England Representative Opportunities in Road Running

2020 Representative Opportunities – The Marathon

Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon, Canada – Sunday 18 October, 2020
Mainova Frankfurt Marathon – Sunday 25 October, 2020

**Please note this selection policy has been updated following the cancellation and postponement of events due to Coronavirus**

**Teams and selections will be reviewed again week beginning 13th July dependant on Government advice and international advice of the events. Expression of interest extended to 12th July inclusive.**

England Athletics value the importance of competitive road running opportunities for athletes seeking first time international experience as well as those athletes looking to further develop themselves through international competition. We aim to both reward and acknowledge athletes meeting the selection criteria for the first time as well providing opportunity for those athletes with the potential to challenge for future global championship teams, including the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

In line with the England Athletics Marathon Programme, which aims to raise the standards of marathon running nationally we are offering endurance athletes two competition opportunities this autumn, giving more athletes the chance to gain valuable international experience at the marathon distance.

The Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon provides athletes with a transatlantic experience along with valuable learning opportunities linked to dealing with long haul travel and changing time zones. This is a high quality IAAF Gold Label race capable of producing quick times, that attracts a strong East African contingent as well as Canada’s best.

The current course records are held by Kenya’s Philemon Rono (2:05:00) and Kenya’s Magdalyne Masai (2:22:16) both set last year. Arrangements will be similar to past years with the team travelling out together on the Wednesday or Thursday (flights dependant), racing Sunday, departing Monday and arriving back in the UK on Tuesday morning.

Closer to home, the Mainova Frankfurt Marathon provides an opportunity for athletes looking for a European. The course records are held by Kenya’s Wilson Kipsang with 2:03:42 set in 2011 and Kenya’s Valary Aiyabei with 2:19:10 set in last year. The Frankfurt Marathon is also an IAAF Gold Label race. The team will travel out on the Friday.

England Athletics are looking to send up to 4 athletes to Toronto and up to 6 athletes to Frankfurt. Selection Criteria Athletes seeking selection must be eligible to compete for England and hold a valid full British passport at the time of selection. In addition they will be expected to meet at least two of the following criteria:

(i) Hold a minimum marathon qualification standard achieved between 1st January 2019 and 12th July 2020. Results must be achieved in a ratifiable UK marathon or IAAF licensed overseas marathon as listed on power 10.
(ii) Hold at least two minimum qualification standards at either 10 miles and half marathon from within the qualification period.

(iii) In exceptional circumstances the selection panel may select athletes without either a marathon or half marathon standard if they feel the athlete has demonstrated exceptional potential to run well at the marathon.

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

I. Be a registered athlete and be eligible to compete for England (i.e. full British passport holder).

II. Have achieved a relevant England Athletics development standard within the qualification period.

Qualification Standards

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*Performances must have been achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1st January 2019 and 23:59 12th July 2020.*

Selection process

(i) The events and selections will be reviewed week beginning 13th July. Whilst we will not guarantee that selections will take place that week expressions of interest will remain open until 23:59 on 12 July.

(ii) In selecting teams for Toronto and Frankfurt invited athletes will be offered a place at the marathon opportunity the selection panel believes best meets their development needs at the time, as well as their potential to compete for England at the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

(iii) With the postponement of the 2020 Virgin London Marathon the England Marathon Championship/Virgin London Marathon 2019 is NOT an automatic qualifier.

(iv) Athletes must have met at least one of the two Selection Criteria listed. In exceptional circumstances only, the selection panel reserve the right to select athletes under Selection Criteria, clause (iii).

(v) All interested athletes meeting the selection criteria will be considered for both Toronto and Frankfurt marathons. Athletes who wish only to be considered for one or the other, should make this clear when submitting their expression of interest in writing, but should note that this may result in narrowing their chance of an England selection.

(vi) The Selection Panel will take into account head to head performances in races, quality of standards met, athlete development stage and future potential at global level, consistency of performance over the last 18 months, competition history and current fitness.

(vii) England Athletics reserve the right not to fill all team places, where no athlete meets the selection criteria or where current form or fitness is in doubt.

(viii) England Athletics reserve the right to deselect athletes who the selection panel feel are not fit to compete well in the final month before the event.

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 2020 Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon or the 2020 Mainova Frankfurt Marathon.

Expressions of Interest
Athletes should submit expressions of interest in writing as soon as possible to the the National Endurance Lead Spencer Duval on sduval@englandathletics.org

Please state which marathon you are most interested in and whether or not you would be willing to be considered for the other option if not selected for your first choice preference.