FAQs
WARWICK HALF MARATHON
5K AND 2.5K FUN RUN

Event Details

When is the event?
Sunday 4 March 2018

Where is the event?
Warwick Racecourse, Hampton Road, Warwick, CV34 6HN

How do I keep up to date with event information?
We will keep our website up to date as much as possible but we recommend following the Facebook event page to keep up to date with information prior to the event.

Are there any age restrictions?
You have to be 17 years old to take part in the Half Marathon. There are no age limits for the 2.5k and 5k events, however under 16s must be accompanied by an adult.

What is the route like? Will the route be suitable for me?
The half marathon route is hilly and on closed roads. We would recommend having a good level of fitness and training for this event beforehand. Our bespoke training guides can be found on our website. The 2.5k and 5k routes take in the internal path around Warwick Racecourse. The 5k is a lapped course.

Can I take part in a wheelchair?
The half marathon is wheelchair friendly, anyone wishing to take part in a racing wheelchair will be able to start 5 minutes prior to other runners. For the 2.5k and 5k, unfortunately the terrain is not suitable for wheelchairs at this event.

Can I take part pushing a buggy?
For the half marathon, we are following the advice of RunBritain and we are not permitting anyone to be pushed around the route, in accordance with the rules of UK Athletics. For the 2.5k and 5k, unfortunately the terrain is not suitable for buggies.
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I can’t make the event – can I get a refund, transfer or defer my entry?
As per our terms and conditions, we are unable to refund your registration. You may have the option to defer your place or transfer your place.

You can transfer your event place to someone else, as long as this is done by Friday 23 February 2018, to do this you must contact our customer service team and ask your replacement to fill out a registration form so that we have the details of everyone running. They will not need to pay for this place, as they are taking yours.

If you are unable to take part in 2018 and would like to defer your entry to 2019, please contact our Events Team who will organise this for you.

Contact details for Events Team, you can email us at events@bhf.org.uk or call 0300 330 3322, lines are open between Monday and Friday, 9am until 5pm.

Event Day

What time does the event start?
The Half Marathon starts at 9am, the 2.5k starts at 10.30am and the 5k at 12pm. We recommend arriving at least one hour ahead of your start time in order to leave enough time to park and walk to the venue. There is no official parking for the event, we ask that participants use local pay and display car parks.

Will there be parking?
There is no official parking for this event, follow signs to available public car parks around Warwick. Standard charges apply. Please be aware that car parks nearest to the venue will have limited access:

- **St Marys Area 1 – Vittle Drive**
  This car park will be closed at 08.30 to allow the runners to pass. It will be re-opened at approximately 09.30.

- **St Marys Area 2 – Bread and Meat Close**
  This car park will be closed at 08.00 in order for the event start line to be set up. Once the event has started this car park will re-open at approximately 09.30.

- **St Marys Area 3 – Hampton Street**
  This car park will be closed at 09.00 with no access or exit until the event is finished at approximately 14:00. Should you wish to park here, you must be aware that you’ll not be able to leave the car park until 14.00 when the event has finished, as the car park is located on the finish line.
Is there public transport available?
The following Stagecoach Bus Services run to Warwick, please check their website for their timetable:

**X17:** Coventry – Leamington Spa – Warwick Hospital – Warwick – Chase Meadow – (alternately) Hampton Magna & Warwick Parkway Station

**X18:** Stratford Upon Avon – Wellesbourne – Barford – Warwick – Leamington – Coventry (via A46)

**G1:** Warwick – Woodloes – Percy Estate – Leamington Spa – Whitnash – South Farm


Warwick Racecourse is served by two train stations, both operate on the Chiltern line which runs between London Marylebone and Birmingham Snow Hill. Warwick station is a short 20 minute walk from the racecourse, situated in the town just one mile away. Warwick Parkway can be on the town's outskirts, a short taxi ride from the racecourse. Please check National Rail website for timetables and train time updates.

Are the BHF putting on any transport?
No, we’re not providing any transport at this event.

Do I need to register in the morning?
If you are already signed up before the day, and you have received your welcome pack/runner number and chip you will not need to sign in. If you are wishing to sign up on the day, you will need to visit the Information Point.

