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### **Amway River Bank Run Virtual Race**

**Grand Rapids, MI February 21, 2019** – The Amway River Bank Run announced today that they will be offering a new event this year. The Amway River Bank Run Virtual Race.

“For those runners and walkers who can’t join us on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> in downtown Grand Rapids we now have an opportunity for them to participate in our event,” said David Madiol, Race Director for the Amway River Bank Run. “We wanted to be able to offer the opportunity for runners from North America and all over the world to be able to participate in the largest 25K in the Country.”

“No matter the distance 25K, 10K or 5K this gives people the opportunity to join us and receive recognition from the race. Participants can register via [Amwayriverbankrun.com](http://Amwayriverbankrun.com) and upon verified completion we will send them their medal and t-shirt for participating,” Madiol went on to say.

“Many races across the country have added a virtual race to their line-up of events” said Lauralee Mathieu, Operations Director. “This gives an opportunity for those that can’t travel to Grand Rapids, to participate when convenient during the month of May, send us their distance and time details and we’ll give them recognition, with a race day t-shirt and medal. This is a trend in the industry and with everyone’s hectic lives between work and personal commitments it still gives you a goal of completing a race.”

The Amway River Bank Run presented by Fifth Third Bank with Spectrum Health the Official Health Partner will celebrate 42 years of road running on Saturday, May 11, 2019. More than 18,000 people are expected to compete in the event, which features the largest 25K road race in the country and offers the only 25K Wheelchair racing division in the world along with a 25K Handcycle division.