

Slough Half Marathon - Terms and Conditions

1. In applying to enter the Slough Half Marathon you must agree to the following:

- 1.1 Participants must be 17 years of age or older on the day of the event.
- 1.2 Each participant must agree to these terms and conditions before participating in the event.
- 1.3 Participants must only enter the race if they acknowledge they will endeavour in good faith to use their best efforts to train for and complete the 13.1 mile course in less than 4 hours 30 minutes (around 20 minutes per mile which is a slow walking pace), calculated from the time the last runner leaves the start line. This is because roads across the town will need to re-open after this time. For your safety, if you are unable to keep to this pace you will be asked to board the sweep van collecting runners who are injured or unable to achieve the required pace.
- 1.4 For participants who choose not to board the sweep van when asked, we will no longer accept liability for your welfare. At this point you will no longer be part of the event.
- 1.5 By taking part, all participants agree that their names and/or video footage or photographs taken during their participation may be used to publicise Slough Half Marathon in the future.
- 1.6 Registrations will close on the date publicised. Slough Borough Council reserves the right to change the closing date.
- 1.7 Participants must be fit to participate in the event and free from injury which would preclude their participation.

2. PAYMENT AND REGISTRATION FEES

- 2.1 All entry fees paid are non-refundable.
- 2.2 Entry fees are subject to change and Slough Borough Council has the right to amend the price and to offer discounts. Refunds will not be given to those who have signed up at a different rate.

3. TRANSFERS AND DEFERRALS

- 3.1 Participants will be able to transfer their entry to another participant up until 14 September. Any transfer to another participant will be subject to a transfer fee of £7. Transfers are conducted through the online registration system by the withdrawing participant.
- 3.2 Entries cannot be deferred to the following year.

4. CANCELLATION AND ALTERATIONS OF THE EVENT

- 4.1 If the event is cancelled because of circumstance beyond the reasonable control of Slough Borough Council, including and not limited to, an act of God, explosion, acts of a public enemy, war, insurrection, terrorist act or threat of terrorist act, sabotage, epidemic, embargoes, strikes or the death of a leading member of the British Royal Family then the participant will not be entitled to a refund of the entry fee and compensation of other losses, such as travel or accommodation expenses.

- 4.2 Slough Borough Council reserves the right to alter aspects of the race at any time. Any alterations, such as a change in start time, will be communicated to participants in good time to allow for plans to be revised.
- 4.3 Slough Borough Council reserves the right to amend the event format at their discretion. If the event format is changed the participant will not be entitled to any refund and no liability can be taken.

5. DISQUALIFICATION

- 5.1 Slough Borough Council reserve the right to disqualify any participant found to be in breach of these terms and conditions.
- 5.2 Disqualification can be enforced upon partaking in any of the following:
- Swapping numbers with another runner, without prior consent from Slough Borough Council or through the approved transfer link.
 - Possession of any banned item, such as dogs, baby joggers, baby strollers, skateboards, Nordic sticks, Kangoo Jump boots, rollerblades, hand cycles, unauthorised bicycles or any other wheeled device on the course, except for hand-propelled wheelchairs in the wheelchair race.
 - Deviation from the designated route.
 - Tampering with the timing chip.
 - Refusing to obey the directions of the event official or course marshal/steward, or who conducts himself/herself in an unsportsmanlike manner, or who uses offensive actions or language to officials, volunteers, participants or spectators may be disqualified from the event.

6. EVENT DAY

- 6.1 Participants must follow instructions as given from all event officials including race staff, volunteers, medical personnel, police, and security officers before, during and after the event.
- 6.2 All participants are expected to conduct themselves in a fitting and courteous manner during their participation in the event. This means, for example, that urinating or defecating anywhere on or near the course shall be strictly prohibited except in toilet facilities. Anyone violating this rule of conduct shall be disqualified from the event and will be asked to leave the course.
- 6.3 Every participant shall be provided with a race number which **MUST** be worn on the front of shirts and be visible at all times during the event. The race number is to be worn as issued. No participant shall be permitted to participate in the event without the appropriate number.
- 6.4 All participants must write their name and details of any health problems or medication on the reverse of the race number, which must be worn on the front of shirts during the race.
- 6.5 Participants should also inform the race organisers of any special medical conditions.
- 6.6 Participants must begin the event during the official recognised starting times.
- 6.7 Roads closed for the race will reopen as soon as possible after the last runners have passed. A sweep vehicle will follow the back markers. Anyone who is deemed to be unable to complete the course in the cut-off time will be approached by a race steward and told they must use the pavement. If they decide to continue as the roads will be opening up, their safety cannot be guaranteed. In the event of you being so far behind we strongly advise you against continuing and you should ask the steward to radio through for a pick up vehicle to come and

