



Age Group Masters Marathon Invitation

England versus Celtic Nations

MBNA Chester Marathon – Sunday 7th October, 2018

England Athletics wish to invite expressions of interest from age group masters runners V35 and upwards to represent a Celtic Nations team to challenge England at the marathon distance.

This initiative is part of a wider programme of work which England Athletics launched in 2017, which aims to recognise and reward the achievements of age group runners. The invitation to Chester Marathon follows a successful England versus Celtic Nations 10k competition, which was incorporated within the Simplyhealth Great Birmingham 10k in May of this year. Over fifty age group masters men and women representing Scotland, Wales, North Ireland, Ireland and Isle of Man gathered in Birmingham and enjoyed a great day of competition and friendly rivalry with the England team which we very much hope to replicate in Chester.

We are looking to attract up to a maximum of 15 male runners and 10 female runners in each age band from across the home nations to challenge an equivalent sized England team.

Standards

Whilst we have set no minimum standard for the England age group masters taking part we would advise interested runners to be inside or close to the standards below.

Men	Age	Women
2hr50	V35	3hr20
3hr00	V40	3hr30
3hr10	V45	3hr40
3hr20	V50	3hr50
3hr30	V55	4hr00
3hr40	V60	4hr15
3hr50	V65	4hr30
4hr00	V70+	5hr00

Conditions

- As this is an England Athletics competition initiative, runners are not required to be registered with a Masters association, although we hope that a number of those who get

involved will be interested in registering for further masters competition through the respective masters associations and BMAF as a result of their involvement in this event.

- To compete as part of the Celtic Nations team you should be a member of an affiliated club and be a registered athlete with your respective national governing body.
- Regarding home nations eligibility please see UKA rules guidance: <https://www.uka.org.uk/competitions/rules/> page 45, rule 21
- All selected runners submit and pay for their own full cost race entry fee to Chester
- All other costs incurred, eg kit, travel and accommodation will be covered by the participant.

Elite and Masters Starts

Organisers of the Chester Marathon will provide an elite start for all England and Celtic nations team runners. This will be immediately behind the elite entries. Team members with an elite entry for the race may of course start there.

Back numbers will be supplied to identify the respective age categories during the race.

Kit

As there is no known Celtic Nations vest, representatives are encouraged to wear their respective home nation vest and where those are not available, a first claim club vest.

Team Scoring, Awards & Prizes

We are proposing a cross-country scoring system per age band, where the positions within the age group match are totalled and the team with the last points wins. Number of scorers to be determined once the size of the home nations team is confirmed. However, the final scoring system will be confirmed later in the summer once we have a better idea of entries and to ensure as fair a competition as possible for all involved.

England Athletics aim to award medals to age group winners on the day and spot prizes.

Expressions of Interest

Interested individuals of association officers should submit names to Charlotte Fisher, England Athletics Road Running Manager at the email address below stating the following information:

- Name
- Date of Birth
- Home Nation & eligibility status (eg by birth, residency, parentage)
- Recent marathon or half-marathon best or prediction based on other data
- Club

We aim to get a mix of Celtic Nations representatives, per age band and subject to meeting the criteria above will confirm the first 3-4 places per nation of a first come first served basis, following which we will confirm any remaining expressions of interest after 20th July.

For further information please contact Charlotte Fisher (England Athletics Road Running Manager) at agegroupteam@englandathletics.org

