

MAIDENHEAD HALF MARATHON

15 September 2016

Competitors Information Pack

Welcome to the 2016 Maidenhead Half Marathon. A fantastic flat, fast route with closed roads, taking in some of the nicest parts of Maidenhead and Cookham - you're going to love it!

Please read this Competitors Information Pack to make sure you have everything you need for an enjoyable race day.

Have a great race!
The Purple Patch Team

Timetable of Events

Saturday 10 September

11:00am-3pm Race packs available to pick up @ Nicholsons Walk Shopping Centre, Maidenhead SL6 1LB
11:00am-3pm Late entries also available

Sunday 11 September

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| 7:45-9:15 | Registration open for you to pick up your race pack |
| 7:45-9:15 | Late Entries open |
| 9:30am | Half Marathon starts |
| 10:40 am | (approx) Half Marathon winner finishes |

Getting There

Race Start/Finish:

The race starts and finishes outside the Town Hall in St Ives Road, Maidenhead, SL6 1RF. Race HQ will be in the Town Hall car park

Car parking:

There is NO street parking in or around St Ives Road. There is plenty of FREE car parking on the day in the town centre at 1) Hines Meadow car park, St Clouds Way and 2) Nicholsons Walk car park, Broadway. Both car parks are a short walk away from the start/finish area. Please visit: www.purplepatchrunning.com to download a map of the car parks and surrounding area

Race Numbers & Chips

Race Packs can be picked up at either of the following times:-

Saturday 5 September

11am- 3pm @ Nicholsons Walk Shopping Centre, Maidenhead SL6 1LB

OR

Sunday 6 September

7:45am-9:15am @ “Number Pick-Up” desk in the Race Village at the start/finish

Wherever possible, please pick up on the Saturday to avoid the rush on Sunday morning!

If you want someone else to pick up your pack for you - please either give them a note or send them an email to print out and bring with them

We will be taking Late Entries on both days. Late entries (Sat & Sun) have a surcharge of £6.

Race Information

Start Time:

The main race starts at 09:30. Please leave yourself plenty of time to park your car, pick up your number & chip (if you haven't done so on the Saturday), check-in your bag, use the toilets and warm up!

Race Number:

Secure your race number securely to the FRONT of your running top using four pins. If you have a medical condition that will need consideration, please mark the front of your number with a cross and write details on the back. Race numbers must not be passed on to another runner

Chip:

Your chip will be on the back of your race number - be sure not to tamper with it in any way or your time may not be recorded. Your chip number may or may not tally with your race number - don't worry about this!

Late Entries:

We will be taking entries on both Saturday and Sunday (see box above) for the Half Marathon. If you are registering on the Sunday, please go to the “Entries on the Day” desk in the Race Village in plenty of time to register and pick up a number & chip. Late entries (Sat & Sun) have a surcharge of £6.

Information Desk:

There will be an info desk in the Race Village. Please don't ask questions of the staff giving out numbers or taking entries - please go to the info desk where the staff will have more time to deal with your enquiry

Medical:

Please advise us if you have any medical condition that we should be aware of. In addition, please mark a cross on the front of your number and write this information, with your name, emergency contact and telephone number on the back of your number. If you have been unwell or injured in the days before the race, please do not start. Check with your doctor if you are unsure.

Baggage:

There will be a baggage drop in the Town Hall. You will be given a baggage tag when you pick up your race pack. Tie the baggage tag to your bag before taking to the baggage room. Be prepared to show your race number in order to retrieve your bag afterwards

The Route:

The race route is on road and is a flat, fast and traffic free, officially measured course. It is a two-lap course taking you alongside the river to Cookham, before returning to Maidenhead. A detailed route map can be found on the race website

Marshals:

Marshals will be stationed along the route at strategic points - please comply with instructions given by the marshals

Miles:

The route will be marked with both Mile markers

Toilets:

There will be portable toilets in the Race Village. There are no race toilets along the route, however, there are public toilets in Cookham as you turn left into School Lane at (please note - they are 100m past School Lane turning, off the course).

Water:

There will be water stations at approximately 3/6/9/12 miles. You will also be given water at the finish. There will be no water at the start, so please bring your own supply if you need a drink beforehand. Please dispose of your cups in the bins provided after each water station. Water only will be provided at the water stations

First Aid:

Medical services are provided en route; if you are unwell or injured and unable to complete the course, please wait with a marshal until you can be picked up

Prizes & Presentation

Prizes:

Prizes will be given to 1st, 2nd, 3rd Male & Female (regardless of age). 1st Male & Female will also receive a £50 voucher from NewRunningGear.com. 1st Male & Female in the following categories: V40, V50, V60, V70+ will also receive a prize. There will be a prize for the 1st Male & Female Maidenhead runners (SL6 postcode).

Finishers Medals:

Each finisher will receive a special souvenir medal.

Results:

Results will be published via our website shortly after the last runner is home. There will also be a full write-up with photos and results in the Maidenhead Advertiser the following week.

Refreshments:

A selection of hot and cold food and drinks will be available in the Race Village and there are of course many outlets in Maidenhead town centre itself, a short walk from the start/finish area

Spectators:

With a town centre start/finish, free car parking and a two-lap course, this is a perfect spectator race. The route can be found at: www.purplepatchrunning.com to help you plan your supporters viewpoints! If spectators plan to wait at the start/finish, there is plenty to do and see in Maidenhead town centre, where you can get some lunch, do some shopping or just relax in one of the parks.

Cancellation:

Please note that in the event that the race has to be cancelled due to adverse weather conditions or any other situation outside our control, we will not be able to give competitors a refund. In the event of poor weather prior to the race, runners should refer to: www.purplepatchrunning.com for confirmation.