

# MANCHESTER AREA CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE

**2024/2025 SEASON** EA Registration Ref: 2662520

In partnership with Run North West and supported by:  
WORSLEY PHYSIO and CITY OF MANCHESTER ATHLETICS

## SEASON'S DETAILS

- MATCH 1 : **SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2024**  
Venue: Heaton Park. Host Club: Manchester Harriers & AC
- MATCH 2 : **SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2024**  
Venue: Kenworthy Woods. Host Club: Chorlton Runners
- MATCH 3 : **SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 2024**  
Venue: Woodbank Park. Host Club: Stockport Harriers & AC
- MATCH 4 : **SATURDAY 11 JANUARY 2025**  
Venue: Tatton Park. Host Clubs: Running Bear RC & Wilmslow RC
- MATCH 5 : **SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2025**  
Venue: Kenworthy Woods. Host Club: TBC

## TIMETABLE AND RACE DISTANCES

12 noon	U11 GIRLS & U11 BOYS	2,400 metres
12:15 pm	U13 GIRLS & U13 BOYS	3,500 metres
12:30 pm	U15 GIRLS & U15 BOYS	5,000 metres
12:50 pm	U17 GIRLS & U17 BOYS	6,500 metres
1:30 pm	SENIOR, U20 & VET WOMEN	8-9000 metres
2:30 pm	SENIOR, U20 & VET MEN	9 - 10,700 metres

### AGES as at midnight 31 August 2024\*

**U11** – aged 9 or 10 as at above date\*; **U13** – aged 11 or 12 as at above date\*;  
**U15** – aged 13 or 14 as at above date\*; **U17** – aged 15 or 16 as at above date\*;  
**U20** – aged 17, 18 or 19 as at above date\*.  
**Seniors** – at least 20 as at above date\*; **Vets** – age as on 12/10/2024.

**AFFILIATION** The affiliation fee of **£50** is payable by **Friday 6 September 2024**. Affiliation forms have been sent to the contacts of the clubs who affiliated last season. Completed affiliation forms together with the £50 fee should be sent or emailed to the Secretary, Val Brennan.

**SPONSORSHIP** The League is very grateful to its partner Run North West, Worsley Physio and City of Manchester Athletics.

**FEES** The fee per runner will be **£6 per runner** for the season (**5 matches**). This fee applies throughout the season at whatever stage of the season the runner is entered and is payable in advance at the time the runner is entered. In addition to the £6 fee, Sportsoft will charge an administration fee of 50p per entry plus 5% of the event entry fee. This fee is payable by an **individual runner** if they enter themselves. However, in the case of a block entry by a club's team manager, MACCL will pay the relevant administration fee.

### ENTRIES [NB - NO ENTRIES ON MATCH DAYS]

Entries are to be made using the League's online entry system, full details of which have been sent to the **Club Contacts**. **Online entries will open on Monday 9 September and close on Sunday 6 October. Entries after Match 1 can be made online up to midnight on the Monday preceding each match. At no stage in the season will late entries be accepted.** Enquiries from Club Contacts

should be made by email to Val Brennan: [valerie.brennan.53@btinternet.com](mailto:valerie.brennan.53@btinternet.com). Numbers will be ready for collection on Match day. *Entry lists will be posted on the website prior to each match.*

### **GUEST ENTRIES** *[NB – PRE-ENTRIES ONLY - NO ENTRIES ON MATCH DAYS]*

The fee for a guest runner will be £8 per race and £10 for an unattached guest runner. The administration fee is also payable. The fee is payable in advance using the Sportsoft website where a separate portal has been set up for guest runners.

**HELPERS:** all non-host clubs to provide **at least one person** to help with marshalling/finish line duties at **one match** during the season **and to consider** helping **one** of the host clubs with **course marking, marshalling and course dismantling** by providing **four** volunteers (can be four individuals helping to set up and dismantle, and four different volunteers marshalling). The League will liaise with clubs before finalising the rota. Obviously, we need five clubs to provide this additional help and we hope that clubs who have not been able to help in this way in the past will put themselves forward. Host clubs put in a tremendous amount of work **before** match day so it is only fair that non-hosts make the effort to give some help on match day.

**AWARDS EACH RACE - INDIVIDUALS:** the winners of each race plus first Vet & first U20.

#### **OVERALL – INDIVIDUALS (one award per winner):**

Men & Women, whatever their category, finishing overall first, second, third.

Senior Women; U20 Women; Vet Women 35 and each five-year category 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Senior Men; U20 Men; Vet Men 40 and each five-year category 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Girls & Boys U17/U15/U13/U11 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

All Races: an individual's best four scores will be used. Veterans will be scored within their own category. *In the event of a tie: taking the best 4 races, if one runner has a higher finish position 3 times, that runner wins. If both runners finish higher twice, their category position in each of the four races will determine the winner.*

**NOTE:** Following Match Two at Wythenshawe Park last season, cut off times for the Men's Senior Race was discussed. Athletes running in the Senior Men's race, (2.30pm start) and who don't feel that they can finish in under 75 minutes are requested to run in The Senior Ladies Race (1.30pm start). An over 80s award will be given, providing a minimum of two people compete in that category and in at least four matches of the race season in either the Senior Men's race or Senior Ladies race. Athletes may choose on the day if they wish to run in either the Senior Men's or the Senior Ladies race. However, if they wish to be considered for an award they must inform the League ahead of the first race of the season which race category they intend to race in for the duration of the season i.e. either the Senior Men's or Senior Ladies.

**OVERALL SNR & VET TEAMS MEN & WOMEN:** Top three clubs in each Division.

#### **STRUCTURE** *[divisions don't mean separate races – all men compete together, all women compete together]*

**SENIORS – 'A' TEAMS** *(Men 6 to count; Women 4 to count):* There are 3 main divisions: **DIVISION ONE** consists of the top 7 Division One Teams & the top 3 Division Two teams from last season; **DIVISION TWO** consists of the teams finishing mid-division plus the 3 relegated Division One teams and the 3 promoted teams from Division Three; **DIVISION THREE** consists of all remaining 'A' teams. New Clubs joining the League will start in Division 3. **At the end of the Season**, the bottom 3 from Divisions One & Two will be relegated to Divisions Two & Three respectively; the top three from Divisions Two & Three will be promoted to Divisions One & Two respectively. The list of teams in each Division can be found in the "Team Structure" document. **SENIORS – 'B' TEAMS** *(Men 6 to count; Women 4 to count)* will consist of all 'B' Teams. **SENIORS – 'C PLUS' TEAMS** *(Men 6 to count; Women 4 to count)* will consist of all 'C' Teams plus any other teams, i.e. 'D', 'E', 'F' etc.

**VETERANS** – (*Men 4 to count; Women 3 to count*) the same structure as that given for the seniors applies. **ALL TEAMS** - A points system for team competition is used. The club with the lowest score receives the highest number of points. A team's best four match points will be used. In the event of a tie: taking the best four races, if one team finishes higher 3 times, that team wins. If both teams finish higher twice, the positions of the last counting runners in each of the four matches determine the winning team. For veteran teams the positions gained in the veteran race are used.

**CONTACT DETAILS** (web address: [www.maccl.co.uk](http://www.maccl.co.uk))

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**QUERIES:** About any aspect of the League, please do not hesitate to contact Val or Nick.