

2026 Mini-London Marathon Championships – Team Greenwich Application

The TCS Mini London Marathon championships give the UK's most promising young athletes the chance to compete against the best new talent in British road running. Over the years, the event has launched the careers of international athletics stars including Laura Muir, Keely Hodgkinson and Josh Kerr – not to mention Sir Mo Farah, who won the Mini Marathon three times.

The 2.6K race will take place on Saturday 25 April 2026 for athletes from Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and eight regions in England (school years 7 to 12), and for athletes from the London boroughs (school years 5 to 12).

1. Date: Saturday 25th April 2026

2. Venue: The Mall, London

3. Start times: Provisional times are 8.40am - 9.29am (depending on age). Meeting time will be c.one hour prior to start - 7.40am to 8.25am; athletes are required to be in start pens 15 mins prior to start time.

Wave	Start Time	Age Group	Distance	T-shirt colour
1	08:30	U18/14 WC	2.6 km	Green
2	08:32	U18/14 Ambulant	2.6 km	Purple
3	08:40	U18 Boys	2.6 km	Yellow
4	08:47	U16 Boys	2.6 km	Cyan
5	08:54	U14 Boys	2.6 km	Red
6	09:01	U18 Girls	2.6 km	Black
7	09:08	U16 Girls	2.6 km	Orange
8	09:15	U14 Girls	2.6 km	Purple
9	09:22	U12 Boys	2.6km	White
10	09:29	U12 Girls	2.6km	Dark Blue

Race t-shirts in line with the colour scheme above will be provided by the organiser.

4. Eligibility: Athlete must live and/or go to school in Greenwich.

NB. Eltham College is classed as Bromley **NOT** Greenwich by the organiser. Those who attend Eltham College and live in Bromley should contact the Bromley team.

5. Age Groups: This year there is a major change to age-groups which now allows the participation of U12s for the first time. Please see below:

Age Group	Child Age	School Years	DOB Range (on 31 st August)
U12 (Boroughs only)	9-11	Year 5 & 6	1 Sept 2014 to 31 Aug 2016
U14	11-13	Year 7 & 8	1 Sept 2012 to 31 Aug 2014
U16	13-15	Year 9 & 10	1 Sept 2010 to 31 Aug 2012
U18	15-17	Year 11 & 12	1 Sept 2008 to 31 Aug 2010

Participants can run up only one age group.

Team Sizes

U12 = (Boroughs only) 4 boys & 4 Girls
U14 = 6 Boys & 6 Girls
U16 = 6 Boys & 6 Girls
U18 = 6 Men & 6 Women



6. Selection: There are a maximum of **FOUR** places for U12 and **SIX** places for U14 / U16 / U18 in each age/sex category.

In the event of over-subscription Junior Parkrun (for U12) and Parkrun 5K (for U14/U16/U18) time (last three months) and/or other supporting evidence of athletic performance will be used for team selection.

Other evidence may include chip-timed 3K/5K road or track races and cross-country (especially regional/county team selection and league race performance). All submitted times must be verifiable e.g. include date/time/location and a link to the official result for verification. Strava traces/times are not accepted. Simple placing without a verified time is not accepted.

The fastest athlete in each age/sex group will be awarded a wristband that places them at the front of the start pen. This will be decided **STRICTLY** by time as these will be the most competitive athletes. **FOUR** reserves will be held for each age/sex group.

7. Travel: All selected athletes will have to make their own way to The Mall. Further details will be provided after selection/

8. Closing date for applications: Sunday 22nd March at 5pm

9. Notification: If you are successful in making the team, then you will receive further details by Saturday 5th April.

10. Contact details: Steven Cummins (Team Manager) – steven.cummins@lshtm.ac.uk

APPLICATION FORM:

Please use the link below to make your application

<https://forms.gle/7y1i4XkCmAgzAubB6>