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Temporary street closures for the Kansas City Marathon

KANSAS CITY, MO (October 5, 2015) – Saturday, October 17 an estimated 10,000 people will be participating in the Waddell & Reed Kansas City Marathon with Ivy Funds. This major community event includes a full marathon, half marathon, team relay, five-kilometer run and a 1.2-mile kids marathon.

The 26.2-mile marathon course will take runners along a route that will highlight Kansas City. Runners will start by running through historic downtown past Sprint Center and Power & Light District. They will pass through Liberty Memorial, Westport, the Country Club Plaza, 18th & Vine, historic Hyde Park and Brookside.

“Our course does a great job of highlighting the different districts of Kansas City,” said President & CEO Kathy Nelson. “Every year our participants comment that Kansas City is a beautiful city they enjoy running through and want to run again.”

To ensure runner safety and to cause less impact to the community, this year the course will have a rolling close meaning the entire course will not be closed for the entire race duration. ([see attached map for details](#)). Police and race officials will allow traffic to cross the course until runners approach affected intersections and as breaks between participants warrant. All roads will be reopened at approximately 1 p.m.

In addition, Washington Square Park next to the Crown Center Shopping Center, will close at 5 p.m. Friday, October 16 for setup of the Finish Line Festival presented by BNY Mellon. Please be aware that any cars parked starting at noon on Friday, October 16 along Pershing and Grand streets will be towed. Parking is available at the Crown Center parking garage.

The Kansas City Sports Commission and the Marathon Steering Committee would like to thank the Kansas City community for their continued support of the Waddell & Reed Kansas City Marathon with Ivy Funds.

About The Kansas City Sports Commission and Foundation

The Kansas City Sports Commission & Foundation benefits the Kansas City region through sports by creating, attracting and managing major sporting events for Kansas City. As a nonprofit organization, our mission is to foster and create amateur sports by promoting the overall benefits of fitness to the youth and general public of Greater Kansas City. For the latest on Kansas City Sports Commission news, follow on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#). Also follow the Waddell & Reed Kansas City Marathon with Ivy Funds on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

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