



Skyline 10km Series Race Information

19th Nov, 17th Dec, 14th Jan, 10th (night race) & 11th Feb. Start times from 10:00
University of Bath, Bath, BA2 7JY.

Important Notices

New Location - We are back in West Car Park as we were for the 2015/16 and 2016/17 series. A bigger space than previous years but also further removed from the main entrance. Please refer to the map below and signs on the day to go direct to West Car Park - DO NOT enter at the main entrance to the University as there is no easy way round to us.

Off-Road or Trail Shoes – It will be muddy and slippery on the course. Off-road shoes will be a great asset!!!

Music Players – As set out UK Athletics rules, in ear headphones are not permitted. Bone conducting headphones are permitted.

Canicross - We are very pleased to have a Canicross (runners with dogs) specific waves over the 5km and 10km distance for the 14th January events. There is a separate set of rules for Canicross events, please read these as you will need to acknowledge and sign that these have been read prior to registration. These will start at 10:00am.

Santa Run - This is an exciting new event this year, held on 17th December and it will have a 10am start time

Night Race - There is a separate event info document for this event on the website

Car Parking - BA2 7JY (see directions pdf)

Follow the Relish Running signs to the car park. DO NOT drive in the main entrance of the University. The campus is a busy site, with lots of construction and one way roads, finding us will be tough!



The car park is listed as Permit Only but we have hired this car park for this event so it does not apply. There is no charge for parking.

Facilities

We will have portaloos on site, catering from Bath Organic Farms (sausage, bacon rolls and hot drinks) and a bag drop area. This year the Sports Training Village have asked us not to direct runners to their toilet and changing room facilities.

Are you posting out race numbers?

Nope. All numbers will be available to collect on the day.

Registration 08:45am -10:45am

Registration will be located by the car park entrance and will be under a white marquee. There will be desks for on the day registrations (assuming the race has not sold out); 10km, 5km and 300m. There will also be desks for Number Collection with signs Wave 1, Wave 2, Wave 3, Wave 4 which refer to the 10km race, please check your confirmation email or start lists (published on Thursday before the race) to find your wave. If you did not select a wave when you registered we will have assigned you to the earliest available wave.

Waves

It will not be possible to swap wave in advance of, or on the race day itself. Please do not email in :-). If you did not select a wave when you registered then we selected the first available wave for you. All waves are open to all runners of all abilities, this is to help

runners spread out over the course and ensure there are no bottlenecks in the narrow sections (Note a fast wave, medium wave, slow wave would have the same bottlenecks as a mass start, so this isn't the way to go ;-))

All waves are colour coded, YOU MUST START IN YOUR COLOUR WAVE. Our timing system relies on people starting in the correct colour wave. If you start in the incorrect wave you will throw out the results and the prizes, and therefore be removed from the results entirely (DQ).

Schedule

09:40 - Kids 500m Santa Run for 17th Dec ONLY

10:00 - Santa Run & Canicross (Time trail start) for 17th Dec and 14th Jan ONLY

10:40 - Kids 500m race

11:00 - 10km Wave 1 + All 5km runners

11:05 - 10km Wave 2

11:10 - 10km Wave 3

11:15 - 10km Wave 4

Race Briefing

The race briefing will take place at 09:30 for the Canicross event, please do not bring your dogs to the briefing. The race briefing for all other waves will be at the start line 5mins before each wave start. The start will be between the two start flags. Here are the key points.

The race briefing for all other events will take place 5mins before the start of each wave. The briefing will be held at the start line.

Laps: - 5km runners complete 1 lap of the looped section of the course, 10km runners complete 2 laps of the looped section of the course. Note that all waves will get mixed together, so don't just follow the feet in front of you, look out for the signs!

