

# Informal

Dear Emily,

I hope this letter finds you well! I wanted to share something that happened to me recently—something quite frustrating, to say the least. I was so excited about the marathon coming up this weekend, but, believe it or not, I was told I can't participate because I am a girl!

To add to my disappointment, the reason they gave was utterly ridiculous! I thought we had moved past all those outdated views. The race organisers claimed that “girls do not have the stamina for long-distance running.” Can you imagine? It's hard to believe that such stereotypes still exist in this day and age!

I felt like shouting, but instead, I took a deep breath and tried to find a productive way to respond. Perhaps I will organise a petition or talk to my teacher about this unfair treatment. I can't help but think of all the other girls who might be facing the same issue. We need to stand up for our rights and show that we can do anything, regardless of our gender!

Please let me know your thoughts on this! It's always great to have your perspective. I'm sure you would have found a way to tackle this challenge as well. Let's catch up soon—I could really use your support.

Take care,

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The Organising Committee

London Marathon London, SW1A 1AA

Dear Members of the Organising Committee,

I am writing to express my deep disappointment regarding the recent decision to disallow female participants from entering the London Marathon based solely on their gender. As a passionate advocate for equality and sportsmanship, I believe it is crucial to address such instances of discrimination that undermine the very essence of sporting events.

I would like to remind you that sports have always been a platform for uniting people, regardless of gender, race, or background. On the day of the marathon, when men and women strive together towards a common goal, such prejudiced decisions cast a shadow over the hard work and determination of countless female athletes who are striving to break barriers and inspire future generations.

Moreover, it is imperative to acknowledge the immense progress made in gender equality in sports. Women athletes are not only role models but also vital contributors to the success of events like the London Marathon. Therefore, I respectfully request an official apology from the committee, recognising this egregious oversight and committing to ensuring that such discrimination will not occur in the future.

Lastly, I urge you to consider revising your policies and practices to become more inclusive and equitable. By waging a stand for equality, the London Marathon can lead by example, proving to the world that it embraces all participants irrespective of their gender.

Thank you for taking the time to read my concerns. I hope you will take this matter seriously and make meaningful changes to promote gender equality in your future events, ensuring that everyone, regardless of gender, is given the fair chance to participate in the London Marathon.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Members of the Organising Committee,

I am writing to share my disappointment about the recent decision that stopped female runners from participating in the London Marathon. It is upsetting to see gender discrimination in a sport that should include everyone. By not allowing women to compete, the committee is hurting many talented female athletes who have worked hard to prepare for this event.

Marathons are special events that celebrate the strength and determination of all runners, no matter their gender. Not allowing women to run takes away from this spirit and ignores the amazing achievements of female athletes in sports. It is important for organisations like yours to support fairness and create a race that includes everyone. An official apology and a promise to change this decision are essential steps to fix this situation.

In conclusion, I ask the committee to think again about its rules and work to make the London Marathon open to all runners. By standing up for equality, the London Marathon can inspire other events and show that every person should have the chance to compete. Thank you for considering this important issue; I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,  
John Smith