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## **Kansas City Marathon presented by Garmin recognized as Best Marathon in Missouri by RaceRaves**

KANSAS CITY, MO (November 29, 2018) – The results are in, and the [Kansas City Marathon presented by Garmin](#) has been recognized by RaceRaves as the top marathon in Missouri.

RaceRaves, the leading online race finder and community review site for runners, recently announced the winners of its “Best Marathons in the U.S.” poll. The top race in each state was selected based on votes from thousands of runners across the country, along with reviews and ratings from [RaceRaves.com](#). The handy “who’s who” guide will help first-timers and seasoned marathoners alike build their all-star marathon wish list.



“This initiative was born out of our passion and commitment to help runners discover the best races across the country.” said RaceRaves Co-founder Mike Sohaskey. “We’re thrilled at the enthusiastic response from runners nationwide, and we congratulate each of these first-class events on this well-deserved recognition.”

The Kansas City Marathon presented by Garmin was selected due to participant comments praising the exceptional event production and on-course support, strong community involvement, scenic marathon course and entertaining Finish Line Festival - all of which helped showcase the beauty and attractions of Kansas City.

“We are absolutely thrilled to have been selected by runners from around the country as RaceRaves top race in Missouri,” said Dave Borchardt, Race Director for the Kansas City Marathon. “We strive to improve the participant experience every year so it’s very rewarding to receive recognition for those efforts.”

The complete list of winning marathons by state is available on [RaceRaves.com](#).

The Kansas City Marathon presented by Garmin has also made the top 20 Marathons on [BibRave.com](#), thus qualifying for *The BibRave 100: a Definitive List of the Best Races in America*. The race also was selected as one of the top 10 races in the Awesome Medals and Bling category. The BibRave 100 was announced on November 28 in Austin, TX at The Running Event 2018 (North America’s largest specialty running conference and trade show). This list is voted on by runners from around the world and within the Running Industry.

The Kansas City Marathon presented by Garmin is the largest race in the community and has an economic impact of over \$8 million. The race welcomes runners from all 50 states and multiple countries each year. Runners can choose from four distances: full marathon, half marathon, 10K and 5K.

**About RaceRaves**

Founded in 2014, [RaceRaves.com](http://RaceRaves.com) is the leading online race finder and reviews community for runners around the world to share their experiences and find their next challenge. The company's robust race database, intuitive search tools, finisher reviews from all 50 states and 75+ countries, and compelling editorial content establish RaceRaves as a trusted resource for runners of all levels. With its authentic voice and fast-growing audience of avid and engaged endurance athletes, RaceRaves helps brands and events connect with runners in today's increasingly saturated marketplace.

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