**governing body – The trail running association.**

please note our measurements are not exact, this is trail running not road running. We try to get as near to the exact measurement as possible. HOWEVER, you will usually get a little bit more for your money. We can only put our lovely marshals and feed stations where it is feasible to put them by transport. Thank you for your understanding.

**The Important Stuff:**

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| Distance | Registration Open | Race Brief (start line) | Race Start |
| Marathon | 08:00 - 09:40 | 09:50 | 10:00 |
| Half Marathon | 08:00 – 09:40 | 09:50 | 10:00 |

**GETTING TO US:**

Registration and toilets

Leeds Postal Sports Association Club

4 Beecroft Street

Kirkstall

Leeds

LS5 3AS

We will have marshals on hand who will show you where to park.

Please note the start and finish area is a 10 minute walk from the registration our lovely marshals will point you in the right direction, (see attached map). There is not parking at the start and finish area.

**Race Numbers and Registration (and loos):**

Toilets are available at the LPSA club only and not at the start and finish area.

Race Registration will close promptly at the times stated above. We need to make our way to the start/finish area.

**Please don’t leave it to the last minute to collect your numbers we want everyone to enjoy their day and stressing in a queue minutes before the race isn’t a great start.**

You can drop your bags in the Grim big white van, which will be kept in the car park next to the start and finish area, all bags etc are left entirely at your own risk, although we aim to keep an eye on them.

**NUMBER EXCHANGE**

Numbers cannot be exchanged unless prior notice is given to the race committee. If numbers are exchanged without prior permission the runners will be disqualified from the race.

**RACE TIMES**

All races will start at the above times.

**THE COURSES**

**The courses are available on Grim up North Strava and they will soon be available from the Grim website, we are making some changes very soon.**

The half marathon is 1 x loop.

The marathon is 2 x loops.

Most of the route is, at the moment good underfoot. A lot of the route is good trail but the trail could become muddy if there is a lot of rain the week prior. There is a small amount of pavement and good canal towpath.

**Road Crossings**: There is one road crossing onto a small side street, we will sign to caution the runners and motorists. Please take care.

**RACE SHOES**

Race shoes or road shoe, depending on the weather during the week prior to the event.

**withdrawal, deferrals, refunds, changes on the day entries.**

We have hundreds of entrants to manage on race day and whilst we want you all happy things invariably get hectic at Grim HQ, as a result:

We cannot issue refunds or defer your entry without 2 weeks’ notice – with the number of races and the effort going into each event it’s just not possible.

We want to try and do everything we can to get you running and so we ask that you also give us two weeks’ notice if you want to transfer your place to another runner or change the distance you are running. However, we will TRY to accommodate some of these changes on race day. This will be at the committee’s discretion and numbers will be released 30 mins before race start. This cannot be confirmed beforehand as it is dependent on several factors. You will be excluded from a top three award.

There may be several entries on the day. This will be at the committee’s discretion and numbers will be released 30 mins before race start. This cannot be confirmed beforehand as it is dependent on several factors. You will be excluded from a top three award.

We hope to have a ‘Change and On the Day’ desk, due to limited volunteers there will only be one person staffing that desk so it could get busy and we’d hate you to be late for your race.

**DURING THE RACE**

We hope to start all the races promptly. Please inform a race official if you are unable to complete the course and need to withdraw for any reason. Please assist officials by making sure your number is visible.

We don’t own the trail on the day ☺ please be courteous to other users, smile and try to keep left. The path should easily be wide enough for everyone to use.

There is a 6 hours 30 minutes cut off for support on the runs. If you think you will take longer than 6 hours 30 minutes then you can arrange to start early by contacting diane.shaw132@gmail.com

We do not want to spoil the enjoyment of the event for the competitors, but we do not endorse the use of I pods or similar devices **(bone conduction headphones can be used)** for the following safety reasons:

Runners cannot always hear the marshals’ instructions.

Runners may not hear cyclists behind them and stray into their path.

**WATER**

**We went cup free on the 1st February 2020, therefore we will not have any plastic cups** – **We do have collapsible cups available for sale for £5**. please help us by bringing your own re-usable cups and/or drink bottles.

Jugged water and squash will be available at all drinks stations, there will also be food on the course. Water will be available approx. every 3 miles and at the start/finish. You may place your own drinks, gels etc. at the water stations, please mark them clearly with your name.

**Please don’t litter**, we run in beautiful locations and it’s always a shame that we must pick up cups and gel wrappers after every event, have a stern word with yourself☺.

**WEATHER AND CLOTHING**

Please keep an eye on the forecast and dress appropriately. We love you and only want the best for you, so, if it’s minus three, snowing and you are dressed in vest and shorts we probably won’t be letting you start. Similarly, sun cream is always wise in sunny weather.

Remember many of our races are trail races and on our longer runs you may be exposed to tough conditions and whilst we have regular marshals and feed stations it can be 3 miles to your next station. Common sense will always apply but obviously dress to match the weather.

We recommend you carry the minimum kit of...

Money
Fully Charged Mobile
Survival/silver blanket
Medication (if required)
Hat and Gloves (forecast dependant)
Waterproof Jacket (forecast dependant).

If its hot/sunny then add:
Sun cream
Water

**SOCIAL vs E-Mail.**

Well, we are a very social little group and we love our Twitter and Facebook, there is also a Facebook chat group where you can ask questions such as what trainers to wear, what’s the elevation like, any tips, recommendations, all from other runners as well as ourselves or if you just want to chat, we really recommend you use this rather than messaging/emailing in, as most of the time the query can be resolved on there. At times we get inundated with emails and messages asking the same questions which ties us up and means we can’t deal with things that need dealing with like permits, new race routes and baking cakes and fudge etc.

We really do understand your races are important days to you. We love seeing smiles and watching runners enjoying themselves, that’s why we do it! Please just help us to help you.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.