

DOWNLAND DEVIL 9 **RISK ASSESSMENT 2018**

Runners :

On race day all runners must collect their numbers from the race office, this ultimately tells the organizer how many runners are on the course. Any runner pulling out of the race will be instructed to inform an official or the race office, this instruction will be given in the race details and at number collection plus it will be reiterated at the pre race briefing. At the finish a count will be kept of all finishers so that every runner can be accounted for and no one is left on the course unattended. Should these figures not tally a search of the course will be instigated, also contact with any known phone number will be made to ensure that they have not left the course and failed to tell the organizer. A sweeper will follow the last runner so that officials know that once they have gone past it is safe to close the course down.

Course:

The course is based on a farm and uses track, trail and paths some of which are on private property and used with the farmers permission.

Course: Start & Finish

The start and finish area is not open to traffic. All entrants will be guided to the start area by officials.

Course: Marshal's

All marshals will be identified by a coloured vest, they are on the course to direct runners and make sure the correct route is followed, they also act as a point of contact for runners if problems arise on the course. All marshals will sign on prior to the race at a desk in the race office, at this point they will receive a map of the course with all marshaling points on it plus the phone numbers of all the primary officials and the medical provider. They will also provide a mobile number so that in the event of an emergency they are contactable, in the event of no mobile reception word will be passed down the course until contact can be made.

Course: Markers

The course will be marked and marshaled at all turns to ensure nobody leaves the official route.

Course: Hazards

The course is run over tough open downland and as such has potholes ruts and uneven surfaces all round it, many of these are dictated by the weather and are to be expected in this type of event. Also 5 cattle grids have to be negotiated out and back on the course, whilst these constitute a small hazard it is outweighed by ambulance access. The grids will allow the ambulance to pass around the course much quicker in the event of an emergency. On the day weather conditions can vary greatly particularly in the winter, all runners will be told that they are expected to dress according to the weather conditions and use appropriate off road shoes. A runners briefing just before the start will reiterate these points and advise of any particular on the day hazards.

Course: Animals

The nature of the course means that farm animals may be in the proximity of the runners. At such points runners will be guided by officials and must follow any instructions given.

Other Considerations: Officials, Communications, Medical Provider

All officials and the medical provider will be clearly identified by vest tabards etc. The medical provider will be at the start and finish area and on patrol around the course, they along with all primary officials will be contactable by mobile phone at all times. Listings of any incidents injuries etc within the race will be passed to the organizer, this will enable the organizers to address any problems and put in place any recommendations for improved safety.

Other Considerations: Race Office, Car Parking, Toilets

All race facilities are of a safe permanent nature with the comfort of the entrant a prime concern. Race office and car parking will all be clearly signed. A team will be in place to ensure that cars are parked in a safe manner to allow access and exit at all times, however cars are parked at the owners risk. Race officials will be available at the race office to deal with all enquiries regarding entries race facilities etc. plus the race office is a point of contact in case of emergency. The toilets will be in two blocks which will be clearly signed and are of a permanent nature.

Other Considerations: Impact On Third Parties

All third parties, horse riders' walkers etc will be given right of way as is needed. All properties on the course will be notified To ensure as free a run as possible, with minimum inconvenience to all concerned.

Other Considerations: Catering

Catering will be provided by Church Farm via their in house caterers who are subject to regular inspections from the environmental health officer and abide by all recommendations and current food hygiene laws.

Other Considerations: Drinks Station

All drinks containers will be clean and washed out before the race and filled with water from a mains supply, all cups will be new and used once only before being disposed of. All marshals will be provided with suitable gloves to help prevent any risk of cross contamination from blood saliva etc.

DOWNLAND DEVIL 9
RISK ASSESSMENT

CARRIED OUT BY:

PETER WIRTZFELD (RACE DIRECTOR)

SIGNED