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2017 MISSISSAUGA MARATHON TO FEATURE STRONG ELITE FIELD

Mississauga, ON – The 2017 Mississauga Marathon will feature a strong mix of Canadian and international elites, competing in various distances over Race Weekend on May 6th and 7th, 2017. 18 elite runners have already been confirmed to attend the Mississauga Marathon, competing in the Full Marathon, Half Marathon, and MNP 10KM events.

Canadian male elites, Tyler Chacra of Oakville, ON, Robert Brouillette of Cambridge, ON, and Lucas McAneney of Etobicoke, ON, look to beat their personal bests in the Full Marathon event on Sunday, May 7th. Brouillette finished first in the 2016 Mississauga Half Marathon, while Chacra finished second overall and top Canadian in the 2016 Full Marathon, and McAneney finished fourth overall. McAneney has also won the Mississauga Half Marathon, Nutrience Oakville Half Marathon, Niagara Falls International Marathon, and the Edmonton Marathon in the past.

“I’m super excited to be returning to the Mississauga Marathon this year,” says Tyler Chacra, who has also placed first in 2013 and 2014 in the Nutrience Oakville Half Marathon. “The men’s marathon field is yet again looking really strong [and] with this sort of talent in the mix I wouldn’t be surprised to see five or six of us go sub 2:35. This will certainly be a fun one!”

Chacra’s run club, Grand River Endurance, is training to win at the Mississauga Marathon, competing against The Black Lungs Toronto run club in a series of runs. The two clubs will face off at the Chilly Half Marathon in early March, the Around the Bay 30K at the end of March, and the finale race, the Mississauga Marathon, in May. A point system will keep track of the results at each race, tallying up to ultimately decide the challenge winner. “We are all friends,” says Chacra. “This is just some friendly, added competition to fuel everyone’s training.”

The elite field will look to beat both the female record, set in 2009 by Canadian Olympian Krista DuChene, and the male record, set in 2010 by Kenyan Daniel Njenga. Njenga is expected to compete once again in 2017.

Meanwhile, Canadian female elites, Tanis Bolton of Paris, ON, and Laura McLean of Toronto, ON, who finished one-two in the female category of the MNP 10KM event in 2016, will duel again for the top spot in the 2017 MNP 10KM, on Saturday, May 6th.

Race Weekend will include up to \$12,000 in prize awarded to the top three finishers in each of the male and female categories for the Full Marathon, Half Marathon and MNP 10KM distances, with additional prize awarded to top participants in each event distance and age categories.

Of notable mention, international elite, Justin Lagat of Kenya, will be participating in the Race Weekend Warrior Challenge, alongside Canadian Josh Bolton, completing both the MNP 10KM on Saturday, May 6th and the Half Marathon on Sunday, May 7th. Lagat will also be competing in the Scotiabank Ottawa Marathon at the end of May. Participants who are interested in pushing their limits in the Race Weekend Warrior Challenge can find more information at www.mississaugamarathon.com/raceweekendwarrior/

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About the Mississauga Marathon

The 2017 Mississauga Marathon Race Weekend is scheduled to take place from Friday, May 5 to Sunday, May 7. Race weekend will also include a Runner's Expo that is open to the general public at Port Credit Memorial Arena on Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6, 2017. The Mississauga Marathon will continue to offer "A Run For Everyone." Events will include the Full Marathon, Sal Guzzo, LL.B. Relay Challenge, Half Marathon, MNP 10KM, 10KM Student Relay, Novo Nordisk @ "Hazel" 5KM and a 2KM Fun Run/Walk. Registration is open: www.mississaugamarathon.com.



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