



## Hercules Festival of Sport – St Albans

### 5 km and 10 km Race Briefing

**Name of Event:** Hercules Festival of Sport – St Albans  
**Date:** 17 September 2017  
**Location:** Westminster Lodge Leisure Centre, Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 2DJ

**Map:** <https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/Westminster+Lodge+Leisure+Centre/@51.7456119,-0.3455999,15z/data=!4m2!3m1!1s0x0:0x4082da50f7b5ff6e>

**Registration:** Saturday 16 September – 2.00pm – 5.00pm **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**  
Sunday 17 September (Race Day) 05:30am – 09:30am

**Pre race Briefing:** 9:45am **sharp** – The Run Assembly Point

**Start Time:** 10am

**Your event:** 5km or 10km Run race

#### **Registration**

Registration will take place in the event HQ. The Event HQ will be in a marquee on the grass area immediately opposite Westminster Lodge Leisure Centre.

Registration will be open on Saturday 16 September from 2.00pm – 5.00pm and Sunday 17 September (Race Day) 05:30 – 09:30am. **YOU ARE VERY STRONGLY RECOMMENDED TO REGISTER ON SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER**, so as to allow you to have a relaxed race day and so that you can familiarise yourself with the course.

At registration, you will be issued with your race numbers and Event T-Shirt. You will also be issued with your timing chips.

Please bring a form of ID with you for registration.

You will not be able to collect the race pack of another person without prior consent sent by email to: [admin@herculesevents.com](mailto:admin@herculesevents.com)

#### **Parking**

**NO PARKING WILL BE PERMITTED AT THE VENUE, WESTMINSTER LODGE, ON RACE DAY, SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER.**

You may park in the Westminster Lodge Car Park on Saturday 16 September for registration. Parking is free, on receipt of a ticket, for two hours.

There are plenty of alternative car parks very close to the Event Venue. The two closest Car Parks (which are only a 5 min walk down the hill to the venue) are:

**The Maltings Car Park**, Victoria Street, St Albans. It is open 24 hours a day and is only £1 to park on Sundays. The address of the Maltings Car Park is Victoria Street, St Albans. **Use AL1 3HL for Sat Navs.**

**St Christopher's Place Car Park**; which is open from 6am to midnight and is only £1 to park on Sundays. It is accessed from **Upper Dagnall Street, St Albans. Use AL35DQ for Sat Navs**

A link to a map and directions for all Car Parks in St Albans can be found here:

[http://www.stalbans.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/parking/Car\\_Parks/Car-parks-in-St-Albans/default.aspx](http://www.stalbans.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/parking/Car_Parks/Car-parks-in-St-Albans/default.aspx)

### **Changing rooms and toilets**

The Male and female changing rooms and toilets may be found in the Abbey View Golf and Running track clubhouse, in the enclosed running track area 100m beyond Westminster Lodge Leisure Centre. There are no lockers available. **Competitors who leave valuables unattended do so entirely at their own risk as the event organisers have no control over security in the Centre or Park.**

### **Start time and briefing**

At 9:45am you must be changed and ready at the Run Assembly point, on the grass area opposite Westminster Lodge Leisure Centre.

### **Run course**

The Run course will be conducted within the park and will be on a mixture of off road, grass paths and paved paths.

**5 km competitors** will complete a **SINGLE** 5 kilometre loop of the park. The map of your run route can be found here:

<http://www.mapmyrun.com/routes/fullscreen/847570591/>

**10 Km competitors** will complete **TWO** loops of the 5km run course. A map to the run route can be found here:

<http://www.mapmyrun.com/routes/fullscreen/847570591/>

**WARNING** – This is an Off Road run. The run is completely within the park. Much of the run route will NOT be flat or paved. There will be some rough sections, pot holes, rabbit holes and other such obstructions which you would expect in an Off Road run.

### **Finish**

At the finish you will receive your medal.

This is a chip-timed event. A time will be available shortly after you complete your race from the chip timing officials.

Please remain on course to support other competitors

**PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU WILL BE CHARGED £5.00 IF YOU DON'T RETURN YOUR CHIP TIMER TO A MEMBER OF THE HERCULES TEAM.**

### **Prize Giving**

St Albans Deputy Mayor will be officiating at the Winners' ceremony, which will be held near the Registration tent from 9.30am.

Listen out for announcements on the day for more information and there will be trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed men and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed women.

There will be other races taking place, on the morning on your event. Your support for those competitors would be greatly appreciated. Please also show support for your fellow competitors by remaining for the prize giving ceremony that will follow.

### **Refreshments**

There will be food vendors on site for event day and they will be located in the sports village. There is also a café in Westminster Lodge.

### **Photos**

New Pixels Event Photography will take your photographs on the day and provide a view and buy website [here](#), where you can view and purchase prints or downloads of your images.

### **Massage**

Massage therapists will be available for pre and post race massages.

### **Conclusion**

It is important to us that this is a highly enjoyable and safe event for you.

If at all possible, REGISTER on Saturday 16 September between 2.00pm and 5.00pm, to give you plenty of time to register and to look around the course.

Be on time for the race briefing. Follow the directions of the marshals and race officials.

Look out for, and take care of, fellow competitors and they will look out for you.

Most importantly, we will be working flat out to ensure you have a great day, so enjoy yourself! If you have any questions or special requirements, please email us as soon as possible so that we can try to help and support you. Good Luck!

We look forward hosting you and we hope you have a great race.

### **Contact information:**

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Regards, The Event Team