



Staffs Moorlands AC Summer Series 2022

After COVID-19 put paid to our series in 2020 and 2021, we're absolutely delighted to announce that Staffs Moorlands AC is hosting its ever-popular Summer Series which takes place at seven lovely venues in Staffordshire and Cheshire.

The calendar being:

Date	Venue	Distance (approx)
9 June	Tittesworth Reservoir	4.6 miles
16 June	The Roaches	5.8 miles
23 June	No Race	
30 June	Oakamoor	4.5 miles
7 July	Ilam Hall	5.0 miles
14 July	Shutlingsloe	3.6 miles
21 July	Biddulph Grange	4.0 miles
28 July	Rudyard Lake	5.0 miles

After experiencing issues previously with our Buxton race (parking, sign-tampering, and cattle grazing), we decided to make some changes to our calendar for this year and drop from eight to seven races. This is also a reflection of the ever-increasing burden being placed on us to demonstrate that we are managing risks appropriately. We realise that losing races is disappointing and 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 and any surplus is usually very modest. 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. Come rain or shine and whatever the ability of entrants, we are confident that runners will enjoy this fabulous series.

Senior Race Series

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 6 June (enter via this link: [TBA](#))

Staffs Moorlands AC members	Full Series	£32 (before 6 June 2022)
Other club members	Full Series	£37 (before 6 June 2022)
Non-club members	Full Series	£42 (before 6 June 2022)

**There is a small fee to pay for the electronic entry facility.*

We cannot guarantee being able to accept any full series entries after 6 June 2022. This is to reduce the burden on volunteers who have to collate and update paperwork. Runners will be unable to join Staffs Moorlands AC at race venues, this will need to be done in advance via the link [here](#).

We shall verify club membership prior to the first race at Tittesworth where we shall distribute race numbers. Please note that 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 via the electronic entry portal contained here and the cost for each individual race will be*:

Members of SMAC	Each Individual Race	£8
Members of any other affiliated club	Each Individual Race	£10
Non-club members	Each Individual Race	£12

Please note that there will be a cut-off of two days prior to each race to allow us to update our paperwork and allocate race numbers which will have to be collected on the night of the race.

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 (9 June 2022).

Junior Race Series

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:

Junior SMAC members	Full series	£18 (before 6 June 2022)
Junior members any other club	Full series	£22 (before 6 June 2022)
Juniors not affiliated to a club	Full series	£24 (before 6 June 2022)

**There is a small fee to pay for the electronic entry facility.*

We shall verify club membership prior to the first race at Tittesworth where we shall distribute race numbers. Please note that 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 via the electronic entry portal contained here and the cost for each individual race will be*:

Members of SMAC	Each Individual Race	£4
Members of any other affiliated club	Each Individual Race	£5
Non-club members	Each Individual Race	£6

Please note that there will be a cut-off of two days prior to each race to allow us to update our paperwork and allocate race numbers which will have to be collected on the night of the race.

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). Entries to the junior series will close on 6 June 2022.

The minimum age for juniors is 8 and they should be under 16 on the day of the first race (9 June 2022).

Commemorative T-Shirts

This year all runners entering the whole series, in advance of 6 June 2022, will receive a commemorative technical t-shirt which will be distributed immediately before the race at the last venue (Rudyard). We know that this is very much a departure from previous years but it will ensure that waste is reduced to the absolute minimum. When entering the series, it is very important that you state the correct t-shirt size as this is the fit that will be given to you and we cannot permit swaps when collecting garments (of course, runners can swap amongst themselves). Runners will need to be present or nominate someone else to collect on their behalf as we shall be unable to post them on.

Runners entering individual races will not qualify for a t-shirt, irrespective of how many races they enter – these will only be distributed to those who enter the whole series in advance of 6 June 2022.

Prizes

To qualify, runners must have completed any five of the seven races. Prizes will be awarded to the first three male and female runners over the whole series. First prizes will be awarded to runners in each age category unless they have already won an overall series prize for first,

second, or third placed runner. We reserve the right to post out prizes during the week after the final event to enable us to make sure that all results are checked.

Fun Run (Mini Race)

There is a fun run at each race venue and these will start at 6.45pm. Entries to the fun run cost £2 for every competitor for each event and this is payable on the night and a chocolate, or similar, treat is provided for all finishers.

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](#).