

2027 Double TCS London Marathon Disability Entries – Charities **Guidance and FAQs**

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We believe that sport and activity should be accessible for all, which is why our dedicated team supports people with a huge range of disabilities to take part in the Double TCS London Marathon.

We're pleased to offer two types of disability entries for the 2027 Double event:

General Disability Entries

These entries are exclusively for people with a permanent disability or long-term health condition.

Assisted Wheelchair Entries

Assisted wheelchair entries are **ONLY** open to wheelchair participants who are unable to propel or push themselves around the course without assistance. Up to four Support Runners can be registered per participant, with a maximum of two pushing at any one time.

If the wheelchair user can propel or push themselves around the course then they should apply through the General Disability Ballot.

How it works (applies to both entry types):

- Entries will be allocated via a random ballot
- The application form closes at **23:59** on **Monday 24 August 2026**
- Ballot results will be announced by **September 2026**
- Participants can apply to the 2027 Double TCS London Marathon Disability Ballot by carefully reading and applying through the following forms: [General Disability Ballot Application](#) / [Assisted Wheelchair Ballot Application](#)
- Proof of disability is required during the application process (for example, medical certificate, blue badge, access card or PIP letter)
- Participants must complete the form themselves. If they need help, they should contact your charity directly
- Charities are encouraged to share the registration form with supporters in their network who have a disability and are eligible to apply
- **Fundraising is optional:** charities cannot require participants using these entry types to fundraise for them, but participants are welcome to if they choose

FAQ

Are the forms accessible for screen reader users?

Yes, the application form includes a feature called **Immersive Reader**, which helps make the form more accessible to screen reader users and those with additional reading or visual needs. This tool allows users to have text read aloud, adjust text spacing and size, and translate content into different languages.

For the best experience, we recommend using an up-to-date browser such as Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome.

Are the start times for disability entries slightly later?

All participants will be seeded based on their predicted finish time. If a participant is predicted to take longer than the seven hour and 45 minute (Saturday) or eight-hour (Sunday) cut off times then please contact accessibility@londonamarathonevents.co.uk.

Can someone walk the marathon with a disability entry?

Yes. For the Saturday event the participant will have a total of seven hours and 45 minutes from their start time to complete the course within the official cut off. There will be no secondary finish line on the Saturday.

For the Sunday event the participant will have a total of eight hours from their start time to complete the course within the official cut off, however, there will be a secondary finish line open until 23:59.

Can we advertise this more widely to our participants, or should it only be shared with a selected few?

These entries are specifically reserved for participants with a disability, so we kindly ask that you share the application form only with supporters in your network who have a disability or may be eligible rather than sending it broadly to your entire database.

Can we use one of our charity entries as a disability entry?

Yes, you're welcome to use one of your standard charity entries for a participant with a disability.

However, please note that if the participant is a wheelchair user who needs to be pushed around the course, they must apply through the Assisted Wheelchair ballot. These participants are not eligible to take part using a charity entry due to specific safety and logistics considerations.

Do assisted wheelchair users have to be fully dependent on a Support Runner, or are those who can partially self-propel still eligible?

If a participant needs to be pushed at any point during the course, they must apply for an Assisted Wheelchair entry. If they can self-propel for the entire marathon, they are welcome to take part using one of your charity entries and cannot have Support Runner(s) propel them. They can, however, request a Support Runner to assist in other ways, such as administering medication, refuelling, or accessing toilets.

Please refer to [our guidance](#) for more information on the types of wheelchairs permitted on the course.

Do Support Runners receive a medal?

Yes, Support Runners will also receive a medal as long as they finish alongside the participant they are supporting. For example, if the participant has to withdraw from the event due to injury, the Support Runner will have to withdraw too, or their result will be disqualified.

Do you provide Visually Impaired/Blind Runner bib stickers?

Participants can collect bib stickers from the Double TCS London Marathon Running Show with the following on them:

- Visually Impaired Runner
- Blind Runner
- Deaf Runner
- Give Me Space

We also have 'Guide Runner' and 'Support Runner' bibs available for collection at the Double TCS London Marathon Running Show.

Does the participant apply independently, or do we (the charity) need to submit the application?

