



## Race Information 2020 / 2021

Date:	13th June 2021
Start Location:	Fed into the start line from the front of the Pavilion
Finish Location:	At the front of the Pavilion
Race HQ:	The Pavilion, The Esplanade, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 8ED
Start Time:	07:30 - 08:00am

Welcome to the 6th Weymouth Half Marathon. To ensure you have a good event, please make sure you are familiar with the event information below, including the Covid-19 alterations that will be prevalent during the event.

### Lateral flow tests

All runners are advised to have a lateral flow test prior to coming to the event. Anybody with a positive test should not come to the event.

### Race HQ and The Start

The **Baggage Drop / Storage** will be located in the Ocean Room, at the Pavilion opening at 07:00 am. Please allow enough time to check your bags in and get to the start in plenty of time. You will have a baggage label attached to your race number that you will need to attach to your bag when you drop it off.

Please note, you will be able to access this area to drop your bag off, but you will not be able to stay within the building. When entering the building, please make sure you are wearing a mask.

Athletes will **self-seed** based on estimated finish time - so make sure you start in the right place for your ability, ensuring both you and the other runners enjoy all aspects of the course (especially the first mile).

### Startline

The new startline will be 350m long and runners kept to a socially distanced 1m gap. Runners will be funnelled in from one end based on their expected finish time, to avoid / minimise overtaking on the course. Runners will enter this zone, keeping to 1m intervals from the entrance point and runners will walk to the start line and then begin their run when crossing the start line. This should help to avoid any pinch points further into the half marathon course and maintain social distance throughout the run.

Below is an indication of anticipated start times:

Expected Finish Time (hours)	Entry time to startline	Start Time (see notes)
Sub 1:20	07:25	07:30
1:20 - 1:29	07:25	07:30
1:30 - 1:34	07:27	07:32

1:35 - 1:39	07:32	07:34
1:40 - 1:44	07:34	07:36
1:45 - 1:49	07:36	07:38
1:50 - 1:54	07:38	07:40
1:55 - 1:59	07:42	07:44
2:00 - 2:04	07:45	07:47
2:05 - 2:09	07:48	07:50
2:10 - 2:19	07:51	07:53
2:20 - 2:29	07:54	07:56
2:30 Plus	07:58	08:00

**Notes:**

1. Runners will self-seed based on your anticipated finish time.
2. Individual start times taken when runners cross the startline, so each will have their own unique start time and accurate finish time.
3. No running in queuing area - all runners to walk to start line maintaining social distancing
4. The cut off times will be lifted to avoid runners trying to start in the wrong place (ie. too high in the field) and thus reducing the risk of overtaking.

### **Car Parking**

Due to the current closure of the road to the side of the Pavilion and the road closures that we will be putting in for the event, any vehicles parking in the Pavilion car park will NOT be able to leave until the event is finished and the road closures are lifted (around 11:15am). Therefore, we advise that all competitors find alternate parking arrangements. **Where possible, please car share.**

### **Race Numbers and Timing Chips**

Your race number must not be folded and must be worn on the front of your vest/t-shirt. Your timing chip is on the back of your race number (2 foam strips). All numbers will be posted out in advance of the event and there will be **no need to attend registration** to collect a timing chip. In case of an emergency please write any medical conditions you have on the back of your race number.

Race numbers will be sent out prior to the race. Should there be a problem with your number or it does not arrive there will be an information desk at the Pavilion on the **Saturday only** from 1000 to 1400 to deal with any problems. Alternatively contact [hayley@justracinguk.com](mailto:hayley@justracinguk.com) in advance of the race.

### **The Course**

The course will take you through the heart of Weymouth taking in the stunning views of the Jurassic coastline and the spectator friendly town centre. It is a mostly flat course mainly on roads with a very small off-road section consisting of a gravel track. There will be some road closures and also some road crossings where traffic management will be in place with a Stop/Go system to control traffic. A map of the course can be found on <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/18445648>

The race will be run under UK Athletics rules. **Headphones of any kind are not allowed to be worn for this event** for safety reasons and will lead to a disqualification.

## **Water Stations**

Based on the guidelines issued by UK Athletics, we have had to adjust our usual feedstation protocol.

UK Athletics state:

“Use of feed stations by participants should be discouraged, and participants encouraged to bring their own hydration and nutrition to the event, using bottle belts and hydration backpacks etc.”

As per the advice of UK Athletics, we recommended that all runners bring their own water for the duration of the event.

We will however, provide a water station just before the halfway point, where runners will be able to collect a bottle of water. Please note, this will not be handed out by anybody and it will need to be collected by the runner. Also, the bottle will have to be disposed of in a normal waste bin (numerous of which can be found along the course) and must not be discarded on the floor.

Additionally we will be providing runners the opportunity to refill their own water bottles / containers at Sandsfoot cafe (just before 11 miles). Please note, water will not be handed out and there will be no cups provided. RUNNERS WILL HAVE TO BE SELF SUFFICIENT.

## **Finish Line**

The new finish line will be streamlined to avoid runners congregating in the finish area. The following changes will be implemented:

1. Finish Line food will be removed from this area
2. Event photography will be removed from this area and this year there will be no event photography throughout the event.
3. Race memento, medals and bottled water will be collected as they exit this area (not handed out)

## **Race Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded to:

Top 3 male/female.

Age group winners (male/female) from 18 – 24, 25 - 29 all the way to 75 – 79 & 80+

Prizes will be given out once we have a complete set of results. For anybody who would rather not attend, we will send your trophies in the week following the event.

## **Marshalling**

To get involved in this years' Weymouth half marathon and to join our events team please get in touch with Alan - alan@justracinguk.com to see how you can get involved on the day.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Weymouth Half Marathon.

**Alan and the Team.**