



ABBOTTWMM WANDA AGE GROUP WORLD RANKING QUALIFYING EVENT *Second Edition*

- Qualifying period runs from **Sept. 30 2019 – Oct. 11, 2020**, which will include:
 - *2019 Eversource Hartford Marathon – Saturday, October 12*
 - *2020 Eversource Hartford Marathon – Saturday, October 10*
- One year cycle for participants to earn two qualifying times and a place at the **AbbottWMM Wanda Age Group World Championships in 2021**.
- The second edition of the rankings commences on September 30th 2019 and ends on October 11th at the 2020 Bank of America Chicago Marathon - coinciding with the conclusion of Series XIII of the Abbott World Marathon Majors. The World Championships will take place in 2021 with the venue to be announced next year.
- Participants in an AbbottWMM Wanda Age Group World Ranking qualifying race will earn points according to their age, time and gender, aligned with the following age groups for men and women: 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80+.
- A maximum of two races run in the qualifying period will go towards a runner's overall ranking in their age group. At the end of the qualifying period, the top ranked runners in each age group will be invited to the AbbottWMM Wanda Age Group World Championships.
- The inaugural AbbottWMM Wanda Age Group World Championships are being held within the 2020 Virgin Money London Marathon.
- The geographical spread of the selected marathon events that are part of the AbbottWMM Wanda Age Group World Rankings creates a truly global series throughout the year, giving runners around the world the chance to be part of a new era of age group marathon running.

Tim Hadzima, Executive Director of Abbott World Marathon Majors said:

“We are very excited about the response to the AbbottWMM Wanda Age Group World Rankings from marathons around the world. More than 125,000 runners aged 40+ participate in AbbottWMM races each year and this new system will allow even more runners to become a part of the AbbottWMM family. Our system gives runners a chance to run all over the world and all across the calendar on a truly global stage. We want to give them a chance to gain recognition like never before.

“We are proud to be working with all our partners to take age group marathon running to the next level and showcase the achievements of these everyday champions.”

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- For more information on the scoring system and world rankings, visit www.Abbottwmm.com

ABOUT ABBOTT WORLD MARATHON MAJORS

The Abbott World Marathon Majors (AbbottWMM) is a series of six of the largest and most renowned marathons in the world - Tokyo Marathon, B.A.A. Boston Marathon, Virgin Money London Marathon, BMW BERLIN-MARATHON, Bank of America Chicago Marathon and TCS New York City Marathon.

Encompassing an annual series for elite runners and elite wheelchair athletes, AbbottWMM also applauds the achievements and passion of everyday champions from around the world. The new AbbottWMM Six Star System is an online results hub that celebrates every runner who has completed from one to six of the races in the series and encourages them to 'Reach For The Stars'.

The AbbottWMM has also launched AbbottWMM Wanda Age Group World Rankings - our first ever global age group marathon ranking system. Qualifying begins in Berlin in September 2018 and will include more than 50 races across the world. The rankings will culminate at the first AbbottWMM Wanda Age Group World Championship race taking place in spring 2020.

For more information, visit www.Abbottwmm.com

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