



World Athletics Road Running Championships, København / DEN 19-20.09

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Updated – 20th May 2026. The window for the half marathon has changed and now closes on 20th July. This is because DAF will be involved in preparation of the squad during the last eight weeks prior to the championships so that we secure the best performances possible.

Distances: Mile (1609m) / 5k / half marathon. In addition, there are team competitions in the half marathon and mixed mile (men & women) as well as mixed 5k (men & women).

Denmark can field up to four (4) athletes in the half marathon (men & women), as well as two (2) participants in the mile (men & women) and two (2) participants in the 5k (men and women).

Qualification period: Half Marathon - 1 January 2026 – 20th July 2026
5km and mile – 1 January 2026 - 30 August 2026.

Criteria:

The criteria below are not listed in any order of priority and those involved in selecting will exercise discretion fairly and without bias in making selection decisions.

- World Athletics Top List, using the athlete's single best performance during the qualification window on the date of the selection meeting.
 - For mile, 1500m track results will be considered.
 - For 5km, 5000m track results and 5km road results will be considered.
 - For the half marathon, results in the half marathon.

The result must have been achieved in WA approved races.

- Consistency of performances
- Current form. Performances achieved closer to the selection date are given increased priority
- Performance history at major championships (Danish Athletics championship level and above)
- Head to head performances. Priority is given to head to head competitions that occur at major championships

Selection depends on:



- the athlete being healthy, injury-free and having confirmed form before the end of the qualification period
- the athlete preparing specifically for this championships. Athletes who prepare for and compete at the European Athletics Championships in the marathon, five weeks prior, will not be selected for this event

Current athletes for the championship will hold regular dialogue with the Event Group Lead for Endurance.

I Run Clean: Must be taken before the entry deadline.

Deadline for entry: 1 September 2026.



APPENDIX 1 – GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Be eligible to compete for Denmark and be the holder of a full and current Danish passport.
2. If competing in an endurance event (800m – marathon), complete Team Denmark/DAF RED-S screening and comply with any follow-up action.
3. Comply with all World/European Athletics and competition rules relevant to the category and/or event they wish to compete in.
4. Is not serving a period of ineligibility from the sport (as determined by Danish Athletics) or from any other sport. For example, due to misconduct and/or disciplinary reasons.
5. Not under investigation or been charged by Danish Athletics or any other relevant organisation with misconduct or any disciplinary, safeguarding or criminal offence.
6. Completed all anti-doping requirements including I Run Clean certification.
7. Not committed a criminal, disciplinary or safeguarding offence that in the reasonable opinion of the Board of Danish Athletics renders the athlete unsuitable for selection.
8. Has not, whether by an act or omission, brought Danish Athletics into disrepute.
9. Meet the standards and behaviour expected by Danish Athletics, as published in the Code of Conduct <https://dansk-atletik.dk/atleter/elite-og-talent/code-of-conduct/>
10. Be 18 years or older as of 31 December 2026 (i.e. born in 2008 or earlier) to be considered for selection

