

SALISBURY HALF MARATHON

Athlete Information Sunday 7th October 2018

Welcome, and thank you for entering the Salisbury Half Marathon 2018

Please read the following notes carefully, as they should provide you with all the race day information you need.

We wish you a successful, enjoyable and above all safe race.

Getting Here & Car Parking

On race day please make your way to Guildhall Square in Salisbury City Centre.

Most City Centre car parks offer reduced rate parking on Sundays.

Car Parks are well signposted from all major routes into the City.

There will be no parking available in the grounds of the Cathedral.

From Car Parks follow pedestrian signs to Tourist Information/ Market Place.

The race starts at 12 noon on New Canal with a race brief in Guildhall Square at 11:45, so please make sure you are at Guildhall Square in good time.

Information Point, including Lost Race Numbers

An Information Point will be located in Guildhall Square.

Race numbers will be sent out in advance of race day. If yours has not arrived or if you lose it, come to the Information Point and we will be able to issue a replacement.

Please complete the medical details section on the reverse of the number

Your timing chips are fixed to the back of your race number. Please do not remove or damage these.

Your race number must be worn on the front of your running jersey and must not be removed.

Please bring your own safety pins – there will be a limited supply at the Information Point should you require replacements.

Pre-race assembly and Race Briefing

Runners should assemble in Guildhall Square where a Race Briefing will take place at 11:45.

The group will then walk together to the start on New Canal.

Transfers

There will be no transfers of race numbers, and no refunds at this late stage.

Anyone having clearly swapped numbers will be excluded from the results.

Toilets

There are toilets in the Market Square, and a number of Public Toilets around the City Centre.

The race route also runs past public toilets on Cranebridge Road at approx 7 miles.

There will be a temporary toilet near the drink station in Netherhampton.

We will have temporary toilets available at the finish.

Left luggage

The bottom of your race number has a tear off luggage label.

A Baggage Drop van will be located on Guildhall Square for your left luggage, which will then be relocated near to the finish line.

We cannot accept responsibility for any valuables, so please keep your left luggage to a minimum, or leave it with a friend or family member where possible.

Start Line

We intend to start the race at 12:00hrs prompt on the sound of a klaxon.

The race start will be marked by an arch on New Canal.

The race will be timed chip to chip, with results in gun to chip order as per UK Athletics.

The start line is a very short walk from Guildhall Square – please see the map provided in your race pack.

Pacers

We will have easily identifiable pacers on the course pacing at 1hr30mins, 1hr45mins, 2hrs, 2hr15mins and 2hrs30mins.

Please assemble at the start near to your closest pacer (faster towards the front, slower towards the rear).

Race Route

From the Start line until you exit the City Centre on Churchfields Road, the roads will be closed.

Once on Churchfields Road, please where possible remain on the pavement on the left side.

The race route will then be on open public highway which you will be sharing with all other road users.

Please treat them in the manner you would like them to treat you.

Once you reach the A3094 Netherhampton Road, the running lane (nearside) will be closed to traffic for your benefit.

We have done our utmost to ensure no vehicles enter this lane, but please expect the unexpected, as it could still be used by Event and Emergency vehicles.

The race route will be clearly marked by small black arrows on a yellow background. Mile markers will be present, and the course has been accurately measured.

Drinks Station

There will be one drink station on the route, which you will pass on each lap at approximately 3.5 miles and 9.5 miles.

An additional Drink Station will be passed in the Grounds of the Cathedral at the end of Lap one, at approximately 7 miles. The drink station will have small biodegradable cups of water, and jelly babies.

Please ensure you put your empty cups in the bins provided.

There will be bottled water for all at the finish line.

Runner Safety

If you see a fellow runner in difficulty or distress, please relay the situation to the next marshal location.

Race Cut-off

We will apply a race cut-off of 3 hours. This makes allowance for 14min/mile pace.

We will be standing down marshals, and the road closure will be lifted from this point.

Anybody left on the course at this stage can be retrieved by the sweeper vehicle.

Post-Race Massage

We are pleased to have secured the services once more of Salisbury Sports Therapy, who will be available to ease any discomfort you may be experiencing at the finish!

Spectators

The best locations for spectating are all within the City Centre. The start on New Canal is a great place to see the mass of runners start their challenge, and then the Cathedral Grounds make for good viewing especially Chorister Square. We expect a large number of spectators at the Finish, where we will have hot drinks, entertainment (BBC Wiltshire) and loos available.

Important Rules

The race is to be run under license from UK Athletics, and a Race Adjudicator will be present

- Under no circumstances will the use of personal stereos be acceptable. The race is run largely on open public highway, and being unable to hear other road users, or instructions from Marshals would present unacceptable danger.
- Any abuse of a race marshal, member of the public, or other road user will not be tolerated.
- No litter is to be dropped on the course.

Violation of any of the above will result in exclusion from the results.

Race Results

Race results will be available to view online once you record a finish time.

All results will remain provisional for 72 hours to allow the timing team to respond to any queries.

Awards Presentation

Trophies will be presented to the top three male and female finishers near the finish line at approx. 13:45hrs. Age category prizes will be mailed out post-race.

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