

MANCHESTER AREA CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE

2016/2017 SEASON

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PRE-MATCH ONE UPDATE

THE FOLLOWING 39 CLUBS HAVE AFFILIATED ALTRINCHAM & DISTRICT AC, BELLE VUE RACERS, BRAMHALL RUNNERS, BUXTON AC*, CHORLTON RUNNERS, DRAGONS RC SALE, EAST CHESHIRE HARRIERS & TAMESIDE AC, GLOSSOPDALE HARRIERS, GOYT VALLEY STRIDERS*, HALTON & FRODSHAM HARRIERS, HORWICH RMI HARRIERS & AC, HYDE VILLAGE STRIDERS, KNUTSFORD TRI CLUB, LIVERPOOL HARRIERS & AC, MMU (MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN UNIV), MACCLESFIELD HARRIERS & AC, MANCHESTER FRONTRUNNERS, MANCHESTER HARRIERS & AC, MANCHESTER TRI CLUB, MANCHESTER YMCA HARRIERS, MARPLE RUNNERS*, MIDDLETON HARRIERS AC, ST HELENS SUTTON AC, ST HELENS TRI, SALE HARRIERS MANCHESTER AC, SALFORD HARRIERS & AC, SALFORD MET AC, STOCKPORT HARRIERS & AC, STOCKPORT TRI CLUB*, SWINTON RC, TRAFFORD AC, UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER A & CCC, VALE ROYAL AC, WARRINGTON AC, WARRINGTON TRI CLUB, WEST CHESHIRE AC, WILMSLOW RC, WINSTON RUNNERS, WIRRAL AC. *denotes new to the League.

..... and 1,983 PRE-ENTRIES have been received. Full lists, by Club, can be found on the website. Individuals not shown on the lists who wish to run **must contact their Club.** **The League will not accept entries from individual club members.** Late entries will be accepted from club contacts up to 5:30 pm on the WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO EACH MATCH. We will accept entries on race day **but that facility is meant for special circumstances and we reserve the right to refuse.** Race day entries cause more work and can be the source of frustration when a queue forms! **Clubs** should contact BRENDA BRADSHAW, by email (for Match Two please copy in Stephen Hindmarsh). Numbers will then be ready for collection on race day from Registration.

MATCH ONE – SAT. 15 OCTOBER – WYTHENSHAW PARK - VENUE DETAILS & COURSE MAP have been posted on the website. For other details including timetable, categories etc. look at Season's Details on the website.

RACE NUMBERS should be collected by **Club Contacts/Team Managers** at Match One. **Numbers are for all five matches and must, therefore, be kept safe ready to bring to each match. Remember too you will need 4 safety pins! Runners will be charged 50p for a re-issued, handwritten number.** There are three basic sets all starting at **No. 1**, all with black numbers on a white background but with coloured bands as follows: **Boys & Girls U11, U13, U15 & U17 – yellow band; Senior, U20 & Veteran Women – pink band; Senior, Under 20 & Veteran Men – blue band.** All numbers carry the League's name so no excuses for wearing the wrong number. It is the responsibility of Clubs to ensure their runners have the correct number for each match.

SENIOR & VET WOMENS' & MENS' TEAMS - all women (U20/Seniors/Veterans) run together at **1:30pm** and all men (U20/Seniors/Veterans) run together at **2:30pm**. Seniors and Veterans can check which division their club will be competing in – see Team Structure shown on pages 3 to 6 of the Season's Details. *[NB note new start time for the Women's race.]*

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MATCH ONE RESULTS will be available on www.race-results.co.uk. If you have any queries or corrections please contact Brenda Bradshaw (*not race.results*) as soon as possible to ensure the results are correct before going into Match 2. **NB it's the best 4 from 5 results that count for both individuals & teams with the exception of the U11's for whom it's the best 3 from 4.**

HELPERS – non-host clubs are providing one person to help with marshal duties at a match during the season. Anyone able to help should contact their Club or contact Brenda and we'll forward your details. You will be asked to report no later than 11:15 am and you'll be on duty from 12 noon (*Match One 12:15*) to 3:45 pm (*approx.*) so you'll need clothing to suit the weather conditions and you'll also need to bring whatever refreshments you feel you need to keep yourself going (*sorry, the League will not be providing refreshments*).

HELP MARK THE COURSE & DISMANTLE IT!! – a few clubs have volunteered to help a host club set the course and dismantle it (and marshal too if available). Basically it's helping a host section leader to carry flags and bang them in. There may also be posts and tape to set up. Helpers would be allocated a marshal spot - possibly on the section they've been marking. The same teams then collect the flags after the final race has finished. It means a 9 am start, meeting up at the venue. There should be time between marking the course and marshalling to have a break. The last race starts at 2:30 so dismantlers are looking at a 3:30'ish finish. The first race starts at 12 noon (12:15 for the first Match) so marshals need to be in place just after noon.

Volunteers needn't be the same for all day. The duties can be split if there are sufficient helpers, Helpers should come prepared for all weathers and bring their own refreshments such as flask of tea, a sandwich, piece of fruit, a biscuit, bottle of water, whatever they feel they need. The aim is to relieve the host club of some of the burden of hosting. We'll be in touch with those who have already volunteered but please don't hesitate to put yourself forward – we'll take all the help we can get.

ALL COMPETITORS PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING allow plenty of time to get to the Match and allow time to check out the course; wear your allocated number on your chest, as issued, using 4 pins to secure it – do not fold it. Treat your fellow competitors and the officials with respect; keep to the set course. At the finish you will be recorded twice – once as you cross the finish line and again at the end of the finish funnel **so please stay in order.**

CONTACT DETAILS

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Affiliations, Course Maps & First Aid Co-ordinator: Julie Laverock, tel: 01204 660227; email: julie.laverock@gmail.com.

WEBSITE & TWITTER website address: www.maccl.co.uk. We're also on twitter [MACCL@ManAreaXC](https://twitter.com/MANAreaXC). To find us search 'twitter' on google then put ManAreaXC in the twitter search box.

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