Tunbridge Wells Harriers

Bye Law 2 – Allocation of London Marathon Places

As an England Athletics affiliated club and in recognition of the club's volunteer work annually at the event itself, the club receives a number of club-guaranteed places for the London Marathon. In order that these are allocated to club members in a fair and equitable manner, this policy transparently outlines the criteria for allocation.

1. Allocation criteria in order of importance:
    1.1. full Club membership for a minimum of one year;
    1.2. service to the Club in the preceding year through volunteering at either the TW Half or the Eridge 10 (validated by the respective Race Director)
    1.3. service to the Club in the preceding year (See Appendix 1)
    1.4. attendance at the AGM (or apologies given);
    1.5. not having received a Club place for the relevant event for the last two years;
    1.6. not having run in the in the relevant event in the last two years;
    1.7. Unsuccessful application for a place through the public ballot (rejection letter or email required);
2. In the event of no applicants meeting all seven of the above criteria, then they will be relaxed to the first six, then first five and so on. In the event of there being more claimants under a given set of criteria than there are places, then a draw will be held.
3. Any club member who obtains a club-guaranteed place and does not use it (or allow another member to use it) will not be eligible for the draw for five years.
4. Club members who qualify for and receive a 'Good for Age' (GFA) place are not eligible for the draw in the year in which their GFA applies.
5. The criteria for allocation will apply to any other races for which the Club may receive guaranteed entries.

The Club General Committee will ensure that the ballot is held at least 4 weeks before the guaranteed places registration deadline or at the Christmas Pressie Night, whichever is earlier.

Appendix 1 – London Marathon Application Form

Name ..... Email .....

Tick the boxes of the criteria that you fulfil:

☐ 1.1 Full club membership (EA affiliated) for a minimum of one year

☐ 1.2 Service to the club in the preceding year through volunteering at the TW Half or Eridge 10.
Please indicate here which race you wish to claim: ……

☐ 1.3 Service to the club in the preceding year (see below)

☐ 1.4 Attendance at the most recent AGM (or apologies given)

☐ 1.5 Not having received a club place for the last two years

☐ 1.6 Not having run in the London Marathon in the last two years

☐ 1.7 Rejection from the London Marathon ballot (rejection e-mail required)

Applicants may tick '1.3 service to the club in the preceding year' if they have attained a minimum of 10 points from the following areas of club activity during the year of their application:

Marshalling/Helping at a TWH Open Event. This may not include the event claimed in 1.2 of the main allocation criteria above (3 points):

……TWH Half Marathon
……TWH Eridge 10

Marshalling at London Marathon (1 point):

….. London Marathon Marshalling

Marshalling/Helping at Club Events (1 point each)

..... TWH Road Championships
….. TWH Cross Country Championships
….. TWH Summer Handicap Series (1 point per event; max 4 points)
….. TWH Summer Memorial Relays

Organisation of Club Social, Training and Racing Events in 2025 (2 points each)

..... Organising a club social event
….. Organising a club racing event
….. Organising a club training event
….. Organising a club night
….. Holding a position on the organising committee of a club open event (Half Marathon/Eridge)
….. Holding a position on the club General Committee
….. Holding an EA coaching licence and coaching at official club training sessions

Competing for a Club (1 point for each race; max 5 points)

..... Competing as part of a club team in an association event (e.g. Grand Prix, XC League)
..... Competing as part of a club team in a relay event
..... Competing for the club in a county, area or national championship
..... Competing in the club Road Championship
..... Competing in the club Cross Country Championship
..... Competing in a club Summer Handicap event (1 point max)
..... Competing in the club Summer Memorial Relays

..... TOTAL (Minimum 10 points required)