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The 66th Hyde Park Relays

HOW TO ENTER

You will need to fill in an entry form (1 per team) detailing the name and order of your runners. The closing date for entries is **Monday 10th February 2014**. We may still accept entries via [email](#) and in person on race day, but entry is not guaranteed. Please also note that accommodation is only available to external teams.

Registration can be done online [here](#).

Entry fees for all teams can be paid online [here](#).

Please ensure the correct payment option is selected.

This is the preferable method of payment but cheques will still be accepted. All cheques should be made payable to “Imperial College Union” and posted to the above address. Entries received after the date specified above may not be accepted, and if they are will not be printed in the programme and external teams are liable to lose the right to free accommodation. Please also note that entry fees cannot be returned.

Eligibility

Student Teams should consist entirely of current and provable students. However, establishments or athletics clubs may enter guest teams (ie. non student). Guest teams are not eligible for the overall student team prizes but can compete for the guest team prizes.

Registration on race day

On **Saturday 15th February 2014** runners will need to sign in from 10:00 until 12:30 at Imperial College Union, Beit Quadrangle, Prince Consort Road, SW7 2BB the appropriate desks (internal or external). The sign-in desks will be in Metric, on the left after you cross the quad and enter the Union building on the ground floor.

Registration forms and fees for teams can also be done on the day but will incur higher fees.

You will then be given your race pack (1 per team) which will contain the race numbers, safety pins, the race programme and information from our sponsors/ partners.

To save yourself time on the day, please consider registering online in advance.

Please ensure you stick to the order you put on the registration form. You may request a change of order on the day if necessary. You can switch the order during the race, but times will be recorded under the names you registered under.

You will also have an opportunity to buy a race t-shirt. These will be in limited supply on the day, so arrive early to avoid disappointment (or email us to reserve).

There are toilets in the union building, but no facilities to purchase food/ drink (other than vending machines) or leave bags for the day.

Accommodation

Foreign teams and those travelling long distances from within the UK can apply for accommodation for the Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Accommodation is provided in the form of floor space, so bringing your own sleeping bags/mats is essential.

Please indicate on the entry form if accommodation is required and the number of people that will be staying. Accommodation is allocated on a first come first serve basis.

The cost will involve a £3 deposit per head (Refundable*), plus a cost of £3.50 per head per night for the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. Accommodation for the Saturday night is free (provided numbers aren't excessive), all the more reason to stay for our infamous after-party! *Note that in the event of an excessive number of people requesting to stay on Saturday night, we may ask for a small charge to help cover the cost of extra accommodation.* To guarantee free accommodation for the Saturday night and for paid accommodation on other nights please return the completed entry forms as soon as possible. Note that free accommodation for the Saturday night is only available to student teams.

*Deposit will be refunded if the accommodation spaces are left clean and in a timely manner. Further details will be provided upon confirmation of booking.

Race start

Teams are encouraged to congregate around the bandstand area by 13:30pm. The men's/ mixed race will begin promptly at 14:00 and the women's race at 14:05. Note that the women's start is slightly further forward along the path from the men's start.

Course

Due to resurfacing works in the park, the Men's/Mixed runners route will be altered slightly compared to previous years. There is now an extended loop into Kensington Gardens, and the loop following Hyde Park Corner has been removed.

The course length is approximately 5.12km (3.2 miles).

The women's route will remain unchanged, but please be aware that there are now two points along the course where there will be a difference in the male and female route. These points will be well marshalled but be aware that at the turn around the lake the women will carry on to the left but the men/ mixed race goes off straight.

The new course map is in the race programme.

During the Race

Unfortunately we do not have the authority to close the park to pedestrians, so there will be people on the course.

Please be careful of pedestrians and park maintenance vehicles on the pavements and keep left where possible.

At the change-over point, do not stand forward of the start line outside the changeover bay. The job of timekeeping is very difficult and it can be confusing if non-finishers wearing race numbers get into the officiator's line of site.

Any runner's straying onto the course when they are not meant to be there will be asked to move immediately.

Food

Food will be served from 17:00 in the Senior Common Room. This is located in Imperial College on the main campus walkway and can be accessed through the main entrance or the gate on Prince Consort Road. See the map in the race programme for directions.

You will need your race number to claim your hot food. Please place rubbish in the bins provided.

Prize Giving

Prizes will be presented in the Senior Common Room at 17:30. Directions will be in the race programme.

The Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the:

1st, 2nd, 3rd student teams – current students (Men & Women)

1st, 2nd, 3rd fastest individual legs of the day – current students (Men & Women)

Separate Prizes will be awarded to:

1st Foreign team – not in the overall top three (Men & Women)

1st Guest Team (Men & Women)

After Party

The after-party will be hosted in Metric on the ground floor of the Imperial College Student Union. Metric will be open from 20:00, but you are welcome to get a drink in the union bar 568, also located on the ground floor, at any time.

Metric will be open with a live DJ until 2am.

If you have any further queries regarding the event, check out our website at:

www.hydeparkrelays.com

Or email us at: **hpr@imperial.ac.uk** Or call at: 07833574727

We look forward to seeing you to welcoming you to the 66th running of Hyde Park Relays.

Jonathan Li, Oliver Ashe and Milan Misak

Hyde Park Relays Chairs 2014