



## London Marathon Internal Club Ballot Rules

Agreed by committee 28/07/2022

Member survey results 11/01/2023 indicate the majority of members agree with the rules  
Committee agree rules remain unchanged 12/01/2023, minor rewrites for clarity.

### Background:

It is increasingly hard to get a place at London Marathon with increasing numbers of runners entering the public ballot each year. Clubs are offered London Marathon places to allocate as they see fit based on the number of England Athletics affiliated members. The number of places offered is not guaranteed and London Marathon often change their rules. Our current membership base means we are offered 1 place each year. The overarching theme of the rules is to give as many members as possible a chance of running London Marathon.

The London Marathon public ballot for the 2024 race will open immediately after this year's race in April 2023.

Eastbourne Rovers allocate their place via an Internal Club Ballot.

### Rules:

1. You must be a paid-up 1st claim member of Eastbourne Rovers AC and be affiliated to England Athletics on the date of the preceding London Marathon. This effectively means you must be a member for 1 year.
2. You must enter the Public London Marathon ballot.
3. When the Public London Marathon ballot is drawn, you must be rejected by London Marathon. You will need to evidence this with your rejection email from London Marathon Events.
4. You must not already hold a place for London Marathon, such as but not limited to; a deferral from a previous year, a charity place, a Good For Age / Championship place, a successful public ballot entry.
5. If you hold a qualifying time for Good For Age or Championship schemes, you should use it to enter, and will not be allowed to enter the Internal Club Ballot.
6. If you have ran in any of the previous 5 editions of London Marathon under any circumstance whether that's a club, a charity, previous ballot etc, you will not be allowed to enter the Internal Club Ballot.
7. If your name is drawn in the Internal Club Ballot and you do not wish to take the place, the place will be offered to the reserve. Reserves are drawn in order after the 'winner' is selected.
8. If you are successful in the club ballot, you are expected to wear the official Eastbourne Rovers AC club vest or t-shirt.
9. You agree to follow all terms and conditions set out by London Marathon itself.
10. You must enter and pay for your London Marathon place within 24 hours. This is done through a registration link on the London Marathon website. An Eastbourne Rovers representative will contact you with the details. Failure to register your place promptly will mean it will be offered to a reserve as we are at risk of losing the place.