Terrain:- It is a muddy and in places technical course! Be careful on the descents as leaves will obscure tree roots and rocks. Take your time on the technical parts of the course and save your energy for the more open parts. Off-Road or trail shoes are highly recommended. Visit Running Bath (shop in Bath), or Running Home (online store) to get your off road shoes. You can get 10% off RRP at www.runninghome.co.uk with discount code 'Relish' (Our race numbers may well have this discount code printed on them saying 20%, but we are working our way through some old numbers, it is infact a 10% discount)

Other Users:- There will be members of the public on the course as it makes use of the National Trust Skyline route, please be mindful of them and politely let them know of your approach. It is vitally important that the race is seen in a positive light not only by those taking part, but those who see it passes by too.

Course Description - 500m

The 500m is a looped course, shown as purple on the route maps. They will Start and Finish under the same gantry as the 5km and 10km events.

Course Descriptions - 5km & 10km

Runners head from West Car park and over the footbridge over Quarry Road and start a gradual climb along the footpath around the back of the University accommodation. Mainly flat, the terrain shifts from a solid stone path to a wood chip path as it goes, after approximately 1km.

Runners will join the footpath which skirts around the edge of the golf course. On this section please keep to the right hand side as there will be runners moving in both directions. After a few hundred metres runners will descend into Bathampton Woods where the technical terrain begins.

The path slows meanders down the woods until the 2km point where runners pick up the old quarry tramway path and start the climb back to the top. (You can still see the groves for the carriages cut into the rock which used to carry stone from the top of the hill to the Kennet & Avon canal below). This is the biggest climb on the course and definitely worth pacing as it is slippery underfoot and you have to do it twice!

In a NEW part of the route this year, runners will head into a privately owned quarry. The quarry has not been in use for many years, so you need not fear any large trucks rolling around. **Note this is PRIVATE land for which we have been given special permission to use, it is not open to the public so please do not start running through here on training runs as you will put future editions of the race at risk.**

After meandering through the quarry you will emerge into Bathampton fields with great views over the valley below and over to Solsbury Hill. It is nice and open, slightly downhill to begin with a great place to pick up speed.

After the 3km sign the track turns from grass to mud, lots of mud. At the far end of this track you will enter the golf course car park which is open to their membership during the course of the event. Please follow the marshals instructions and stick to the right hand side as you skirt the perimeter of the car park.

You will now head down the access road to the car park, once again, please stick tight to the right hand side, UNTIL you reach the crossing point at the bottom of the slope. Please do not spill out in the middle of the road as we need to maintain normal access for the golf course users who have been big supporters of this event.

A short scramble from the road sides brings runners out at Sham Castle, a great little folly which is a prominent feature of the Bath skyline. With the castle on your left, there are great views over the city of Bath to your right. At this point you will see the 4km sign.

There is a bit of a drag for the next 400m where you come to a stone stile, hop over this and onto the footbridge which you first ran out on. Please stick to the right hand side to allow runners to flow in both directions. You will now skirt around the car parks in a slightly wider loop than previous years, before emerging in the start/finish area.

Remember it is a 2 lap 10km, 1 lap 5km course so please do not cut the feet in front of you!

Results

To enable us to record fast and accurate results please make sure your number is clearly visible when you cross the line. PROVISIONAL Results will be posted LIVE to our website. We will tidy them up and double check them straight after the race. If you have any queries AFTER 6pm, please email tom@relishrunninggraces.com and we will take a look for you on Monday.

Finish – As soon as you can!

The finish is in the same place as the start. You can then collect your medal and help yourself to our refreshments; jelly beans, jaffa cakes, oranges, water and other treats.

Medals – Are you collecting the set?

