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Valencia Marathon – Sunday 1st December 2024
Valencia, Spain
Selection Policy – published October 2023 (updated January 2024)

Overview

The Valencia Marathon will take place in Valencia, Spain on Sunday 1st December 2024. Welsh Athletics values the role this international opportunity will provide to run a fast marathon against high quality international athletes and improve the chance of gaining selection for international championships.

Selection Policy Aim

The aims of the selection policy is to select **high performing athletes** to represent Wales and **gain relevant competition experience**.

Athlete Eligibility

Eligibility will be in line with Welsh Athletics eligibility criteria.

Competition Format

The Valencia Marathon provides a Senior Age Group marathon competition opportunity.

Wales will look to send teams with a maximum of **4 Senior Men** and **4 Senior Women**.

Selection Process

Selection of the team will use the following process to ensure the **selection policy aim** is met:

All programme athletes (Performance programme, Transition programme and National Development Programme) who have identified the race in their Individual Athlete Plans (IAPs) will be considered. Non-programme athletes who have competed in at least one marathon from 1st January 2023 to the date of the selection meeting and who from 1st December 2023 to the date of the selection meeting have competed in at least one road race from 10km to the marathon will be considered. Non-programme athletes who have not competed in such races in this time period but wish to be considered for selection need to email Steve Mitchell (Welsh Athletics National Talent Development Coordinator for Endurance) by Friday 21st June to state their wish to be considered. Steve Mitchell's email address is:

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To ensure athletes who do not wish to be considered for selection are not discussed in the selection meeting, non-programme athletes who have a realistic chance of being selected will be contacted prior to the selection meeting to see if they wish to be considered for selection.

The following criteria will be considered when deciding who to select:

- a. Performances from 1st December 2023 to the selection meeting (priority if required given to performances in races from half marathon to the marathon)
- b. Career trajectory
- c. Previous Performance History
- d. Athlete Engagement with Welsh Athletics
- e. Any further evidence which implies the athlete is in a position to compete strongly

We are currently waiting to hear from the race organisers the standards they require in order to access the elite start. Once known we will, if required, update the selection policy accordingly.

There is no obligation to fill all available positions.

The selection meeting will take place on **Wednesday 26th June** and teams will be announced on **Saturday 29th June**.

The selection panel will consist of **two members of the Welsh Athletics Performance Team** and a **nominated member of the road and cross committee**. **Selections will be ratified by the Welsh Athletics Head of Performance**. Selection meeting notes will be made available.

Please note that, if having been selected you become unavailable, evidence for why you are unavailable will need to be supplied to the Welsh Athletics Head of Performance and the Welsh Athletics NTDC for endurance.

Appeals Process

There shall be no right to appeal the selection of the Welsh team made by the selection panel.

De-selection Process

De-selection of an athlete may occur following:

1. Failure to adhere to the Welsh Athletics code of conduct
2. In the event of an athlete sustaining an injury or illness following acceptance of their

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position on the team, they are required to inform the team leader immediately. If required, evidence will have to be supplied. If it is deemed that the injury or illness will negatively affect the athlete's performance this will result in deselection.

Equal Opportunities

Welsh Athletics will not discriminate in the selection of any athlete on the basis of any protected characteristics.

Amendment

Welsh Athletics reserves the right to amend this selection policy at its sole discretion and will make any amended version publically available (including the date on which the amendment was made) on the [Welsh Athletics website](#)