England Representative Opportunities in Road Running

Seville Marathon, 18th February 2024

England Athletics value the importance of competitive road running opportunities and aims to provide both for athletes seeking first time international experience as well as those looking to further develop themselves through international competition as a part of the broader talent pathway as they target major championships for England and Great Britain.

England Athletics intend to send a team of up to 3 women and 3 men to the 2024 Seville Marathon. The opportunity aims to provide a chance or athletes to build international experience at one of the fastest marathons in the world and to support English athletes targeting major championship standards.

The male and female England Marathon Champion at the 2023 London Marathon will be offered automatic selection provided they meet one of selection standards detailed in this policy.

Eligibility

To be considered for selection, athletes must satisfy the following:

I. Be a England Athletics registered athlete and be eligible to compete for England (i.e. full British passport holder).
II. Have achieved one of the stated qaulfication standards within the qualification period. Standards must have been achieved in a ratifiable UKA or World Athletics competition under standard race licensing and competition rules.

Qualification Standards

Men	Event	Women
1:03:00	**Half Marathon**	1:12:00
2:14:30	**Marathon**	2:32:00

**Qualification performances must be achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1st January 2023 & 24:00 (GMT) 29th October 2023 (GMT).*

Selection Process & Criteria

I. The team will be selected week beginning 30th October 2023.
II. Up to three men and three women athletes may be selected. One non travelling reserve athlete may also be selected for each team.
III. The first English male and first English female athlete (the England Marathon Champions) at the 2023 London Marathon will be offered automatic selection provided they meet one of selection standards detailed in this policy. If the the athlete does not have a selection standard or the selection is not taken up it will not be rolled down.
IV. The remaining selections will be made from athletes who have completed the expression of interest form below.
V. The selection panel will consider athletes who meet the qualification standards dating back to 01/01/23, but athletes will be expected to have shown **current form** from races in the last 6 months which will be given close consideration when selections are made.

VI. In exceptional circumstances only, England Athletics reserve the right to select athletes without a current standard or athletes from outside the expressions of interest.

Appeals
There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the England Team made by the Selection Panel. The provisions of the UK Athletics Selection and Nomination "Fast" Appeals Procedure" do not apply to the England team selections for the Seville Marathon.

Additional Notes
Any selected athlete with doubts over their fitness in the lead up to the race may be required to evidence a fitness test. England Athletics reserve the right to deselect athletes who the selection panel feel are not fit or competitive enough in the final month before the event.

Athletes who withdraw themselves for reasons other than illness or injury (with a supplied doctors letter) may also be liable to cover the costs of their flights or a change of name to the ticket where there is the option to substitute.

Expressions of Interest
Please complete the expressions of interest form at this link no later than **midnight Sunday 29th October 2023 -** https://forms.gle/TPt8wVTTnrcVqAij6

Any questions should be directly to Tom Craggs, Road Running Manager - tcraggs@englandathletics.org