What if I forget my runner number/don’t receive my pack in time?
First step – don’t panic. You’ll still be able to take part!
If you forget your number or you haven’t received your pack in time, please head to the Information Point. A member of the events team will simply check off the list and provide you with a new runner number and timing chip.
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Will I get a t-shirt?
Yes, everyone taking part will get a BHF technical t-shirt as part of their entry. You can collect this before the event starts, and wear it during the run. Sizes are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Can I bring my bag?
Attach your baggage sticker found within your participant pack to your bag and bring it to the baggage drop off area.
Please don’t leave any valuables in your bag as we can’t be held responsible for their safe keeping.

Can I bring a donation bag?
Yes we’d really appreciate your donations and BHF Retail will be there to collect them on the day.

Can I bring my dog?
You aren’t able to run with dogs at the event. Spectators are welcome to bring dogs but they must be on a lead at all times.

What is available in the event village?
The following will be available in the event village:
• Catering
• Sports Massage
• Medal Engraving
• BHF Shop
• Baggage Drop Off
• Information Point
• T-shirt Collection
• Toilets

How can I pay on the day?
Any payments on the day will be cash only.
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The Course

Will there be pacers on the day?
Yes, we will have pacers running the following times:
- 1 hour and 30 minutes
- 1 hour and 45 minutes
- 2 hours
- 2 hours and 15 minutes
- 2 hours and 30 minutes

Will there be timing pens on the day?
Pacers will be lined up early in order to help runners decide where to stand prior to the start.

Is the event chip timed?
The half marathon and 5k are both chip timed events. The 2.5k is not a chip timed. Your chip will be attached to your running number.

When will I know my event finishing time?
If you provided us with your mobile number when you registered you’ll be sent a text message within an hour of completing the event. Your finishing time will also be available online at www.bhf.org.uk/warwick by the end of event day.

What if my event time is wrong?
Please get in touch with our Events Team, we will in turn inform the chip timing company, Results Base.

Can I wear earphones?
Half Marathon participants are permitted to only wear one earphone according to UKA regulation.

2.5k and 5k participants you are allowed to wear earphones, but we strongly recommend only have one earphone in so you can still hear instructions from marshals.
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Do I need to be able to navigate around the course?
The course will be fully signed and marshalled.

Are there water stations and feed stations on the route?
Yes there are water stations on 3 Half Marathon route. There are not any feed stations out on route, but you are able to purchase food and drinks at the end of the event.

What time does the event finish?
All runners in the half marathon need to be back in the event site by 1.00pm. Please remember the event is a charity run and not a race. There are cut off points for the half marathon at each water station:
Water Station 1 – 9.55am
Water Station 2 – 10.50am
Water Station 3 – 11.45am

Will I get anything when I finish?
When you cross the finish line you will receive a well-earned medal, ready to show off your achievements! You will also get free water along the route and when you finish.
For a small donation you can have your medal engraved and a post-run massage.

Will there be a prize giving for the run?
As this is a charity event we don’t offer prizes for runners.

Fundraising and Sponsorship

Do I have to fundraise?
Your registration fee only covers the cost to put this event on, but any fundraising you can do will go directly into funding lifesaving research.
We’re asking you aim to raise £130 for the Half Marathon and £50 for the 5k and £25 for the 2.5k. We understand this is a big commitment but we will support you and help with any fundraising advice you want or need. Please contact events@bhf.org.uk for any questions about this and a member of the team will happily assist.
Can I fundraise for another charity?
We ask you only fundraise for the BHF at this event. Our aim is to put a stop to the devastation caused by heart disease, through our life saving research and we rely on your fundraising to ensure this vital work can continue. Your entry fee only covers the cost of organising the event, it’s the money you raise that powers our life saving research.

Do I need to raise all of this before the event?
No – you can continue to fundraise after the event, share your event stories with your sponsors and show off your medal to get a few extra pounds.

How can I pay my sponsorship in?
There are several ways to send in your fundraising:

**Online Sponsorship**
If you have set up a Just Giving or Virgin Money account then you will not have to do anything, all online donations will come through to us so sit back and relax!

**Off-Line Sponsorship**
You can send in any sponsorship to our Customer Service Centre (2096 Coventry Road, Sheldon, Birmingham B26 3YU) or if you can make a payment over the phone by calling 0300 330 3322.

We can’t wait to see you on the start line!