

# Race letter for the Westonbirt House Easter 10k and Half Marathon Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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

## ***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 08:00, 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.

## ***Registration and Race Numbers***

Race numbers and timing chips will be collected from the registration desk. 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 are as follows:**

Half Marathon: 08:15 - 09:20

10k: 10:15 - 11:20

## ***Timing Chips***

Your timing chip will be incorporated into 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.**

## ***Bag Drop***

A bag drop facility is provided free of charge. Please ensure you place your baggage in this area well before the race 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***

Half Marathon: 09:25

10k: 11:25

There will be a quick race briefing done at the start line and you will be sent a full race video briefing a few days before the event which is compulsory to watch before race day.

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## ***Race Routes***

The run route is two laps of approximately equal distance for each course. 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 (especially if we have had a lot of wet weather by race day). Please also take care at the one small set of steps to ascend 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 4 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.

Links to the race routes can be found below:

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

For the Half Marathon 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:

10k:

**Overall: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> M & F**

**Vet 40-49: 1<sup>st</sup> M & F**

**Vet 50-59: 1<sup>st</sup>, M & F**

**Vet 60-69: 1<sup>st</sup> M & F**

**Vet 70+: 1<sup>st</sup> M & F**

**Junior: 1<sup>st</sup> M & F**

### **Half Marathon**

**Overall: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> M & F**

**Vet 40-49: 1<sup>st</sup> M & F**

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### ***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***

Refreshments will be available before and after the race. Refreshments are open to all competitors and spectators. Details of what will be available, and prices will be emailed next week.

### ***Water Stations***

#### **10k**

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.

#### **Half**

There will be 4 water stations on route and these will be at 2.75 miles, 6.4 miles, 7.3 miles and 9.7 miles. 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***

#### **10k**

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.

#### **Half**

There is no official cut-off for the event, however you will be expected to complete the event in less than 3 hour 30 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***

The #dbmaxpaceteam will be on hand to help you to your PB's. We will have pacers as follows:

10k – 40, 42, 45, 48, 50, 52, 55, 58, 60, 62, 65, 70 and 75 minutes

Half – 1:30, 1:45, 2:00, 2:10, 2:20, 2:30, 2:45 and 3:00 hours

### ***Litter***

Littering is obviously not acceptable at any time. If you use gels you must return to the finish with the wrappers and take your litter home with you, if you can carry a full gel, you can certainly carry an empty one. 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.

### ***Spectators***

Spectators are permitted at this event. Spectators can watch the start in front of the main house and then when walk round the back of the house to the lap point and then back to the finish.

### ***Dogs***

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

### ***Post-Race Massage***

Post-race massage will be provided free of charge by the Physio Clinic, Bristol. We would however ask for a small donation to their chosen charity.

### ***Toilets and Showers***

Toilets for runners will be located to the side of the house, please ensure you use these well before the start and don't leave it until the last minute. 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.

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### ***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](mailto: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 Good Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April.**

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