

Risk Assessment – Roseberry Topping Races Sunday 8th December 2024

Description of activity:

Hardmoors Roseberry Topping Marathon/Half Marathon and 10k are events which take place in December each year. These are competitive races in which participants run a circular route from a headquarters in Guisborough

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how	Evaluate the risks. What are you already doing?	What further action is necessary?	Action By Whom ?	Action By When?	Complete Y/N (Date)
Trip Hazards on Trails	Participants travel over rough uneven ground and could trip. There could also be mud as a slip hazard	The course is entirely over public footpaths and public rights of way. There is the possibility that participants may injure themselves, especially by tripping, or slipping, however all participants are aware of the risk.	Action: Race paramedic to be in attendance with mobile ambulance which can be used to treat and take care of competitors as well as extracting them from the course where necessary. Mountain Rescue Teams have our races on their calendar	FA	Race Day	
Bad Weather (Cold/wet)	Participants and Marshals Possibility of hypothermia	A compulsory kit is required for completing the course. Hat or Buff and Gloves. Waterproof Jacket with taped seams. (WATERPROOF! not just windproof) Minimum of 500ml water/sports drink to be carried. Headtorch/Torch. Cleveland Way Map or OS Maps. Whistle. Survival Bag AND foil blanket Mobile phone Mobile phone with Race Directors number stored in phone (0330 223 6350)	A kit check will be carried out to ensure participants are fully equipped for all possible conditions	PA/MA	Race Day	

		Emergency food supply (chocolate/energy bar) Safety pins, race clips or belt to attach race bib to person				
Members of the Public on the course	Participants and Members of the public could collide on narrow trails	Participants will be sharing footpaths with members of the public. In general members of the public will stand aside to let runners though. However, this is not a right and should not be assumed. When passing a member of the public, runners will be reminded in the pre-race brief to do so safely and courteously	Participants must respect other users of the course and allow plenty of space to other runners or walkers	PA	Race Day	
Livestock	Participants could come into contact with livestock that could become aggressive if with young	Some fields may contain livestock. Where possible the Race Director will advise landowners/farmers of the event so that they can move the livestock if they wish. However, some may remain.	Participants will be advised in the pre-race brief which will be sent to them the week prior to the event and repeated on the day. If livestock is encountered especially cows with calves who could be protective, they should proceed with caution at their own risk and any dogs must be kept under close control.	RD/PA	Race Day	
Road Crossings	Participants could be hit by traffic travelling in both directions with limited vision at some points	At all major road crossings during the race, there is a risk of traffic	Action: Marshalls in place to stop the runner from crossing (not stop the vehicle) Risk Rating: Low	RD MA	Race Day	
Checkpoints /Hydration/ Nutrition	Participants could become	Checkpoints will offer food and drink to supplement participants own provisions. This to avoid participant failing to have	Participants will be advised of the locations of the checkpoints in the race brief.	MA/PA	Race Day	

	dehydrated or exhausted	enough fuel to complete an event of this length.				
Participants falling behind due to illness or lack of fitness	If unaccounted for participants could become ill with exhaustion or more prone to injury	<p>All participants are issued with a race number and this number is recorded at each checkpoint.</p> <p>If a participant has to retire, they are required to do so only at a manned checkpoint and the information is communicated to race HQ. The participant is then transported by a marshall to the race finish.</p> <p>There is a team of sweepers who travel on foot behind the participants to ensure everyone is accounted for and if anyone is injured, the sweeper can assist or call for assistance.</p> <p>Time cutoffs are in place at each checkpoint to ensure participants can complete the course in a reasonable time. Failure to meet these times will result in the participant being withdrawn.</p> <p>After the last participant and sweeper has passed through the checkpoint, the race numbers will be cross referenced to ensure all people are accounted for and any information regarding withdrawals relayed to the next checkpoint, either directly or via Race HQ.</p> <p>Participants are told that they have to respect the decision of all race marshalls and if a marshal decides that a participant is not fit or able enough to</p>	<p>Emphasis will be placed on the decisions of the marshals or sweepers on a participant's fitness to carry on must be respected and complied with.</p> <p>Following these is a condition of taking part in the race.</p> <p>Failure to follow these and all other measures in place will result in a participant's disqualification.</p>	ALL	Race Day	

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		continue, they must retire for their own safety.				

Key

PA = Participant

FA = First Aider

MA = Marshals

RD = Race Director

SO = Safety Officer

SW = Sweepers