take you back to the finish line. If you do continue we will be unable to guarantee that road closures, marshals and drinks stations will be in place. Before starting the race please give careful consideration to your ability to complete the course in the allotted time.

7. PARTICIPANT OBLIGATIONS

7.1 All participants must oblige to the following:

- Advice provided by Slough Borough Council as well as instructions and directions given by officials and race marshals of the event.
- Avoid using headphones whilst running, to limit the risk of injury to yourself and other participants. Slough Borough Council will not be held responsible for incidents caused as a result of the use of headphones which inhibit the communication of important warnings or information from emergency services or course marshals.
- Display the correct race number provided by Slough Borough Council, with appropriate medical information completed on the reverse.
- Avoid deviation from the designated race route.
- No participant may bring dogs, baby joggers, baby strollers, skateboards, Nordic sticks, rollerblades, hand cycles, Kangoo Jumps, stilts, crutches, unauthorised bicycles or any other wheeled device on the course, except for hand propelled wheelchairs in the mass race.
- Participants accept they must in good faith make their best efforts in training for and completing the 13.1 mile course in less than 4 hours 30 minutes (around 20 minutes per mile), calculated from the last runner to cross the start line. For your safety, if you are unable to keep to this pace you will be asked to board the sweep van collecting runners who are injured or unable to achieve the required pace. For participants who choose not to board the sweep van when asked, we will no longer accept liability for your welfare. At this point you will no longer be part of the race.

8. THE START

8.1 Participants shall assemble for the race no less than 15 minutes prior to the race start.

8.2 All participants must be positioned behind the starting line when starting and must run over the start mat to activate their timing chip, failure to do so will result in a finishing time not being available for them.

9. COURSE MONITORING

9.1 Any participant who refuses to obey the directions of the event official, or course marshal/steward; or who conducts himself/herself in an unsportsmanlike manner, or who uses offensive actions or language to officials, volunteers, participants or spectators may be disqualified from the event and future participation at the discretion of race officials.

9.2 Any participant who has been found by a course marshal/steward, event official or surveillance equipment to have gained an unfair advantage by intentionally shortening the route of the race ("cutting the course") shall be immediately disqualified from the event.

9.3 Any person who participates in the event either a) without a current official race number and timing device or b) with a chip or race number not officially assigned to him/her is subject to removal and disqualification from future events.

9.4 No persons are authorised to be on the course unless they are registered participants. Therefore, no person shall be allowed to accompany a participant if he/she is not registered in

the event, nor shall any participant be allowed, without the permission of the event management, to receive assistance from anyone during the progress of the event. Any person not properly displaying an authorised and issued race number shall be directed to leave the course.

- 9.5 A hands-on medical examination during the progress of an event by officially designated medical personnel shall not be considered assistance and will not result in disqualification if a participant is deemed medically fit. If a participant becomes ill during or after the event and/or receives medical attention or treatment either from event medical staff, medical providers or any doctor or hospital, they authorise such persons to provide details.

