

LONDON MARATHON DRAW - CRITERIA

These rules try to ensure that all eligible members have an opportunity to gain a club place in the London Marathon, and that the places are shared around as best as possible. The principles are that certain eligibility criteria must apply in the first instance. Once eligible, an order of priority will be assigned such that members who have recently succeeded in getting a place in the marathon will step back so that others may get an opportunity for a place. In addition, members who are unsuccessful in successive years will be slowly moved up the priority list to increase their chances of gaining a place. In order to try and be as objective and open as possible, a very simple points system will be used. To be eligible, the following four must apply:

1. The applicant must have been a paid-up club member for the year prior to the London Marathon in question eg for the 2013 race the applicant must have paid their 2012 membership by 31st January 2012.
2. The applicant must have applied for and been refused entry to the London Marathon, as per the normal ballot.
3. The applicant must provide their rejection notice from the London Marathon to back up their claim.
4. The applicant must have competed in a minimum of 5 eligible* races in the relevant 12 month period preceding the London Marathon, up until the time of the club draw. The relevant 12 month period runs from 1 December to 30 November, following which the club places are awarded. (eg for the 2013 London Marathon, the applicant must have competed in 5 eligible races in the 12 month period 1 December 2011 to 30 November 2012).

* an eligible race is an organised race (eg Frostbite race, or a UK Athletics (or equivalent national body) sanctioned race) at which the club member took part as a Hunts AC runner. Official race results, with the applicant's name as a participant, must be available for verification. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide proof of participation in order to be regarded as eligible. When eligibility has been determined, the following points system will apply: Determination of Priority for Allocation of Places

- i. Eligible members start with 0 points when first entered.
- ii. If you are eligible and get rejected for a club place, 1 point will be awarded for the following year.
- iii. Points will accumulate year by year.
- iv. If a club place is awarded, your points will reset to -2 for the following year (you are effectively "stepping back" for two years).
- v. If you get your own (or charity) place, your points will reset to -1 for the following year (you are effectively "stepping back" for one year).
- vi. If you are not eligible in a particular year (note eligibility 3 - you must apply to become eligible), your points reset to 0 for the following year (unless your score is already negative, in which case the lowest score will apply).
- vii. Highest points get places in order.
- viii. A draw will take place for those on equal points.

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