

2026 Chicago Marathon

Terms and Conditions

The Chicago Marathon will be one of CCLG's most important fundraising events in 2026. We need all our charity place runners to honour their pledge and raise a minimum of **£1,500 by one month after the event date**. These terms and conditions are to ensure that we can support our runners in the best possible way, while raising as much money as possible to support our work and help us to beat childhood cancer.

What you can expect from CCLG

- Once you have applied for a CCLG charity place in the 2026 Chicago Marathon, your application will be assessed by the CCLG Fundraising Team. We receive far more applications than we have available race places, so unfortunately not everyone who applies will be given a place.
- Once you have been offered a place, agreed to the fundraising pledge and paid your entry fee, CCLG will reserve a charity place for you. However, CCLG has the right to revoke your place in exceptional circumstances.
- We will send you a fundraising pack which contains information about training and fundraising, and a CCLG vest or t-shirt to wear on race day.
- The CCLG Fundraising Team is here to help. We will provide advice and support to help you with your fundraising and achieve your minimum fundraising target.

What we expect from you

- If you are successful, we will ask you to pay a **£100 registration fee**, which helps to cover CCLG's costs. This fee is non-refundable under any circumstances including but not limited to dropping out due to injury and a change in work or social commitments. **Your registration fee should be paid within two weeks of the invoice being sent by CCLG.** If it is not paid within the two-week period, we reserve the right to offer your place to another applicant.
- Payment of the registration fee indicates your agreement to these terms and conditions.
- In the run up to the event, CCLG will send you an email from asking you to complete your registration on the Realbuzz Platform to confirm your charity place. You must complete this within two weeks of receiving the email. We will contact you at least once via email and phone about completing your registration. If you do not complete it, you will not have a place in the Chicago Marathon, and we reserve the right to offer your spot to another charity place applicant.
- Fundraising pledge: You agree to raise a minimum of £1,500 for CCLG. We expect you to raise at least:
 - £500 by 31 March 2026
 - £1,000 by 31 July 2026

- £1,500 by 11 November 2026 (1 month after the event)
- If you do not reach these targets then CCLG has the right to revoke your place.
- If you fail to reach your £1,500 target by one month after the event, you will be liable for the difference. You can either self-donate to your own fundraising page, or we can invoice you for the difference.
- If you have any concerns regarding reaching your fundraising target, please do contact the CCLG Fundraising Team, they are here to help and support you.
- Online fundraising pages: Using Just Giving will be an important part of your fundraising. CCLG will send you a specific link to set up your Just Giving Page. Please use the link provided as this ensures that your fundraising is allocated correctly.
- As a CCLG charity runner, you will agree that 100% of the money raised through your fundraising page will come to CCLG and will not be split with any other charity.
- Special Named Funds: 100% of the money you raise will come to CCLG and cannot go to one of our Special Named Funds. If you have a connection to a Special Named Fund and have accepted one of our CCLG charity spots for the Chicago Marathon, you cannot raise money for this fund. All the money you raise will go to CCLG and cannot be restricted to a fund and their relevant area of research. We are unable to restrict your fundraising to a special named fund as CCLG have purchased the marathon places.
- You cannot use your CCLG charity place for commercial gain.
- Any offline donations must be forwarded to CCLG in a timely manner.
- Existing donations to CCLG: Any donations you already make to CCLG cannot be included in your fundraising total.
- Gift Aid: We cannot include the amount raised through Gift Aid in your fundraising total. However, please encourage your sponsors to Gift Aid their donations where possible – this can add an extra 25p for every £1 donated, at no extra cost to them.

Further Expectations

- Travel and Accommodation: You are responsible for booking and covering the cost of any travel and accommodation arrangements that you require for this event. CCLG are not responsible for any costs associated with travel and accommodation, nor are we responsible for any cancellation fees.
- Media: Any images, video, audio and quotes we collect from you during the course of your Chicago Marathon journey may be used by CCLG in future marketing materials.
- Injury and deferrals: If you are injured and unable to take part in the event, please let CCLG know as soon as possible. We will assess deferral requests on a case-by-

case basis. CCLG cannot guarantee that we will be able to offer you a place in the event the following year.

- Conditions of entry: You must be 18 years old or over on the event day. It is your responsibility to ensure your fitness to take part in the event.
- Information: You understand that information provided by you may be recorded and used in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.
- I understand that CCLG cannot take any responsibility for any loss, injury, or damage caused or sustained as a result of the event. (It is the responsibility of the event organiser to comply with legal and safety regulations.)

If you have any questions about the terms and conditions, please don't hesitate to call us on 0333 050 7654 or email fundraising@cclg.org.uk