



Race letter for the Westonbirt House Christmas 10k - Sunday 12th December 2021

It's race time with DB Max folks! We're super-excited to bring you the Westonbirt House Christmas 10k at this beautiful Gloucestershire venue.

Covid-19

We ask that participants respect personal space whilst Covid-19 is still present in the population. Please respect personal space and respect those around you who may be avoiding close contact. We also ask that participants wear a face covering when inside buildings, such as when registering at Westonbirt.

We will be using rolling starts which allows us to ensure runners are well spread out. We will have a long start chute and sort people based on estimated finish times. This will be done using our awesome #dbmaxpaceteam and we will call runners forward as per their pace. For those who are uncomfortable starting in any sort of group, we will provide a start slot in your own space.

We also ask people not to spit anywhere on the course or at the venue. Please respect any members of the public and keep your distance while running.

Race Venue

Race HQ will be in the main house at Westonbirt School which is located off the A433 - Postcode for sat navs is GL8 8QG.

Access will be through the main gates. The venue will not be open until 10:15, so no access will be available prior to this.

Parking

On arrival, ample free parking is available in the school grounds. Please follow instructions from the parking attendants and then follow the signs to Race HQ.

Face Coverings

Registration for this event is inside in the Orangery at Westonbirt House (see below). Please wear a face covering when accessing this area.

Please make your way outside immediately after registering.

Registration and Race Numbers

Race numbers and timing chips will be collected from the registration desk (registration will be signed from the car park). Please attach your race number to your front while racing so that it can be clearly seen - race belts may be used if required.

Please note that bibs, chips, race lists and all literature have gone to print, and no transfers, refunds or deferrals are available at this stage.

Registration times: 10:20 to 11:40

Timing Chips

Your timing chip will be incorporated in to your race bib. Please do not remove it, fold it or put pins through the timing chip itself – please watch the chip fitting instruction video [HERE](#).

The timing chips will ensure that your finish results (as well as lap times) are collected by **DB Max Sports Timing**.

Remember - **no timing chip, no results**.



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Bag Drop

A bag drop facility is provided free of charge and is located in the Orangery. Please ensure you place your baggage in this area well before your wave start. To reduce handling of belongings, you will write your number on a tag and attach it to your bag, then place it in the bag drop yourself.

When collecting your bag after your race, you will enter the Bag Drop area and collect your bag yourself. The staff on bag drop will then check your race number against that of your bag to ensure that it is the correct bag. Please leave all valuables at home or in your car.

Start Times and Mandatory Pre-Race Briefing

Start times: 12:00

There will be a quick race brief at the start line, but you will be sent **a full race video briefing** next week which is compulsory to watch before race day.

Race Route

The run route is two laps of approximately equal distance (total distance is exactly 10k). The race starts at the front of the house and heads through the school grounds until a right turn on to a quiet country road. Please take care when running on all roads, remembering the highway code at all times. At the end of the first and second lap you run through the beautiful Westonbirt House Gardens. Please take care running through this area in case of an occasional low branch or slippery surface. Please also take care at the one small set of steps to descend in the gardens.



Finish

The finish straight is a spectacular stretch in the house gardens, culminating in a finish line directly outside the Westonbirt House.

There are four steps to ascend as part of the finish straight - it is runners' responsibility to take the necessary care on these steps. Please ascend carefully and with due care noting that runners can be tired at the finish of a run.

For the 10k route, please click [HERE](#)





Presentations and Awards

Awards will not be presented on the day and details of prizes will be emailed to any winners. There will be awards as follows:

Overall: 1st, 2nd & 3rd M & F

Vet 40-49: 1st M & F

Vet 50-59: 1st, M & F

Vet 60-69: 1st M & F

Vet 70+: 1st M & F

Junior: 1st M & F

Team: 1st Male and Female Team (3 team members to count, based on sum of category positions)

iPods and MP3 Players

Competitors are **NOT** permitted to wear iPods or MP3 players at any time.

DB Max Sports Timing

DB Max Sports Timing will be producing live race results. You can follow the results live on the day [HERE](#).

Refreshments

The bar will be open before and after the race. The bar is open to all competitors and spectators from 10:30 (this is at the finish area at the back of the house). Prices are as follows:

Mulled wine, wine, lager, ale - £5.00, Glass of Prosecco - £7.00, Soft drinks – £2.00,

Mince pie - £2.00, Tea/coffee - £2.00

Turkey and Cranberry Roll (Vegan options available) - £6.00

Water Station

There will be 1 water station on route at 5k. If you do need to use a water station, then you must follow marshal instructions. There will be hand sanitiser available at the water station. When you collect your water, **you must move away from the water station** and take on your fluid. When you have finished you **must place the cup in the bins provided** as you are not permitted to run with the cup.

Cut Offs

There is no official cut-off for the event, however you will be expected to complete the event in less than 1 hour 45 minutes in total. In the unlikely event that an event manager deems that you are not fit to continue they will remove you from the event.

Pacers

There will be pacers at this event with the following times. 40/45/50/55/60/65/70/75 minutes.

Litter

Littering is obviously not acceptable at any time. If you use gels you must return to the finish with the wrappers and place in a bin or take your litter home with you. Littering incurs immediate disqualification.

Race Photography

[Charles Whiton Photography](#) will be on site taking photos from the day. These are available to buy after the event. Please feel free to smile for the camera and make sure your race bib is clearly visible. You will be able to view your photos on your individual results page once the photographer has uploaded them to his site. The bib recognition means you can access your own photos quickly and easily.





Toilets and Showers

Toilets for runners will be located to the side of the house. There are also a number of toilets, changing facilities and showers available at the leisure centre if required. The leisure centre is a 5 minute walk (550m) from Westonbirt House.

Spectators

Spectators are permitted at this event but we ask them to remain outside while the Orangery is being used for registration. Spectators can watch the start at the front of the house and then go to the lap point in the garden to see runners at the 5k area and then walk to the finish to watch. All these locations are within 300 metres of each other. Please note that the lap and finish areas are on off road sections so are not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs.

Dogs

Dogs are permitted with spectators at this event, **but must be kept on a lead** at all times and any mess cleared up immediately. Please note that you are not permitted to run with your dogs.

Marshals

As with all DB Max races we could not hold the event without the help of all the marshals. Please thank them where possible. If you have any family or friends attending why not ask them to get involved – they will have great fun and will also earn a free entry to a similar DB Max event. If you are interested in helping out please email james@dbmax.co.uk.

Finally, thank you for your race entry and good luck with your final race preparations. We look forward to seeing you at Westonbirt on Sunday 12th December.

