



## England Masters Representative Opportunities in Road Running

### Manchester Marathon Representative Opportunity

**19<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

This document outlines the selection policy for the marathon representative race which is being hosted as part of Manchester Marathon on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

England Athletics have taken the decision to move the marathon from the Autumn to the Spring as this is deemed to be the main marathon season with runners coming off winter training. As this is the transition year there is less time for runners to attain qualification and as such this document outlines the process of qualification. There are usually five qualification races for the marathon with three places allocated for male and females at each age group. Due to the timescale before the race, there will be two qualifying races, the remainder of the places will be allocated via a fair and transparent selection process.

We are grateful to Manchester Marathon for offering to host the representative race and it provides an opportunity for selected athletes to compete for England in a big city marathon, and which is a 40,000 sell out event. As before in representative races the organisers have allocated England Athletes reserved places, meaning that if selected there is a place on the start line waiting for you.

#### **How to apply**

To be considered for selection please read this document carefully and then complete the expression of interest form found in the link at the end of the document.

For the absence of doubt, all selected athletes are self-funded which has always been the case for the England Masters Programme.

All the details about the EA Age Group Masters programme can be found at <https://www.englandathletics.org/team-england/age-group-masters/masters-teams/>

FAQs can be found at <https://d1laub10p5ibfa.cloudfront.net/2025/01/Masters-FAQs-2025-26.pdf>

Please note you only need to fill the expression of interest form out once.

## Qualification Races

There are two qualification races this Autumn which will provide an opportunity for athletes to qualify for the Manchester Representative Marathon. These are

- MBNA Chester Marathon 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025
- Yorkshire Marathon 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025

These Autumn marathons were always in the programme as qualification races and as they traditionally start the new qualification period off, fit nicely into the proposed plan. The first three athletes in each age group who have attained the standards time will be selected to run for England at Manchester in April.

## Selection Process for the remainder 9 places at each age group (male and female)

### Qualification Standards for England Masters Marathon

To be considered for selection you must have achieved a relevant selection standard for your age category as per the table below within the specified time frame. **Please note a qualification time does not guarantee selection** but it means you are the type of runner who is in the frame. Selections will be made from the expressions of interest received according to current form.

| Male                                                | Age Group | Female                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 2hrs 48m 00s                                        | V35       | 3hrs 20m 00s                                        |
| 2hrs 55m 00s                                        | V40       | 3hrs 30m 00s                                        |
| 3hrs 05m 00s                                        | V45       | 3hrs 39m 00s                                        |
| 3hrs 16m 00s                                        | V50       | 3hrs 49m 00s                                        |
| 3hrs 30m 00s                                        | V55       | 4hrs 00m 00s                                        |
| 3hrs 40m 00s                                        | V60       | 4hrs 15m 00s                                        |
| 3hrs 50m 00s                                        | V65       | 4hrs 30m 00s                                        |
| 4hrs 30m 00s                                        | V70       | 5hrs 15m 00s                                        |
| 4hrs 45m 00s                                        | V75       | 5hrs 30m 00s                                        |
| No Standard Time<br>(Finish in Top 3 of a marathon) | V80       | No Standard Time<br>(Finish in Top 3 of a marathon) |
| No Standard Time<br>(Finish in Top 3 of a marathon) | V85+      | No Standard Time<br>(Finish in Top 3 of a marathon) |

Qualification performances must be achieved and uploaded to your Power of 10 profile between **00:00 (GMT) 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 & 23.59 (GMT) Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025.**

## Eligibility

Your expression of interest will be assessed according to your **age on the closing date for qualification performances, for the avoidance of doubt 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025.** Please make this clear when completing the expression of interest form.

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

- a) Be a registered athlete (1st or 2nd claim) of an English affiliated club
- b) England Athletics 'athlete registration' is up to date.
- c) Have achieved a relevant standard within the qualification period specified above

### **Selection process**

1. Closing date for applications is **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 09:00 hrs**
2. The England Masters Marathon Team will be selected by a selection panel from the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025.
3. Up to nine women and nine men may be selected for the competing team in each age category from 35 – 85+ years.
4. Athletes will be selected using Power of 10 profiles.
5. Standards outlined in this policy are the minimum standards to be considered for selection and should not be considered as a guarantee of selection.
6. Current form will be prioritised when selecting between athletes with similar qualifying performances.
7. Qualification performances must be achieved in ratifiable UKA or World Athletics competitions under standard race licensing and competition rules.
8. If your result is not showing on Power of 10 by the closing date for applications the result will not be considered. England Athletics are not responsible for results that are not listed, or listed incorrectly
9. It is the responsibility of the athlete to ensure the Expression of Interest form is completed and submitted correctly. If data is missing or inputted incorrectly, e.g. England Athletics URN number the athlete may not be considered for selection.
10. Athletes who were unsuccessful in their attempt to qualify at either the Chester or Yorkshire Marathons in 2025 are eligible to submit an expression of interest form.

**Appeals:** There shall be no right of appeal to the selection of the England Masters Marathon team made by the Selection Panel. All decisions by the selection committee are final. The provisions of the UK Athletics Selection and Nomination "Fast" Appeals Procedure" do not apply to the England team selections for the 2026 Masters Representative Marathon.

**Selections will only be made from athletes who have expressed an interest in selection. Interested athletes should complete and submit the following expression of interest form no later than 09:00 hrs on the 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2025.**

**Masters Marathon expression of interest form:** <https://forms.office.com/e/mkwaPt4Rk9>

If you have any trouble accessing or completing the form, please email [agegroupsteam@englandathletics.org](mailto:agegroupsteam@englandathletics.org) no later than 10am Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025.