

## POLICY ON LONDON MARATHON CLUB PLACES

*The number of club places and rules for deferring, transferring and confirming seems to vary from year to year. The committee is often not made aware of these changes until late October. In previous years the rules for awarding club places have been part of the club's constitution but the constitution can only be amended at an AGM.*

*To enable the committee to react in a timely way to any changes the organisers might impose, it is proposed that the Ballot rules should be an amendable policy, rather than part of the constitution.*

### POLICY with effect from 16th May 2019

1. To be considered for the ballot or draw, Almost Athletes must be the candidate's first claim club and the candidate must be a fully paid up member.
2. Entrants in the ballot must have been a member of the Club for the previous twelve months and remain a member until after the race has taken place;
3. To qualify for the ballot candidates must have been rejected and be able to produce their rejection notice.
4. A member who drew a club place, and who ran in the VMLM in that place in the respective year, will not be eligible for the draw for the following year's race. (For example the people running in the 2015 club places are not be eligible for the draw for the 2016 race.)
5. A member who having drawn a place in the ballot, does not take up that place by 31st December (i.e. has not registered and paid VMLM) for whatever reason, **is** eligible for the ballot for the following year.
6. The place not taken up by 31st December will be re-balloted, with the same entrants as before, and must be registered and paid for by the winning member by the deadline stipulated by VMLM (currently 15th January).
7. A member who draws a club place, and who registers with VMLM and pays the entry fee, but is then unable to compete and who subsequently defers to the following year, will not be eligible for entry into the ballot for the succeeding year. In other words, a member cannot enter the ballot in November if that member ran the London marathon in a club place in the April of that year, whether it was a deferred place or not.
8. If, for whatever reason, a deferred place is not ultimately taken up, so the place is effectively lost to the club, the person whose place it was will also not be able to enter the draw in the following Autumn. (For example, the club place was drawn originally for 2018, deferred to 2019, but then not used: the member concerned will not be eligible to enter the ballot for the 2020 race.)
9. The committee may decide to hold the ballot in one or more categories.
10. It is expected that entrants into the ballot will be present when the ballot is drawn.