



SELECTION POLICY

Half Marathon Development Opportunity- Antrim Coast Half Marathon 2020

The Antrim Coast Half Marathon takes place March 21st with details including the course profile available here: <https://antrimcoasthalfmarathon.com/about-the-race/>

Athletes interested in competing for an Irish team against an England team and Northern Ireland and Ulster team in the Antrim Coast half marathon are invited to complete a declaration of interest form by Sunday, March 8th. A team will be entered if there is enough interest from eligible athletes that have not been selected to run for Northern Ireland and Ulster. Accommodation will be provided. If there is insufficient interest to enter a team, it will still be possible to secure individual entry and accommodation for athletes that have achieved the performance standards.

TEAM OBJECTIVES AND SELECTION PHILOSOPHY

The event will be used to provide the experience of international competition for athletes looking to represent Ireland in future Championships. The team is targeted at development athletes looking to progress over the half marathon and marathon, but the value gained from development athletes competing alongside more experienced athletes will be acknowledged in selections. Athletes will only be selected for an Irish team if a competitive team can be fielded. Up to 4 athletes will be selected for a team.

1 SELECTION PROCESS:

1.1 Eligibility. To be eligible for selection, all athletes must:

- 1.1.1** Complete the Antrim Coast Marathon declaration of interest [form](#) by 5 pm Sunday, March 8th.
- 1.1.2** Satisfy all World Athletics eligibility and nationality participation rules.
- 1.1.3** Be a registered member of Athletics Ireland.
- 1.1.4** Remain in “good standing” with Athletics Ireland and at all times comply with any established code of conduct or athlete agreement and otherwise conduct themselves in a way that does not bring their sport or the National Team into disrepute.

1.2 Performance Period

Athletes will be considered for selection that have achieved performance between January 1st 2019 and March 8th 2020,

1.3 Performance Standards

	Half Marathon
Men	67 m 00
Women	77 m 00

1.4 General Selection Criteria

- 1.4.1** Athletes will not be considered for Irish team selection if they have been selected for the Northern Ireland and Ulster team for this event.
- 1.4.2** If a team cannot be formed from athletes that have met the performance standards within the performance period, then, at the sole discretion of the National Endurance coordinator, athletes may be considered if their performance history have demonstrated very strong potential to run inside the performance standards during the Antrim Coast Half Marathon 2020.

1.5 Selection Queries

Any questions should be directed to the National Endurance Coordinator at via endurance@athleticsireland.ie. Selected athletes will be notified by March 9th 2020.

2 GENERAL INFORMATION:

2.1 The criteria may be amended at any time by the Directors of Athletics Ireland, if Athletics Ireland thinks that such amendment is necessary for the best interests of Athletics Ireland or as a result of any change in participation rules and/or guidelines. Any amendment to the criteria will be published on the Athletics Ireland website.

2.2 Gear:

If there is enough interest to enter a team, then, subject to availability, singlet and shorts will be supplied to the selected athletes.

2.3 Accommodation:

Accommodation will be provided for the team members on Friday March 20th and Saturday March 21st. If there is insufficient interest to enter a team, it may still be possible to secure entry and accommodation for individual athletes of a similar standard.

2.4 Substitutions:

Following confirmation of selections, substitutions may be made in the event of an athlete being sick or injured & unable to compete and this will be at the discretion of the selectors.

2.5 Entry to the event is open to athletes that are not selected but wish to compete via the event website.