



Hercules Festival of Sport – St Albans

Duathlon Race Briefing

- Name of Event:** Hercules Festival of Sport – St Albans
- Date:** 22 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 21 September 2pm – 5:00pm **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
Sunday 22 September (Race Day) 05:30 – 08:00am
- Pre race Briefing:** 8:15 am **sharp** - At the Run Assembly point near Transition
- Start:** 08:30 Standard, Sprint and Novice Distances
- Your event:** Novice, Sprint or Standard distance Duathlon (run/bike/run)

British Triathlon Rules (BTF)

This event will be conducted under BTF rules. Please familiarise yourself with the BTF Rules by following the link provided below.

[BTF Rule Book](#)

Registration

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

Registration will be open on Saturday 21 September from 2.00pm – 5.00pm and Sunday 22 September (Race Day) 05:30 – 08:00am. **YOU ARE VERY STRONGLY RECOMMENDED TO REGISTER ON SATURDAY 21 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. BTF members **MUST** bring their membership cards with them to registration. Non BTF members will be issued with their day license during registration.

Please bring a form of ID with you for registration. **Ensure that you bring your own race belt as you will need one. We will have them in registration to purchase if you don't have one.**

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

Parking

NO PARKING WILL BE PERMITTED AT THE VENUE, WESTMINSTER LODGE, ON RACE DAY, SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER.

You may park in the Westminster Lodge Car Park on Saturday 21 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

Bike Racking

The transition zone will be available for bike racking from **05:30am** on Sunday 22 September only. You will need your race number to gain entry into the Zone. Your race number will be displayed where you will need to rack your bike. You must have completed racking before your pre-race briefing which is 8.15 at the assembly point. If you do not attend the race briefing you will not be permitted to race.

Start time and briefing

At 8:15am you must be changed and ready at the Run Assembly Point near Transition for the race briefing.

FIRST Run Leg

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

Novice Competitors will complete a 2.5 kilometre run. The map of your run route can be found here:

<http://www.mapmyfitness.com/routes/fullscreen/840350047/>

Sprint Distance will complete a 5km run. A map to the run route can be found here:

<http://www.mapmyfitness.com/routes/fullscreen/770599179/>

Standard Distance competitors will complete **TWO LAPS** of the 5km run route, to complete your 10km first run leg. A map to the 5km run loop can be found here:

<http://www.mapmyfitness.com/routes/fullscreen/770599179/>

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.

Transition zone (TZ)

On completing your first run leg, enter transition the TZ you will proceed to your bike. Standard BTF rules apply. No electronic music devices or phones are permitted to be used in the TZ. Before handling your bike, you must be wearing your helmet. No cycling is permitted in the TZ. Breaches of these rules could lead to time penalties or disqualification. A BTF race official will be present in the TZ.

Follow the directions of the marshals to the “mount up point”, which is 200 m from TZ. Do not mount your bike before this point. Keep your area clear in the interests of safety and other competitors.

There will be a water station just outside transition.

Bike Course

WARNING – The first and last 150m is within the Park. There may be other park users on the cycle path out and back in to the park. Please exercise caution and consideration for other park users.

Follow the cycle route signs out of the Park and on to Blue House Hill, turn right and thereafter follow the cycle route signs.

The cycle route signs are yellow, with black arrows and have an orange circle on them. **Only follow these cycle route signs.**

NOVICE COMPETITORS will complete an out and back course of 14km. You will turn for home at a Turn Around Point, where there will be clear signs directing you to turn. A map of the route can be found here:

<http://www.mapmyrun.com/routes/fullscreen/770126213/>

SPRINT DISTANCE COMPETITORS will complete an out and back course of 20km. You will pass through the Novice Turn Around point and continue forward following our signs. You will turn for home at a round about, where there will be clear signs directing you to turn. A map of the route can be found here:

<http://www.mapmyfitness.com/routes/fullscreen/770125811/>

STANDARD DISTANCE COMPETITORS will complete an out and back course of 39.42km. You will pass through the Novice and Sprint Turn Around points continuing forward following our signs. You will turn for home at a roundabout, where there will be clear signs directing you to turn. A map of the route can be found here:

<http://www.mapmyfitness.com/routes/fullscreen/770123865/>

On completing the cycle leg, you will dismount at the dismount point BEFORE transition. You will enter transition. DO NOT REMOVE YOUR HELMET UNTIL YOU HAVE RACKED YOUR BIKE.

Then proceed to the RUN OUT point and begin your second run leg

SECOND Run Leg

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

Novice Competitors will complete a 2.5 kilometre run. The map of your run route can be found here:

<http://www.mapmyfitness.com/routes/fullscreen/840350047/>

Sprint Distance will complete a 2.5km run. A map to the run route can be found here:

<http://www.mapmyfitness.com/routes/fullscreen/840350047/>

Standard Distance competitors will complete **ONE** LAP of the 5km run route on your second run leg.

A map to the 5km run loop can be found here:

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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 £45 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 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed men and 1st, 2nd and 3rd 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

My Sports 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

Pre & post event free massages will be available courtesy of Matt at MiBodyX

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.

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Regards, The Event Team