



Staffs Moorlands AC Summer Series 2019

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)
30 May	Tittesworth Reservoir	4.6 miles
6 June	Buxton	4.8 miles
13 June	The Roaches	5.8 miles
20 June	New Race Venue (TBC)	5.8 miles
27 June	Shutlingsloe	3.6 miles
4 July	Oakamoor	5.0 miles
11 July	Biddulph Grange	4.0 miles
18 July	Rudyard Lake	5.0 miles

Following problems we had with some race venues in 2017, we are grateful that we didn't have issues with locations last year as runners heeded the instructions of marshals. We had a couple of issues with signage and shortage of marshals at one venue, in particular, however we have devised plans to mitigate this for 2019. We would remind everyone that we put on these races for the benefit of the running community – our club only seeks to cover its costs during each series. It should be borne in mind that organisation takes place on a best endeavours basis, being mindful of health and safety responsibilities, and trying to keep these events affordable for all. Errors can (and do!) occur at any event, in spite of all the planning we do, and please remember that runners enter at their own risk. As much as we would love to promise a rain-free series, like last year, I suspect we will not be so lucky but, whatever the weather and whatever the ability, we are confident that runners will enjoy this fabulous series.

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 24 May 2019 (click the link when it's ready!)

Staffs Moorlands AC members	Full Series	£28 (before 24 May 2019)
Other club members	Full Series	£32 (before 24 May 2019)
Non-club members	Full Series	£36 (before 24 May 2019)

**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 23 May, however these will need to be paid on the night of the first race at Tittesworth (30 May 2019) and will rise to:

Staffs Moorlands AC members	Full Series	£32 (payable on 30 May 2019)
Other club members	Full Series	£36 (payable on 30 May 2019)
Non-club members	Full Series	£40 (payable on 30 May 2019)

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 may be delayed slightly 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 (30 May 2019).

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 Rudyard Lake on 18 July (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 should be ready to race from 7.15pm (at some venues we set off the juniors before the seniors in which case the seniors' start will be delayed slightly). The Fun Run will start earlier, at 6.45pm.

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](#).