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## **EILISH McCOLGAN OUT OF 2023 TCS LONDON MARATHON**

Eilish McColgan has withdrawn from the 2023 TCS London Marathon on Sunday (23 April).

McColgan, who was set to make her marathon debut, picked up a knee issue in recent days which has not responded to treatment.

She said: “Unfortunately, my knee hasn’t improved as much as I wanted it to. I was hopeful I could participate after some knee bursitis I had in February – I could run through that and I have tried to run through this but it has got to the point where it isn’t feasible to run a marathon. There have been a few factors that have come together like a bad storm in the past three weeks and the knee issue has been the final crack in the armour.

“I’m disappointed and know I’m ready to run a good marathon. That is what makes it hard to not be there on the start line. As an athlete I wanted to compete, but I’m a firm believer these things happen for a reason. There will be another London Marathon in my future where, hopefully, I will be able to perform well.”

The elite women’s race at the 2023 TCS London Marathon is set to be one of the greatest female marathon races of all time.

Among those taking part are defending champion Yelamzerf Yehualaw (ETH), world record holder Brigid Kosgei (KEN), Olympic marathon champion Peres Jepchirchir (KEN) and Olympic 5,000m and 10,000m champion Sifan Hassan (NED) who is making her marathon debut.

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## Notes to Editors

### About the London Marathon

- The 2023 TCS London Marathon will take place on Sunday 23 April.
- The London Marathon was first held on 29 March 1981 and the millionth finisher in the history of the event crossed the line in 2016.
- Since the first London Marathon in 1981, the event has raised more than £1 billion for charity.
- The 2023 TCS London Marathon Official Charity of the Year is Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity.
- London Marathon Events gifts its surplus each year to the London Marathon Foundation (the operating name of The London Marathon Charitable Trust, a registered charity (283813) and a company limited by guarantee registered in England & Wales (01550741), registered office: 190 Great Dover Street, London, SE1 4YB).
- Since 1981, the London Marathon Foundation has awarded £100 million to more than 1,600 projects that inspire activity in London and across the UK.
- For more information, visit [tcslondonmarathon.com](https://tcslondonmarathon.com)

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