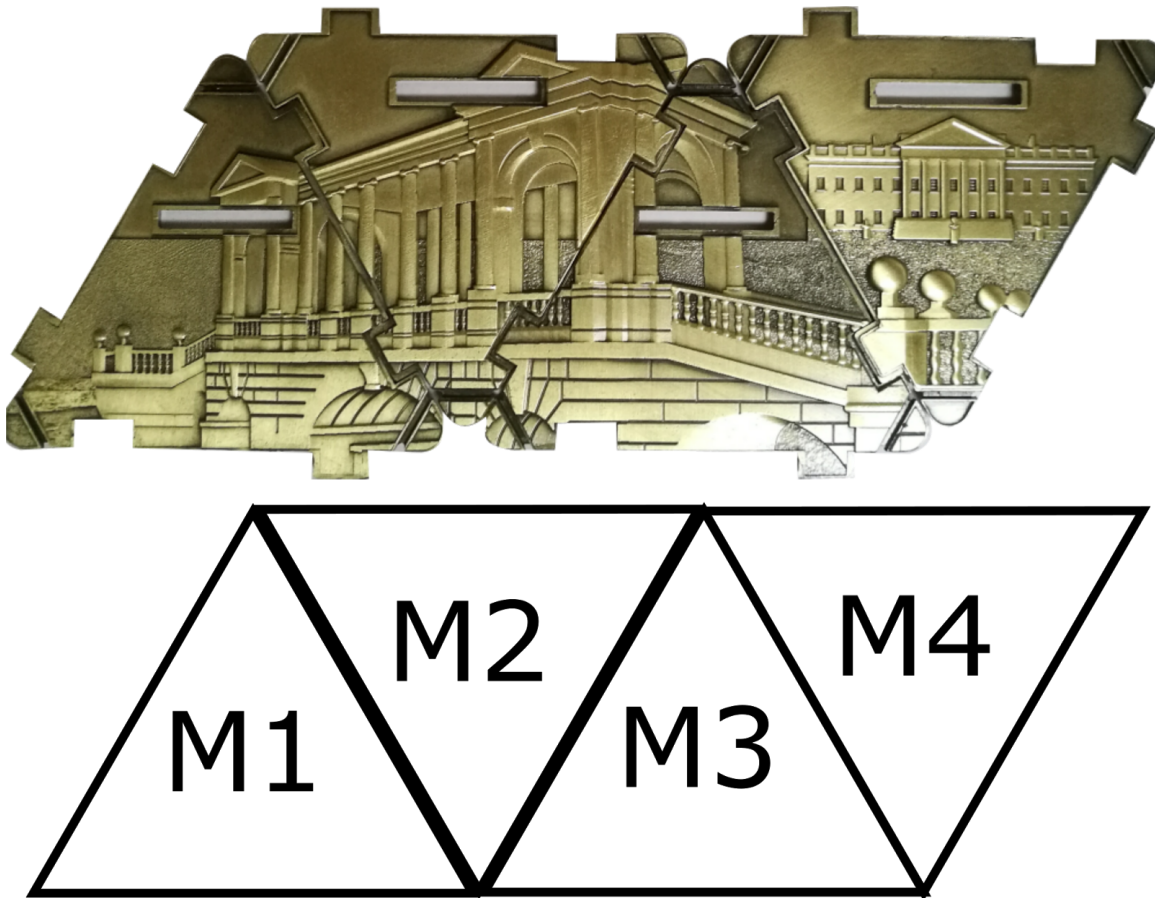
Runners can collect the interlocking medals by completing at any combination of the events. eg 5km, 10km, 5km, 500m. You can request any specific medal at each event, though it is easier for us if you collect medal 1 at your first race, medal 2 at your second race etc. You can only collect one medal per race, so to collect all 4 pieces you need to run all 4 events.

If you are running only 1 race with us this Skyline series, please collect medal 4

There will be different queues for collecting medals at the finish line gazebo. Please check for the medal image at the collection desks.

If you raced last year and you are missing a piece of the Bath Abbey interlocking medal then please go the Event Information desk after the race and we will be happy to give you a piece of the Bath Abbey medal in place of this years medal.

Below is an image of the 2017-18 Skyline Interlocking Medals



Prizes

As this is a multi wave event and from experience runners are keen to head off and warm up straight after the event. Therefore this year we are not going to hold a prize giving on the day of the event and we will contact all prize winner's mid week over email.

In the regular 10km races there will be prizes for;

Top 3 men and top 3 ladies
First 40-49 male and female
First 60+ male and female

First U20 male and female
First 50-59 male and female

In the Canicross 10km, Santa 10km and Night 10km we anticipate offering prizes for
Top 3 men and top 3 ladies.

There are no winner's prizes for the 5km and 500m races.