023 and July 26, 2023: 50% of fundraising minimum required, due by September 20, 2023.
  - Notify SoleMates Staff between July 27, 2023 and September 14, 2023: 75% of fundraising minimum required, due by October 31, 2023.
  - Notify SoleMates Staff between September 15, 2023 and October 8, 2023: 100% of fundraising minimum required, due by October 31, 2023.
- If a runner decides not to complete the Chicago Marathon for non-injury related reasons (ex: relocation, scheduling conflict, etc.), they are responsible for their full fundraising commitment.
- Under no circumstances will funds raised be refunded to the runner or to their individual donors, even in the event of cancellation or postponement of the Chicago Marathon.
- In the event that the Bank of America Chicago Marathon is canceled, with deferment as an option, and you opt for deferment, we cannot guarantee that all of the funds you raised in 2022 will be applied to any 2023 fundraising requirements.

## What if I am running from another GOTR Council?

We have a limited number of sister council entries this year and runners will be allowed to join the team on a first-come, first-served basis. If you are interested in joining, please fill out this [Sister Council Entry Form](#).

If the sister council bibs are all taken, this does not mean that you cannot join the SoleMates team, but that if you do join the team we won't be able to provide a portion of your fundraising to another council. Email [solemates@gotrchicago.org](mailto:solemates@gotrchicago.org) if the sister council bibs are full but you would still like to join the team.