

Age Group Masters Half-Marathon Opportunities

England Athletics are pleased to announce the addition of the Half-Marathon to the England Age Group Masters representative opportunities. The programme was first launched in 2016 with the chance to qualify for an England age group vest at the marathon distance with the addition of the 10k in 2018. To date, approximately 400 club runners between the ages of 35 and 85 have represented the England Age Group Masers team at either 10k or marathon and in 2019 we will be widening that opportunity with the addition of the Half Marathon.

We are delighted to be working with the event organisers of four excellent half-marathons in providing these opportunities and enabling club runners up and down the country to get involved.

The Half-Marathon representative opportunity will be incorporated within the **Maidenhead Half-Marathon on Sunday 1st September, 2019** providing age group runners high quality competition and a representatives start, immediately behind the elite runners.



<https://www.purplepatchrunning.com/race-course-map/maidenhead-half-marathon-half-marathon-01-09-2019-08-30>

The qualifying races take place between March and June 2019 include:



Sunday 17th March – Asics Fleet Half Marathon
<https://fleethalfmarathon.com>

Sunday 19th
Marathon,



May – Britain's Ocean City Half-Plymouth

<https://www.runplymouth.co.uk/half-marathon/>



Sunday 2nd June – Asda Foundation Hull Half-Marathon
<https://www.runforall.com/events/half-marathon/hull-half-marathon/>

Qualification can be gained in every age group from V35, V40, V45 through to V75+. To gain selection for the England Age Group Masters Team runners will be required to meet the following criteria:

- Finish in the top 4 of the eligible runners in their age category within one of the qualifying races. * Please note, you must qualify via your correct age group on the day. However, if you are successful in qualifying and have a birthday between the qualifier and the representative race then you will compete in your new age group on 1st September.
- Have achieved a minimum qualifying standard either on the day of the qualifying race or within the previous 12 months
- Be available to compete at Maidenhead on 1st September.

Eligibility

- Be at 35 years or above on the day of the qualifying race.
- Be a member of an England Athletics affiliated club and have eligibility to run for England in the year of competition.
- Hold a 'registered athlete' under the UKA rules for competition. For details on athlete registration see: <https://www.englandathletics.org//athletes/athlete-registration/athlete-registration>
- Have pre-registered your interest in selection using the England Athletics link below.
*Please note this is not the same as 'athlete registration'.

Register your interest at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/EAMASTERSHM2019>

Please note runners who are selected to represent England at Maidenhead will be required to pay their own entry fees and travel to the race. Specially designed retro style England Age Group Masters kit will be available to purchase for the selected team members.

Age Group Masters Half Marathon - Minimum Standards

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| M35 | M40 | M45 | M50 | M55 | M60 | M65 | M70 | M75+ |
| 77:30 | 79:00 | 82:30 | 85:30 | 90:00 | 95:00 | 1hr 43 | 2hr 00 | 2hr 30 |
| F35 | F40 | F45 | F50 | F55 | F60 | F65 | F70+ | |
| 89:00 | 90:30 | 94:30 | 1hr 40 | 1hr 45 | 1hr 54 | 2hr 10 | 2hr 30 | |

The above standards have been determined by a combination of runbritain and the WAVA age gradings.