



England Representative Opportunities In Road Running

Mainova Frankfurt Marathon – Sunday 25th October, 2020

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

The Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon 2020 has now been cancelled, and we are still waiting on a decision regarding Mainova Frankfurt Marathon. The situation regarding travelling international teams and selections will be reviewed again following further announcements about Frankfurt marathon, which are expected in the next fortnight.

We are mindful of the challenges of athletes and coaches in preparing for the marathon in these circumstances, and we anticipate the next update being no later than the week commencing 10th August.

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 **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 Ethiopia's Meskerem Assefa with 2:20:36 set in 2018. 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 (2 male, 2 female) to Toronto and up to 6 athletes (3 male, 3 female) 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 31st 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 one 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

The England Athletics standards are as follows:

Men	Event	Women
50:15	10 miles	56:50
1:07:00	Half Marathon	1:16:00
2:23:00	Marathon	2:44:00

** Performances must have been achieved between 00:00 (GMT) 1st January 2019 and 23:59 (BST) 31st July 2020.*

Selection process

(i) The events and selections will be reviewed week beginning 3rd August 2020. Whilst we will not guarantee that selections will take place that week expressions of interest will remain open until 23:59 on 31st July 2020.

(ii) Given the cancellation of the Toronto Marathon opportunities, the panel will prioritise selection of athletes who they believe have the potential to compete for England at the 2022 Commonwealth Games, or future global competition.

(iii) With the postponement of the 2020 Virgin London Marathon the England Marathon Championship / Virgin London Marathon 2019 is NOT and 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

(v) 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.

(vi) 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.

(vii) 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.

(viii) With racing opportunities severely affected since March the selectors will also look at evidence of training fitness, virtual racing, time trials, etc, in addition to holding a minimum qualifying standard.

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 Mainova Frankfurt Marathon.

Expressions of Interest

Athletes should submit expressions of interest in writing as soon as possible to the Road Running Manager, Charlotte Fisher at cfisher@englandathletics.org