

CARNEGIE HARRIERS

RACE PROTOCOL AND GUIDANCE

We hope that you will enjoy taking part in races and take a pride in representing the club. However, it is important to ensure that members are aware of their responsibilities when entering and competing in races. Club members also need to be aware that, in certain circumstances, their actions could impact on the club and fellow club members. The following is therefore intended as guidance for club members taking part in races.

- Individual athletes must apply direct to Scottish Athletics for membership and club members should ensure their Scottish Athletics memberships are kept up to date. **Please note it is no longer sufficient to be a member of a club to qualify for membership of Scottish Athletics**, although belonging to an affiliated club gives a substantial discount.
- To participate in championship, cross country and certain other designated events, Scottish Athletics requires athletes to be current members of the Scottish Athletics membership scheme. Club members must therefore be individual members of Scottish Athletics to represent the club in these events.
- Club members must also be members of Scottish Athletics if they wish to claim the discount applicable to the entry fees for races which have been granted a permit by Scottish Athletics.
- Club members transferring from other running clubs should ensure that they have the appropriate clearance to represent Carnegie Harriers in team events. Similarly, members leaving Carnegie Harriers to join another club should complete the transfer form applying for release. **This applies for up to three years from the date of transfer.**
- Club members who are members of more than one club should ensure they follow the guidance for representing first/second claim clubs.
- Club vests should be worn when representing the club in any event and must be worn when representing the club in team/relay events and grand prix events. Failure to do so will result in no points being awarded.
- When entering an event, club members should ensure that they enter 'Carnegie Harriers' as their club name. It is important to correctly identify club members when there are team prizes on offer and assists in the allocation of grand prix points.
- Club members should not take part in events without having paid the appropriate entry fee.
- Club members must adhere to any requirement to pre-register prior to taking part in an event.
- Club members **must not** take part in an event wearing a race number issued to another individual. Any transfer of race numbers should only take place with the express consent of the race director.
- When entering an event, club members should make sure they are fully aware of the demands/requirements of that event and are strongly advised not to enter events that may be beyond their capability.
- Club members should ensure they follow the rules of an event/guidance of race directors and comply with race requirements (e.g. the need to carry certain items in hill races).
- Where the club has paid race entry fees on behalf of an individual, the individual must reimburse the club if they subsequently fail to take part in that race, without good reason or advance notification. The right to run for the club may be withdrawn until reimbursement is made.

In addition club members are requested to wear club clothing before and after races, particularly if in receipt of a prize as this helps to publicise the success of the club.

We very much hope that club members will adhere to the above but should a serious or persistent breach occur then sanctions may be taken against the individual concerned as it is important to maintain the good reputation and high standing of the club.

Please speak to any committee member if you have a query regarding any of the above.