

# Ankle injury rules Ritz out of London

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Dathan Ritzenhein has been forced to withdraw from the 2011 Virgin London Marathon on Sunday 17 April with a persistent ankle injury.

The 28-year-old American, who was added to the elite men's line-up two weeks ago, was aiming to smash his personal best of 2 hours 10 minutes on the 26.2 mile course.

But an ankle injury sustained while training indoors in December has been slow to heal, and Ritzenhein and his coach Alberto Salazar believe he will not have time to do the necessary training for the sub-2:07 performance he had been hoping for.

David Bedford, race director of the Virgin London Marathon, said: "It is very disappointing to lose Dathan from this year's race. I know he was hoping to produce a fast time but unfortunately he has been beaten by injury. We wish him well and hope to see him in the future.

"The men's field is still one of the best we've ever had, including our defending champion Tsegaye Kebede, the Olympic champion Sammy Wanjiru and the world champion Abel Kirui. I am sure it will be a fantastic race."

## Elite athletes and their best marathon times

### Men

Tsegaye Kebede	ETH	02:05:18
Patrick Makau	KEN	02:04:48
Samuel Wanjiru	KEN	02:05:10
Abel Kirui	KEN	02:05:04
Bazu Worku	ETH	02:05:25
Jaouad Gharib	MAR	02:05:27
Emmanuel Mutai	KEN	02:06:15
Viktor Röthlin	SUI	02:07:23
Abderrahime Bouramdane	MAR	02:07:33
Yonas Kifle	ERI	02:07:34
José Manuel Martínez	ESP	02:08:09
Marilson Gomes dos Santos	BRA	02:08:37
Lee Troop	AUS	02:09:49
Dmitry Safronov	RUS	02:10:12
Luis Feiteira	POR	02:11:57
Cuthbert Nyasango	ZIM	02:12:40
Ser-Od Bat-Ochir	MGL	02:12:42
Jason Lehmkuhle	USA	02:12:54
Mike Shelley	AUS	02:13:05
Michael Aish	USA	02:13:21
Andrew Lemoncello	GBR	02:13:40
Collis Birmingham	AUS	Debut
Mohamed Trafeh	USA	Debut
Javier Guerra	ESP	Debut

Stephan Shay	USA	Debut
Patrick Smyth	USA	Debut

**Women**

Liliya Shobukhova	RUS	02:20:25
Zhou Chunxiu	CHN	02:19:51
Irina Mikitenko	GER	02:19:19
Constantina Dita	ROU	02:21:30
Askale Tafa	ETH	02:21:31
Inga Abitova	RUS	02:22:19
Lornah Kiplagat	NED	02:22:22
Aselefech Mergia	ETH	02:22:38
Bezunesh Bekele	ETH	02:23:09
Bai Xue	CHN	02:23:27
Mariya Kononova	RUS	02:23:50
Zhu Xiaolin	CHN	02:23:57
Aberu Kebede	ETH	02:23:58
Yukiko Akaba	JPN	02:24:55
Edna Kiplagat	KEN	02:25:38
Magdalena Lewy Boulet	USA	02:26:22
Liz Yelling	GBR	02:28:33
Lisa Weightman	AUS	02:28:48
Mary Keitany	KEN	02:29:01
Kirsten Melkevik	NOR	02:29:12
Fiona Docherty	NZL	02:32:17
Tanith Maxwell	RSA	02:32:33
Jo Pavey	GBR	Debut
Jessica Augusto	POR	Debut
Nikki Chapple	AUS	Debut
Hayley Yelling	GBR	Debut
Maria Sig Moller	DEN	Debut