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## ENGLAND'S EURO WINNERS TO START THE 2022 TCS LONDON MARATHON

- **European champions Leah Williamson, Ellen White and Jill Scott are official starters**
- **Scott is a former Mini London Marathon winner**

Three Lionesses from England's all-conquering 2022 European Championship-winning squad will be the official starters of the 2022 TCS London Marathon on Sunday 2 October.

Captain Leah Williamson will be joined by England Women's record goal-scorer Ellen White and Jill Scott MBE, the second most-capped player in English football history, who also holds a place in the London Marathon record books.

**Williamson said:** *"It's a fantastic honour for us to be asked to be the official starters for the 2022 TCS London Marathon. We had a historic experience winning the Euros this summer with incredible support, and I'm sure everyone taking part in this year's TCS London Marathon will also have a day they'll never forget."*

**White said:** *"I feel incredibly honoured to be helping to start the 2022 TCS London Marathon. I have always admired the dedication and mentality needed to take on the marathon and the atmosphere is something I've always wanted to experience. I hope everyone has an amazing day and huge congratulations to every person taking part this year."*

Before her decorated professional football career, Scott was a talented runner and won the under-15 girls race in the 2001 Mini London Marathon, an event that has also been won by the likes of Sir Mo Farah and David Weir.

For the first time in the event's history, this year's TCS Mini London Marathon will be held on Saturday 1 October, the day before the TCS London Marathon, as part of a landmark move to get more children taking part and to inspire activity.

**Scott said:** *"This will bring back some special memories for me too. I won the Mini Marathon back in 2001 before I decided to focus on my football. Crossing the Finish Line first on The Mall was an amazing feeling. Part of the joy of our success this summer was hearing how it inspired young people to get out and play football, or any sport, and the TCS Mini London Marathon has the same power."*

England won the 2022 UEFA Euro Championship by beating Germany 2-1 in the final at Wembley Stadium. It was the first time since 1966 that an England Senior football team had won a major championship.

Following the win, Scott officially announced her retirement from professional football after an 18-year career that saw her win 161 England caps, scoring 27 goals. White also retired at the same time, leaving the game as the England women's team all-time record goal-scorer with 52 goals. She played in three World Cups and represented Great Britain at two Olympic Games.

Captain Williamson has won 38 international caps and has also represented Great Britain at the 2020 Olympic Games. She is also the captain of Arsenal WFC.

Williamson, White and Scott will be the official starters of the elite wheelchair races, the elite women's race and the elite men and masses at the 2022 TCS London Marathon on Sunday 2 October.

Previous starters include Queen Elizabeth II, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge with the Duke of Sussex, Sir Andy Murray, Sir Steve Redgrave and double Olympic champions Helen Glover and Heather Stanning.

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About the London Marathon

- The 2022 TCS London Marathon will take place on Sunday 2 October.
- 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.
- British Heart Foundation is the Charity of the Year of the 2022 TCS London Marathon
- London Marathon Events gifts its surplus each year to The London Marathon Charitable Trust.
- Since 1981, [The London Marathon Charitable Trust](#) has awarded grants totalling in excess of £97 million to more than 1,500 projects in London and across the UK.
- For more information, visit [tcs.londonmarathon.com](https://tcs.londonmarathon.com)

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