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## **U.S. Olympian Ryan Hall Withdraws from 2012 ING New York City Marathon**

*Injuries force him out of November 4 race*

**New York, September 10, 2012**— The 2012 ING New York City Marathon men’s field will lose previously announced Ryan Hall due to a series of small but stubborn injuries, including plantar fasciitis and tightness in his legs, which have caused him to lose too much training time, it was announced today by New York Road Runners officials.

“I am very disappointed to not be able to run this year’s ING New York City Marathon,” said Hall, 29, of Redding, CA. “I was hoping that after some time off and treatment after the Games, the string of nagging injuries I’ve been dealing with this year would be behind me. After trying to run through, I came to the realization when keeping the big picture in mind, that I needed to take a longer break to let things heal and not rush the training. As much as I would love to still race after taking the break, my integrity will not let me show up to the line if I’m not fit.”

Hall started the Olympic Marathon in London last month, but was forced to stop due to injury. The men’s field features Hall’s U.S. Olympic Marathon teammates Meb Keflezighi and Abdi Abdirahman. Other top Americans include Jason Hartmann, Brett Gotcher, Nick Arciniaga, Scott Bauhs, Andrew Carlson, and Ryan Vail.

### **About the ING New York City Marathon**

NYRR’s premier event, the ING New York City Marathon is the most loved and most inclusive marathon in the world, attracting elite athletes and recreational runners alike for the challenge and thrill of a lifetime. The race has grown tremendously since it began in 1970 with just 127 runners racing four laps of Central Park. Now, more than 47,000 participants from all over the globe flock to New York City every November for an adrenaline-filled road tour of all five boroughs, starting on Staten Island at the foot of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge and ending in Central Park. Some run for prize money or bragging rights, others for charity or their personal best. All are cheered on by more than two million live spectators and a TV audience of 330 million.

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