



BRITISH ATHLETICS

2018 World Para Athletics Marathon World Cup **24th April 2018** **London, UK**

Guidance – amended 10th January 2018

Overview

The below guidance outlines the process by which British Athletics will agree with World Para Athletics (WPA) the British Athletics Team ("the Team") for the 2018 World Para Athletics Marathon World Cup in London.

The aim of this event is for athletes targeting the Marathon at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games to gain experience.

The guidance below has therefore been structured to satisfy this aim.

Eligibility

1. To be considered for selection, athletes must satisfy the following (subject to paragraph 2 below):
 - a. Be eligible to compete for GB&NI (i.e. full British passport holder);
 - b. Hold an IPC Athletics Licence, valid for the 2018 calendar year;
 - c. Be 15 years or older as at 31 December 2018;
 - d. By midnight (BST) on 10 January 2017, hold either an International Paralympic Committee ("IPC Athletics") Athletics "Confirmed" or "Fixed Term Review" (with a review date of 31 December 2017 or later) classification. Alternatively, hold a British Athletics National "Confirmed" or "Fixed Term Review" classification with the confirmation from the British Athletics classification coordinator that you will be able to attend IPC Athletics Classification prior to the Marathon. Any such classification must also be underpinned by a Relevant Diagnosis (as defined in paragraph 1.2 below) which is to the satisfaction of the British Athletics Chief Medical Officer ("the CMO") in accordance with paragraph 2. For the avoidance of doubt, these requirements apply to all athletes, including those with a physical, visual or intellectual impairment;

- e. Have achieved one valid entry standard at a WPA recognised marathon between 01 January 2016 and 21 January 2018 (standards shown in Appendix 1), and;
- f. Sign the British Athletics Team Members' Agreement ("TMA") and abide by its terms and conditions. Any athlete failing to do so prior to the first date of competition will result in their selection being withdrawn. The current version of the TMA can be found online at <http://www.britishathletics.org.uk/world-class/2017-selection-policies/>.

Relevant Diagnosis

2. The CMO must be satisfied of any medical diagnosis that underpins an athlete's classification (such a diagnosis being a "Relevant Diagnosis") and must be satisfied that the impairment diagnosed causes permanent and verifiable physical, visual or intellectual activity limitation consistent with the athlete's classification. The following provisions shall apply in connection with the CMO's assessment of a Relevant Diagnosis:
 - a. it shall be the responsibility of the athlete to obtain and provide documentary evidence of a Relevant Diagnosis so as to show to the CMO's satisfaction that the impairment causes permanent and verifiable physical, visual or intellectual activity limitation consistent with the athlete's classification;
 - b. the athlete shall comply with all reasonable requests of the CMO for further evidence of the Relevant Diagnosis, and the costs of obtaining such evidence shall be met by British Athletics; and
 - c. all documentary evidence submitted in support of a Relevant Diagnosis must be in English, dated and signed by a registered medical professional who provided the diagnosis.

Selection process

3. World Para Athletics will issue direct invitations via British Athletics to at least the top eight (8) ranked athletes per individual medal event in the 2017 World Rankings, provided they meet the eligibility criteria above (paragraph 1).
4. Invitations will only be accepted if the invited athlete:
 - a. demonstrates they are aiming for major games selection, and;
 - b. has demonstrated their fitness through a minimum of three performances in either a full marathon, half marathon or 10,000m between 01 January 2017 and 21 January 2018.
5. The team will be confirmed on **23 January 2018**.
6. The team will be announced on **25 January 2018**.
7. Athletes will be advised they have been invited to compete by 22 January 2018.
8. Once the athlete confirms they would like to accept their invitation, British Athletics' will accept this on their behalf with WPA.

9. Up to a maximum of six (6) athletes per medal event may be selected.
10. T53/54 athletes will be invited directly by London Marathon and therefore will not be selected as part of the British Athletics Team.
11. All invitations are at the discretion of World Para Athletics and the London Marathon.

Entry Standards

11. The Entry Standards are detailed in Appendix 1.
12. All athletes must achieve an entry standard between 00:00 (GMT) on 1 January 2016 and 00:00 (GMT) 21 January 2018.

Amendment

13. British Athletics reserves the right to amend this Guidance at its sole discretion and will make any amended version publicly available (including the date on which any amendment was made) at www.britishathletics.org.uk.

Appendix 1 - Entry Standards

Event	Eligible Class(es)	Entry Standard
Men's Marathon T12	T11/12	3h 00min
Men's Marathon T13	T13	3h 00min
Men's Marathon T46	T45/46	3h 00min
Men's Marathon T52	T51/52	2h 30min
Men's Marathon T54	T53/54	1h 35min
Men's Marathon T64	T42/43/44 T61/62/63/64	3h 00min
Women's Marathon T12	T11/12	3h 30min
Women's Marathon T54	T53/54	2h 00min