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The Hellenic Amateur Athletic Association has decided to hold every two years, the year before and after the Olympic Games, (odd years) the INTERNATIONAL CLASSICAL MARATHON RACE on the original course, Marathon-Athens (Panathenean Stadium) a distance of 42.195 meters, on October 2nd, 1955.

Owing to the fact that a large number of Marathon runners is taking part in various Marathon races organized in every corner of the world, we wish to give to all these marvellous athletes the opportunity to run on the original classical distance from the battlefield of Marathon to Athens, runned by the Athenian Warrior who announced the Greek Victory against the Persians to the people of Athens.

In Memory to the achievement of this Warrior, the Marathon Race was established at the time of the First Modern Olympic Games in 1896, on this very distance.

Although we would like to welcome and give hospitality to as large a number of competitors as possible, due to the financial factor, we must restrict ourselves to a limited number. However, we shall be glad to undertake the expenses of:

- 1) the three first winners of the Marathon-Race of the European Championships, held in 1954
- 2) of the Winner of the British Championships in 1955
- 3) of the best non Greek Winner of the Balkan Games Marathon Race 1955.

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In the expenses are included: travelling from the center of the Federation to Athens and back, as well as 8 days' stay and living in Athens.

The H.A.A.A. will further invite a number of outstanding Marathon runners from different countries in accordance with the national governing bodies.

The intention of the I.A.A.A. is to facilitate the participation on this classical Marathon distance to a large number of competitors from all the world; therefore the H.A.A.A. will be glad to give a hearty hospitality in our City to every foreign participant who is able to undertake his personal travelling expenses.

We are enclosing herewith the rules and regulations governing the International Marathon Race, according to the existing relative rules of the I.A.A.F.

most sincerely yours,

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