



Charles Kear Memorial Open Meeting

12 September 2021

Athlete Information

Coronavirus Information: Although Government and England Athletics restrictions have been eased, Coronavirus is still prevalent. Athletes and spectators should not attend if they are displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or have been advised to isolate. It is your personal responsibility to act responsibly in respect of the continuing Covid situation and to assess personal risk and the risk to others. You are kindly asked to continue to follow government and England Athletics best practice guidance with regard to washing hands, using hand sanitiser especially when sharing equipment such as starting blocks and throwing implements, wearing masks indoors and maintaining social distance wherever possible. You are advised to therefore bring a face covering and hand sanitiser with you although this should also be available at the venue. Please also ensure you follow any of the venue signage and continued measures Failure to follow Covid requirement may result in you being asked to leave the venue.

Parking: Parking is available but limited, and therefore it is advisable that, where possible, athletes/spectators car share and park responsibly within the facility. If there are no spaces available, you are advised by Tilsley Park to park responsibly on nearby streets. Please do not block rights of way or prevent access for residents.

Venue: Tilsley Park has its own covered grandstand for spectators/athletes to use. You are asked politely not to wear spikes inside the building and ensure that all litter is either taken home or placed in the bins provided. There is also a grass banked area around the track should you wish to pitch tents/gazebos, etc.

Numbers: Please collect these from the registration desk on arrival. Ensure you are in good time in case there is a queue. Please ensure that for all events, two numbers are securely fastened with safety pins and displayed on the front and back of your competition vest (except for horizontal and vertical Jumps where only one number is required) .

In Track Events: The maximum spike length is 6mm for the running track surface. In all track events, athletes are asked to report to the marksman 10 minutes before the designated start time of their race. Athletes should have with them their competition vest with numbers securely attached. Starting blocks will be provided for appropriate races, however should you wish to bring your own, they should be presented to the Chief Starters Assistant when you report. In the seeded races, the fastest will compete first. Electronic timing/photo finish equipment will be in use.

Start procedure (false starts): This is an Open Graded Competition and senior, masters and junior age groups may be competing within the same race. Therefore, in accordance with UKA Rules for Competition, rules 111.14 and 111.15, all competitors will operate under the 'one warning'

procedure. Any athlete making a false start shall be warned. If a competitor is deemed responsible for two false starts that athlete shall be disqualified.

In Field Events: The spike length for field events is 6mm, except High Jump 9mm, Javelin 12mm. Athletes who wish to use their own throwing implements should present them to the Field Referee at least 30 minutes prior to the start time of their competition to be verified, this can commence from 9am. Please ask at Welcome Desk for directions.

Each athlete should report to the event area no later than 15 minutes before the published start time, within this time all measuring and practice attempts should be taken. Athletes reporting late or after the commencement of an event will be able to join in that round, but will not be able to practice run-ups or take practice attempts. If you join after the 1st round any missed rounds will be sacrificed. If you are competing in another event at the same time, you will still have to ensure that any practice or measuring is completed in the allotted warm up time. You can leave the event and return, but the rules above still apply.

Athletes in all age groups will be entitled to 4 jumps/throws each except the quad kids where it will be 3 jumps/throws. Normal High Jump rules apply.

Health, Safety and Welfare: Throughout the day only competing athletes, officials and meeting staff are permitted track side. All spectators/coaches, etc should remain behind the barriers. Athletes and spectators should also show caution when crossing the start/finish line area when a race is due to finish and keep this area clear at all times. Athletes must not cross the infield to get to an event. Any concerns or incidents should be reported immediately to the Meeting Manager on the day.

First Aid will be provided and will be situated in the grandstand (near the finish line).

Should you wish to take photographs or moving images throughout the day (including camera phones) you are asked to download the 'photography' form from our website or register with the at the Welcome Desk on arrival. This is in line with the Club's Welfare Policy.

Refreshments: Cold snacks and sandwiches will be available at Tilsley Park. They also have several vending machines serving snacks and drinks.

Event Results: Results will not be displayed but will be announced and available online on Open Track. Athletes should not enter the announcer's box/officials area for this information. There will be a small presentation to each of the Quad Kids participants once all results are in and scored. Athletes/parents should listen to announcements as to when and where these will be.

We hope you have an enjoyable and successful competition.

Thank you for your support.

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