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## **ELIUD KIPCHOGE TO START 2023 TCS LONDON MARATHON**

Eliud Kipchoge, the greatest marathon runner in history, will be the official starter of the 2023 TCS London Marathon tomorrow (23 April).

Kipchoge is the only man to have run inside two hours for the marathon, the official world record holder (2:01:09) and the four-time London Marathon champion (2015, 2016, 2018 and 2019).

The Kenyan great, who also holds the London Marathon course record (2:02:37), will be the official starter for the elite men's race and the mass start at 10:00 tomorrow.

He said: "The TCS London Marathon holds a special place in my heart and it's an honour to be asked to be the official starter this year. I am looking forward to cheering on all my fellow runners participating on Sunday. I wish everyone taking part, whatever your reason for running, the very best of luck."

Kipchoge is the final confirmed starter for tomorrow's TCS London Marathon.

Gordon Perry, the first London Marathon wheelchair race winner in 1981, will start the elite wheelchair races at 09:15, on the 40th anniversary of his win.

The elite women's race (starting at 09:25) will be started by two former London Marathon champions: Ingrid Kristiansen (NOR) and Catherina McKiernan (IRL).

Kristiansen has, like Kipchoge, won the London Marathon on a record four occasions (1984, 1985, 1987 and 1988), while McKiernan won the 1998 edition of the London Marathon 25 years ago.

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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://www.tcslondonmarathon.com)

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