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## **Valencia Marathon – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

**Valencia, Spain**

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### **Overview**

The Valencia Marathon will take place in Valencia, Spain on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024. This race will provide Welsh athletes the opportunity to compete against high quality international athletes on a fast course. Welsh Athletics values the role this international opportunity will provide to run a fast marathon, improve the chance of continuing to progress along the performance pathway and gaining selection in the marathon for future major international championships.

### **Selection Policy Aim**

The selection panel will select the **best team possible** to represent Wales.

### **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:

Step 1: Marathon Athletes currently on Welsh Athletics support programmes (Performance Programme, Transition Programme and National Development Programme) will be prioritised for selection. If required, race results and rankings at distances from 10km to marathon from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 until the date of the selection meeting will be considered.

Step 2: Non-programme athletes who are prioritising the marathon will be considered. Race results and rankings of non-programme athletes over race distances from 10km to marathon from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 until the date of the selection meeting will be considered.

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**There is no obligation to fill all available positions.**

The selection meeting will take place on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June** and teams will be announced on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June**.

The team, selected by the **Welsh Athletics Head of Performance** and **Welsh Athletics National Talent Development Coordinator (NTDC) for Endurance**, will be **presented to the road and cross committee** in the selection meeting. From here logistical planning will commence.

### **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 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](#)