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Bonn, 28 January 2019

2019 World Para Athletics Marathon Championships

Dear NPC President/Secretary General,

World Para Athletics are pleased to announce that the 2019 World Para Athletics Marathon Championships will be hosted by the Virgin Money London Marathon, in London, GBR, on 28 April 2019.

The event programme will mirror the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games medal event programme and will be the first opportunity for athletes to gain qualification slots for their respective NPC.

Key dates for the Championships are as follows:

- Team Arrivals 24 - 26 April 2019
- Classification 26 - 27 April 2019
- Competition 28 April 2019
- Departures 29 April 2019

Attached to this letter you will find further information regarding the Championships.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,



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Head of World Para Athletics
International Paralympic Committee

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Event Programme

Event Name	Eligible Classes	Minimum Entry Standard (MES)
Men		
T12 Marathon	T11, T12	3:00:00
T46 Marathon	T45, T46	3:00:00
T54 Marathon	T52, T53, T54	1:35:00
Women		
T12 Marathon	T11, T12	3:35:00
T54 Marathon	T52, 53, 54	1:58:00

Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible for entry, an athlete must:

- hold an active World Para Athletics License for the 2019 season;
- have achieved a valid Minimum Entry Standard at a World Para Athletics Recognised marathon event between 1 January 2017 and 21 February 2019 in accordance with the Athlete Licensing Programme Policies valid for the 2017-2019 seasons; or
- have been allocated a Direct Invitation

Athletes with International “New”, “Review” and “Confirmed” sport class status are eligible to enter.

Guide-runners

NPCs may enter a maximum of two (2) Guide-runners per athlete for athletes in Sports Classes T11-12. Guide-runners must hold an active World Para Athletics Athlete License for the 2019 season.

Maximum Entry per NPC

An NPC may enter a maximum of six (6) eligible athletes per individual medal event provided having met the Entry Standard.

Direct Invitation

World Para Athletics reserves the right to directly invite athletes under the following criteria:

- To enable the greater representation by nation;

- To ensure events featured on the programme have sufficient representation for viability;
- To enable greater representation by gender;
- To ensure the representation of athletes with high support needs;
- To ensure top athletes that may have not had the opportunity to formally qualify due to extraordinary circumstances.

To be considered for a direct invite, the athlete must hold a World Para Athletics Athlete License for the 2019 season. Applications for a direct invite must be submitted in writing to World Para Athletics by the athletes respective NPC by 15 February 2019 along with a proof of performance (Half-Marathon or Marathon).

World Para Athletics also reserve the right to issue a direct invite to athletes outside of the maximum six (6) athletes per NPC, per individual medal event, to secure the best and competitive fields.

Event Viability Criteria

A minimum of five (5) athlete entries from three (3) NPCs is necessary to sustain an individual medal event on the programme.

World Athletics shall review the event viability following the close of the final entry by name on 22 February 2019. In the case an event did not meet the above viability criteria by final entry, World Para Athletics reserve the right to either cancel such events or run them as non-medal events.

In the case the entry number of an event drops below the aforementioned event viability criteria due to withdrawals after 22 February 2019, the event shall be run as a Medal Event and the medals will be allocated under the 'minus one' rule.

Timeline

1 January 2017	Start of the qualification period for athletes to meet the Minimum Entry Standard (MES)
28 January 2019	World Para Athletics open the online entry system (EBS) for Entry by Number and Entry by Name www.paralympic.org/sdms
15 February 2019	Deadline for NPCs to request in writing for a Direct Invitation
21 February 2019	World Para Athletics confirm in writing Direct Invitations issued to NPCs
21 February 2019	End of the qualification period for athletes to meet the Minimum Entry Standard

22 February 2019	Deadline for World Para Athletics to receive final Entry by Number and Entry by Name from NPCs via the online entry system (EBS)
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Classification

Classification will take place on the 26 April 2019. All athletes with a New or Review Sport Class Status (except those with a fixed review date later than 2019) will be required to undergo classification prior to the competition.

Competition Fee

The Competition Fee for the 2019 World Para Athletics Marathon Championships is 150EUR per delegation member including, but not limited to, athletes, coaches, team medical staff, team officials, guide-runners etc.

Upon confirming the size of the team delegation, NPCs will be able to generate their competition fee invoice directly from the EBS. Competition fees must be received by World Para Athletics no later than 22 February 2019. Following the close of final entry on 22 February 2019, no reimbursement of competition fees for any team members withdrawn shall be permitted, with the following exception:

- An Athlete loses his entered event due to cancellation of the non-viable event.

Team Officials Accreditation

Each NPC may accredit a limited number of Team Officials (team leader, coaches, team medical staff, etc.) dependent on athlete entries and according to the following matrix:

Number of Athletes	Number of Team Officials
1-3	1
4-6	2
7-10	3
10+	4

Requests for additional Team Officials will incur an additional fee payable to the London Marathon. Approval of requests will be at the discretion of World Para Athletics and the London Marathon.

Logistics

Accommodation

The official Championships Hotel is:

The Tower Guoman Hotel

St. Katharine's way

London E1 9LD

http://www.guoman.com/en/hotels/united_kingdom/london/the_tower/index.html

Accommodation (bed and breakfast) is 100USD per person, per night, based on twin occupancy. Single rooms will be charged at 200USD per person, per night.

Accommodation fees are payable directly to the London Marathon. Please return the attached booking form no later than 22 February 2019.

Meals

Lunch and dinner for accredited personnel will be provided in the Championships hotel, starting on Thursday 25 April and ending on Sunday 29 April. Breakfast is included in the accommodation fee.

Transport

NPCs will be responsible for travel to and from London for all Athletes, Guide-runners and Team Officials. London Marathon will provide ground transportation from London Heathrow Airport (LHR) only to the Championships Hotel between 24 - 26 April, and from the Championships Hotel to London Heathrow Airport on 29 April. Athletes and Team Officials arriving and departing outside of the official arrival/departure dates and to/from other ports of entry will be responsible for their own travel to the Championships Hotel.

NPCs must communicate their travel plans with the LOC no later than 29 March 2019 using the attached form.

Visas

If you require a visa to travel to London please contact Michelle Weltman at the London Marathon (Michelle.Weltman@londonmarathonevents.co.uk) as soon as possible, no later than 11 February 2019.

For further information regarding the Championships, please contact Laura Danning, World Para Athletics Competition Manager on: laura.danning@worldparaathletics.org