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Ethiopian Athlete Adane Anmaw Accepts USADA Suspension for Drug Test Administered at the 2025 Credit Union Cherry Blossom; Forfeits Second Place Finish and \$3,750 in Prize Money

June 3, 2026, Washington, DC: Credit Union Cherry Blossom (CUCB) race organizers announced today that 2025 second place female overall finisher Adane Anmaw from Ethiopia has been removed from the official results due to anti-doping violations. As a result of this disqualification, Anmaw will also not receive the \$3,000 in open prize money and \$750 time bonus she earned as the runner up in the race held on April 6, 2025. She was competing in the open division of the event, which served as the USATF National 10 Mile Championship. None of the Championship results were affected by the disqualification. Anmaw had accepted a five-year period of ineligibility.

Anmaw declared a therapeutic use exemption (TUE) of an amino acid solution at the 2025 CUCB, but a subsequent investigation by U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) found the levels in her system were in excess of those allowable under the TUE. CUCB withheld all of the women's prize money after being notified by USADA of a potential adverse finding. With this ban, athletes placing below her will be moved up

one place each and receive supplemental prize money payments to reflect their new finish place.

Event Director Phil Stewart said, “Adane’s ban by USADA is a win for all of the clean athletes participating in our event. The Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile, as part of the PRRO Circuit, is committed to drug testing the elite athletes each year in order to ensure a level playing field.”

The 2025 CUCB celebrated a record-breaking year, with women’s overall winner Taylor Roe setting a World’s Best and American Record of 49:53 for 10 Miles as part of the 2025 USA Track & Field 10 Mile National Championships. With Anmaw being stricken from the results, Emma Grace Hurley is now recognized as the 2025 second place female finisher.

The 2025 CUCB top ten women’s results and prize money earnings are now recognized as the following:

1. Taylor Roe, Raleigh, NC, 49:53, \$30,000 (\$6,000 open; \$10,000 U.S.; \$14,000 bonuses)
2. Emma Grace Hurley, Indianapolis, IN, 51:04, \$8,750 (\$3,000 open; \$5,000 U.S.; \$750 bonus)
3. Fiona O’Keefe, Durham, NC, 51:49 \$5,000 (\$2,500 open; \$2,500 U.S.)
4. Aubrey Frentheway, USA, 51:58, \$2,500 (\$1,500 open; \$1,000 U.S.)
5. Annie Frisbie, Hopkins, MN, 52:10, \$1,800 (\$1,000 open; \$800 U.S.)
6. Carrie Ellwood, Boulder, CO, 52:23, \$1,200 (\$600 open; \$600 U.S.)
7. Molly Bookmyer, Columbus, OH, 52:42, \$1,000 (\$500 open; \$500 U.S.)
8. Emily Venters, Salt Lake City, UT, 52:55 \$800 (\$400 open; \$400 U.S.)
9. Susanna Sullivan, Reston, VA, 53:01, \$600 (\$300 open; \$300 U.S.)
10. Amy Davis-Green, USA, 53:36, \$200 (\$200 open)

More information about the investigation can be found [here](#).

Hurley would go on to follow up her 2025 performance by winning the 2026 USATF Women's National 10 Mile Championship and finishing third overall at the 2026 CUCB in April.

For the past 24 years, Credit Union Miracle Day has been the title sponsor of the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile and 5K. The Credit Union Miracle Day's partnership with CUCB organizers and charitable runners has generated over \$12.5 million for the Children's Miracle Network. This year's fundraising effort totaled \$506,230, which included over \$200,000 from runners.

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About Credit Union Cherry Blossom:

The Credit Union Cherry Blossom, organized by Cherry Blossom, Inc., a 501(c)(3) chapter of the Road Runners Club of America, is known as "*The Runner's Rite of Spring*®" in the Nation's Capital. The staging area for the 10 Mile is on the Washington Monument Grounds and the course passes in sight of all of the major Washington, D.C. Memorials. The event serves as a fundraiser for the Children's Miracle Network, a consortium of 170 premier children's hospitals across North America. About one-third of the funds raised support Washington, D.C.'s own Children's National ("Children's Hospital").

Credit Union Miracle Day, Inc., a consortium of credit unions and credit union suppliers, is the title sponsor of the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile, Double Blossom, 5K and Kids Run. Presenting sponsors include ASICS and Wegmans; Supporting sponsors include Cogent Steps, LLC; Visa; Velera; TruStage; Outside; Potomac River Running; Gatorade Endurance; Suburban Solutions Moving; the Embassy of Japan; Runna by Strava; Shokz; and Select Event Group.

The 10 Mile is sanctioned by [USA Track & Field](#) and the [Road Runners Club of America](#) and is a proud member of the [PRRO Circuit](#), a series of this country's classic road races with circuit stops in Jacksonville, FL; Washington, DC; Spokane, WA; Peoria, IL; Utica, NY; and Davenport, IA. The 5K was voted the Best 5K in the country by a 2026 *USA Today* poll.

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About Credit Union Miracle Day:

Credit Union Miracle Day is a partnership of over 100 credit unions, CUSOs and partner organizations united to sponsor the Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile & 5K benefitting Children's Miracle Network nationwide and promoting the difference credit unions make in their communities.

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