Marathon Ballot – London & MK

As an affiliated running club, we receive one club place in the London Marathon. Each year, we have a ballot to decide which Strider will receive this place and represent the club in the marathon.

The Club also funds 2 places at the MK marathon in May (in addition to the 3 places at the MK Winter Half). We feel that the Club does not need to fund the London Marathon place because the Strider receiving the place would be willing to pay for their place given the high demand for places in this marathon.

The dates of the marathons are:

London – Sunday 24 April 2016

MK – Monday 2 May 2016

In previous years, we have had a reserve runner for London should the nominated runner be forced to drop out (e.g. because of injury). The reserve runner for London will receive an MK place if they are not promoted to the London place because our London runner drops out. We will draw names as follows:

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| **Drawn** | **Marathon place** | **Comments** |
| First | London |  |
| Second | Milton Keynes | First reserve for the London place |
| Third | Milton Keynes |  |
| Fourth | Reserve for Milton Keynes |  |

It is possible that someone enters the ballot but only wants to run at MK. Therefore, if this person is drawn out first, he/she will be given the first MK place and we will draw the London place again.

The ballot will be drawn at 6:50pm on Wednesday 2 December 2015 in the Leisure Centre before the training session.

To enter the ballot, please submit your name to [shenleystriders@gmail.com](mailto:shenleystriders@gmail.com) by Wednesday 25 November.

Please note that, in order to be eligible for the ballot, you need to satisfy the following conditions:

* You have been a fully paid up member of Shenley Striders since April.
* You have been and continue to be an active member of the Club i.e. you attend Club sessions (Monday, Wednesday and/or Sunday) on a regular basis. Allowance will be given for those Striders who cannot attend as many sessions as they would like because of family commitments, work or injury. If injured or returning from injury, you must be reasonably confident of being fully fit to train for and run in the marathon.
* You do not have a place in the 2016 London Marathon already.
* You have not received a previous Club place for the London Marathon.
* You are committed to the training necessary for the marathon.

If less than three qualifying members enter the ballot (to fill the one London and two MK places), the ballot will be drawn for the qualifying members first and the remaining places will be opened up to a ballot for non-qualifying members.

The 3 Striders with club-funded places for the MK Winter Half are eligible to enter the marathon ballot. However, if successful in the marathon ballot, they must give up their MK Winter Half place.

In the event of any disputes concerning eligibility or the ballot itself, the Committee’s decision will be final.