

The Kansas City Marathon course has been redesigned for 2017 to make the course faster, maximize the runner experience and create a unique, memorable finish. Here are the highlights of our 2017 courses:

10K

The 10K distance option is new for the Kansas City Marathon in 2017, but we are excited about the course we are providing for our participants!

Runners will start heading north on Grand Blvd towards downtown Kansas City. The first mile of the race is a gentle uphill – be sure not to let the adrenaline get to you and run too fast up this hill at the start. Runners will see Sprint Center (one of the top arenas in the United States) and The College Basketball Experience on the right, as well as the Kansas City Power & Light District on the left during the first mile of the race.

Mile two is a nice, easy downhill mile and will take runners past the Kansas City, MO City Hall and the Jackson County Courthouse.

Mile three is a challenging, uphill mile, but this will be the last big hill of the race.

The fourth mile has some rolling hills, but is not an especially tough mile. When crossing 31st street during this mile, 10K runners get a view of the popular Martini Corner entertainment district on their right.

When runners get to 36th street around the 4-mile marker, they will turn right and start making their way towards the finish.

After turning right onto Broadway in Mile 5, runners can look for the Golden Dome of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception's in the distance, which is an indication that you're almost home.

A right turn on 31st street provides the last little challenge of the day – a hill lasting about a ¼ mile that starts on 31st street and continues briefly on Main Street, which is the final turn of the race.

The highlight of the course may be in the final mile when runners crest the last hill at 30th & Main and are provided with a breathtaking view of the downtown Kansas City skyline. Equally as exciting, the last ¾ of a mile is downhill on Main, and it is arguably one of the fastest finishes in American road racing.

As you coast downhill to the finish, be sure to take in the National World War I Museum and Memorial on your left, as well as the great view of Kansas City's iconic Union Station as you cross the finish line!