10. PARTICIPANT SAFETY

- 10.1 The use of wheeled devices by participants or any other person authorised to be on the course shall be strictly limited to (a) authorised and registered competitive wheelchair participants and (b) authorised course marshals on bicycles. Baby joggers, baby strollers, skateboards, rollerblades, Kangoo Jumps, stilts, crutches, unauthorised bicycles or any other wheeled device will not be permitted.
- 10.2 Participants are responsible for their recognition and understanding of event signage symbols and colour relating to participant maps, facilities and direction.
- 10.3 Medical personnel authorised by the event to do so may examine any participant who appears to be in distress. If in the sole opinion of authorised medical personnel it is in the best interest of the participant's health and welfare, medical personnel may remove the participant from the event.
- 10.4 Participants must retire at once from the race if ordered to do so by a member of the event's official staff, official medical staff, or any person in authority, including fire and police officers.
- 10.5 Participants are responsible and assume liability for any and all medical expenses incurred as a result of training for and/or participation in the event, including but not limited to ambulance transport, hospital stays, physician and pharmaceutical goods and services.
- 10.6 In the interest of safety, the nominated event manager and event officials, in consultation with the Police and Emergency Services, reserve the right to delay, cancel, or suspend the race due to extreme inclement weather or a major incident on or near the event route. In these circumstances no refunds will be issued.
- 10.7 In the event of any major occurrences along the route, Slough Borough Council and the Emergency Services reserve the right to alter/shorten the route, but still provide a race if possible. In these circumstances no refunds will be issued.
- 10.8 Slough Borough Council and the Emergency Services reserve the right to stop the race at any time, if deemed necessary. These would be in circumstances beyond our control and no refunds would be given.

11. LIABILITY

- 11.1 Participation is at the participant's own risk.
- 11.2 Slough Borough Council, its staff, agents or contactors shall not be liable for indirect or consequential loss or damage.

- 11.3 Slough Borough Council will not be liable for any computer result anomalies or any technical malfunctions.
- 11.4 Whilst Slough Borough Council takes every care with staging the event, the participant acknowledges that personal accident and personal items insurance is their own responsibility. Slough Borough Council shall not be liable to the participant for any loss or damage of or to personal equipment belonging to the participant, or any indirect or consequential loss or damage whatsoever arising out of the participant taking part in the event, or for any loss of business, revenue or profit, loss of reputation, anticipated savings or wasted expenditure, pledges made on your behalf or to charity.
- 11.5 Slough Borough Council will not be responsible for the behavior of any spectators or third parties.
- 11.6 Slough Borough Council cannot be held responsible for any issues or allergies resulting from food and drink products given out on the day of the event.

12. COLLECTION AND USE OF DATA

- 12.1 The participant agrees and consents to Slough Borough Council using his/her personal details provided in his/her online registration form for the following purposes:
- Event Administration
 - Slough Borough Council requires a record of each participant's registration details including third party emergency contact information for administration purposes in order to properly and safely conduct the event.
 - By participating in the Slough Half Marathon you acknowledge and agree that personal information (including medical information entered against your race number or collected by event medical staff during or after the event) can be stored and used by Slough Borough Council in connection with the organisation, promotion and administration of the event and for the compilation of statistical information.
 - You confirm that your name and television, video footage, audio recordings or photographs taken during your participation may be used to publicise the event, event sponsors/partners and Slough Borough Council generally, including television, website and DVD/video broadcasts.
 - Email/SMS Communication:
 - Slough Borough Council will use the participants' contact data submitted on the online form to send the participant information by email and or SMS relating to the event, other events and any further categories of news and promotional information as the participant may have requested on the online registration form.
 - The participant acknowledges and agrees that Slough Borough Council may send an email or SMS notification following the event inviting the participant to submit or renew his/her registration for any future events.
 - The participant accepts that Slough Half Marathon's photography partner will be able to email them post event regarding the purchase of participant photos from the event.

13. RESULT TIMING

- 13.1 All participants will be assigned a chip timing device.
- 13.2 Official times are calculated from the start of the race by the starting claxon to the point where the participant crosses the finish line.

- 13.3 Times shall be rounded up to the next highest second.
- 13.4 Participants must wear their assigned timing device continuously from the start line to finish line, to receive an accurate finish time.
- 13.5 Participants found to be wearing two or more timing devices during the race will be disqualified and their results will not be recorded.
- 13.6 Participants must begin the event during the official recognised starting time in order to register an official course completion time.
- 13.7 For practical purposes finishing times are only recorded up to 4.5 hours from the start of the race.

14. EXCEPTION

- 14.1 Any individual requesting a waiver of any of these rules from the event shall submit a written request no less than 30 days prior to the event date specifying the nature of and reasons for the request.

15. AMENDMENTS/RESERVATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- 15.1 Event officials reserve the right to modify, supplement or waive all or part of the event rules without notice. It is participants' responsibility to check the event website for any changes. Participants shall be bound by any modification or supplement of the event rules published prior to the event. Failure to follow these event rules, as may be amended, will result in immediate disqualification and removal from official result.