



Staffs Moorlands AC Summer Series 2018

Once again Staffs Moorlands AC is hosting its popular Summer Series which takes place at eight lovely venues in Staffordshire, Cheshire and Derbyshire.

The *provisional* calendar being:

Date	Venue	Distance (approx)
7 June	Tittesworth Reservoir	4.5 miles
14 June	The Roaches	6 miles
21 June	Shutlingsloe	3 miles
27 June (moved to Wed to avoid England's World Cup game)	Buxton	4.7 miles
5 July	Rudyard Lake	5 miles
12 July	Biddulph Grange	4 miles
19 July	Oakamoor	5 miles
26 July	Rest week	
2 August	Leek Cricket Club	5 miles

We have struggled to obtain permissions this year due to the actions of a minority of runners and spectators (inconsiderate parking and trespassing). We have had to revise race routes, particularly at Rudyard, to get the necessary authorities to host some of the races. Should we have a repetition this year, we are confident that we will have to remove some of the venues permanently from our calendar. Please obey the instructions of marshals – whilst you may not appreciate the logic for some of their requests, they will be following an agreed plan to ensure the longer-term enjoyment for all.

Senior Race

As a means of encouraging runners to join clubs and enter the whole series in advance, we have an attractive tariff and potential entrants can now pay for the whole programme at the following discounted rates*. This gives a paid-up entry to every race irrespective of how many races the runner wishes to participate in:

Electronic entries prior to 1 June 2018 (click the link here)

Staffs Moorlands AC members	Full Series	£28 (before 1 June 2018)
Other club members	Full Series	£32 (before 1 June 2018)
Non-club members	Full Series	£36 (before 1 June 2018)

**There is a small fee to pay for the electronic entry facility, which still works out at less than the cost of stamps, stationery and time – SMAC subsidises each electronic entry fee by £1.*

We shall still accept pre-paid entries after 1 June, however these will need to be paid on the night of the first race at Tittesworth (7 June 2018) and will rise to:

Staffs Moorlands AC members	Full Series	£32 (payable on 7 June 2018)
Other club members	Full Series	£36 (payable on 7 June 2018)
Non-club members	Full Series	£40 (payable on 7 June 2018)

Please note: Club membership is verified at the first race/handing out of race numbers – the same race number stays with the individual throughout the series

For runners who choose not to enter the whole series, there will still be the facility to enter each race on an ad-hoc basis on the night and the cost for each individual race will be:

Members of any club (SMAC or other)	Each Race	£7
Non-club members	Each Race	£8

Senior races start at 7.15pm with the exception of the first race which is 7.30pm to allow for the increased administration that night (distribution of numbers, etc).

The minimum age for seniors is 16 on the day of the first race (7 June 2018).

After listening to feedback last year, we have reduced the qualifying threshold for a free t-shirt. Runners will need to have completed 6 events to qualify for a uniquely designed t-shirt, commemorating the series. These will be handed out at the last event, scheduled for Leek Cricket Club on 2 August (runners who have pre-entered will receive a t-shirt but will need to be present at the last race to collect them as we cannot post the items due to cost).

Junior Race and Mini Race (Fun Run)

These will still be paid for each night with the costs held the same as last year with Junior entry costing £2 per race and the Fun Run being set at £1.

Juniors will set off at 7.30pm (a bit later for the first race) and the Fun Run will start earlier, at 6.45pm. Please note that there will not be a fun run at the Roaches event.

Helpers

Please contact the Club if you are able to help out at any of the races (marshalling, recording results, etc) – email: chairman@staffsmoorlands-ac.co.uk

Post Race

After each race, runners are invited to join us for a drink in a pub local to each race venue).

Please refer to our Facebook page: Staffordshire Moorlands AC – Events and Info for more up-to-date information and any changes to timings (you do not need to be registered with Facebook to view the page).

In addition, check out the Staffs Moorlands AC website which is [here](#). If you wish to join our running club, especially to take advantage of cheaper race entry costs, information is [here](#).