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2016 IPC Athletics Marathon World Cup

Dear NPC,

IPC Athletics are pleased to inform you that, once again, the Virgin Money London Marathon will host the 2016 IPC Athletics Marathon World Cup as part of the 2016 Virgin Money London Marathon on 24 April 2016, in London, Great Britain.

Event Details

The 2016 IPC Athletics Marathon World Cup shall consist of the following events with the Minimum Qualification Standards (MQS):

Event	Class	MQS Male	MQS Female
A	T11/12	3h00min	3h30min
B	T13	3h00min	3h30min
C	T42/44	3h00min	3h30min
D	T43	3h00min	3h30min
E	T45/46	3h00min	3h30min
F	T51/52	2h 30min	2h 40min
G	T53/54	1h 35min	2h 00min

Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible for entry, an athlete must:

- hold an active IPC Athletics License for the 2016 season;
- hold a Review or Confirmed Sport Class Status
- have achieved at least Minimum Qualification Standard (MQS) performance at an IPC Athletics Recognised Marathon event between 1 January 2015 and 29 January 2016 in accordance with the Athlete Licensing Programme Policies valid for the 2015-2016 seasons; or
- have been allocated a Direct Invitation slot

Event Entry

Event invitations will be issued to the top ranked athletes in the 2015 World Rankings meeting MQS and will be for the individual athlete and not the NPC. Invitations will only be given to a maximum of three (3) athletes per NPC, per event.

Additional Entries

NPCs will be allowed to enter additional athletes provided that athlete meets the MQS. An application for additional entries must be submitted to IPC Athletics by the NPC for approval before 23 January 2016.

Any additional athlete above the maximum of three (3) athletes per NPC, per event, will not be eligible to compete in the World Cup; however will be eligible to compete in the marathon.

Guide-runners

NPCs may enter a maximum of two (2) Guide-runners per athlete for athletes in Sports Classes T11/12. All Guide-runners must hold an active IPC Athletics License for the 2016 season.

Direct Invitation

IPC Athletics reserves the right to directly invite athletes under the following criteria:

- To enable the greater representation by nation or region;
- To ensure medal events will have sufficient representation for viability;
- To enable greater representation by gender;
- To ensure the representation of athletes with a severe disability;
- To ensure top athletes that may have not had the opportunity to formally qualify due to extraordinary circumstances.



To be considered for a direct invite slot, athletes must hold an IPC Athletics License for the 2016 season. An application for a direct invite must be submitted to IPC Athletics by the NPC for approval before 23 January 2016.

Event Viability Criteria

A minimum of five (5) athlete entries from three (3) NPCs is necessary to sustain a World Cup Status.

IPC Athletics shall review the event viability following the close of the final entry on 29 January 2016. In the case an event did not meet the event viability criteria by the close of final entry, IPC Athletics reserve the right to combine such event with other event(s) based on the Classification Hierarchy Table (Rule 9) where appropriate and applicable. IPC Athletics also reserve the right to cancel such events or run them as non-medal events.

In the case the entry number of an event dropped below the aforementioned event viability criteria due to withdrawals after 29 January 2016, the event shall still be run as a Medal Event and the medals will be allocated under the 'minus one' rule.

Event Entry Timeline

24 November 2015	Invitations sent to NPCs for top ranked athletes meeting MQS
23 January 2016	Deadline for NPCs to request in writing for a Direct Invitation slot or additional athlete entries to IPC Athletics
24 January 2016	Direct Invitation slots allocated to NPCs
29 January 2016	Deadline for confirmation of Invite/Direct Invite slot
30 January 2016	IPC Athletics to review entry viability and confirm event programme

Logistics

Transport & Accommodation

NPCs will be responsible for travel to and from London for all Athletes, Guides and Team Officials. London Marathon will provide ground transportation from Heathrow Airport to the Official Event hotel.

Further information regarding accommodation and meals will be communicated at a later date.



Team Officials

A maximum of one (1) Team Official per athlete will be allowed. Any additional Team Officials must be requested and will be at the discretion of IPC Athletics and London Marathon.

NPC Officials details must be submitted along with event invitation acceptance form.

Additional Information

Final entries into each event will be upon the discretion of IPC Athletics and Virgin Money London Marathon.

Athletes (not including those in T53-54) must wear their NPC Team Uniform.

Prize Structure

Prize money will be awarded to the top three (3) athletes in each viable event who meet the athlete eligibility criteria and will be at the discretion of the LOC.

For further information please contact Laura Danning, IPC Athletics Competition Co-ordinator laura.danning@paralympic.org or Michelle Weltman, Elite Para-Athletics Coordinator, Virgin Money London Marathon Michelle.Weltman@londonmarathonevents.co.uk.

Kind regards,

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