The participant must complete the application form themselves. However, if they need support completing it we advise they contact their charity for assistance.

If one of our participants is successful, what is the entry cost to the participant? Is the registration process through the Let's Do This portal the same?

The entry cost is the same as the 2027 ballot cost of £79.99. If the participant is successful, they will be sent a unique link from Let's Do This to complete their registration. This entry sits outside of a charity Let's Do This dashboard and our team will be in touch directly with the participant to complete their registration.

We're new to this space - do you have any advice on how to find participants interested in disability entries?

We would suggest making it clear through your imagery and language that participants with disabilities are welcome to apply to take part.

Is it possible for charities to find out how many supporters heard about the disability entries through them?

At the moment, there isn't a way for charities to see whether their supporters heard about the disability entries through them or whether they were successful in the ballot.

The only way a charity will currently know is if the participant chooses to inform them directly.

Is it clearly stated in the application form that participants will need to pay an entry fee to event organisers, London Marathon Events? Some of our supporters found this confusing last year.

Yes, the cost of the entry is visible on the form.

Is there an opportunity to hire a marathon wheelchair for participants whose own chair is old or not suitable?

London Marathon Events does not have marathon wheelchairs available to hire, however, there are commercial companies that offer this service.

Is the process the same for disabled participants taking part in the virtual London Marathon, or are there additional concessions?

The process is not needed for [Double TCS London Marathon MyWay](#). Entries are available for charities to purchase on our [website](#) and with the event being virtual it can be a more accessible option for some. Every participant has 24 hours to complete the event, and they can do it in whatever way works best for them. If a participant does require extra time to complete the event, they can contact us by emailing accessibility@londonmarathonevents.co.uk and we'll work with the participant to see how best to support them.

Will this disability entries process be continued for future London Marathons, or will it be reviewed after 2027?

We understand the importance of supporting participants with disabilities, and we're committed to building on this offering in the future.

While this is the second time we've opened disability entries to charities in this way, our aim is to continue developing and improving the process.

Is the ballot now live?

Yes, the ballot is now live for both Assisted Wheelchair entries and General Disability entries.

Our Accessibility Team initially shared the opportunity directly with individuals known to have a disability, and we've now extended the offer to our charity partners.

- Applications close at 23:59 on Monday 24 August 2026
- Ballot results will be shared by September 2026

What is accepted as proof of disability?

We accept a range of documents as proof of disability, including:

- A medical certificate
- Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
- Personal Independence Payment (PIP)
- A doctor's letter
- A disability ID card
- A Blue Badge

If a participant is unable to provide any of the above, they should contact us by emailing accessibility@londonmarathonevents.co.uk to discuss alternative options.

What is the process for Support Runners if a participant has a charity entry?

If your participant using a charity entry wishes to have a Support Runner with them, please advise them to send the following information to our Accessibility Team (accessibility@londonmarathonevents.co.uk):

- Confirmation of participants full name, booking number and how the entry has been secured (charity entry in this case)
- Outline of disability/ medical/ health condition
- Are there any other reasonable adjustments that would need to be made for them to safely participate?
- Attach proof of disability
- Full name and email address of the Support Runner

If their request is accepted, their Support Runner will be offered a free-of-charge entry to run alongside the participant.

Support runner entries do not come out of your charity entry allocation.

What support is available at the Finish Line for disabled participants (for example, parking or alternative exit routes)?

At the Finish Line, participants are welcome to use the Sensory Calm Tent, where they can take a quiet moment away from the crowds. Participants with disabilities can also request for someone to meet them at the Repatriation Tent, in the instance where they are unable to make their own way safely. There is very limited parking available around the Finish Line, which is allocated on a needs basis, and this is generally reserved for our assisted wheelchair participants.

We will also have an Accessibility Team, made up of volunteers who will be able to help participants with baggage collection or exiting the venue.

Will there be disability entries in the TCS Mini London Marathon too?

Entries in the TCS Mini London Marathon are allocated directly by schools. We encourage schools to be inclusive and ensure that everyone can participate.

Does this initiative include people with Down's syndrome?

Yes, we welcome applications from a broad spectrum of disabilities, including learning disabilities, intellectual disabilities and people who are neurodivergent.