



# CURLY'S ATHLETES

Sunday, 12 December 2021



## The Great Sprout Scuttle Information pack 2021



## We admire your commitment to sprouts!



The fantastic "Great Sprout Scuttle" returns for possibly the most exciting event yet! 2021 will be full of all things festive and sprout based! Another excuse to put off the shopping and get running (its more fun!) A 5k and 10k off road trail event and a super sprouty Christmas theme, plus the opportunity to fundraise for the event neighbours at the RSPCA, or even to find out about their adoption process (we get very special animal guests attending! ) We had an amazing 2018 and 2019 event from the venue, and of course a unique 2020 virtual event! The scenery is a real hidden gem with various running surfaces. Taking in grassy fields, trail path, wooded paths, cheeky climbs and gallops around the horse course.

Plus, thanks to mother nature, the occasional stream (in 2018 we even built you a bridge, in 2019 it became a river so we went around it with a fun filled muddy course!) 2021 is looking a lot drier!

It's not called the Great Sprout Scuttle for no reason!.. It's festive, fun, and we've got Santa outfits for the team, a sprout themed medal, a festive cupcake, and way too much Christmas music!

We're working again with the amazing team at the RSPCA Doncaster Rehoming Centre (you can see the centre from the route).

This team do an amazing job in rescuing and rehoming animals (in fact we adopted our office Guinea Pigs- Alan and Jeff from them:-) They'll be down on the day to support, with some four legged friends, and will be manning the canteen with all catering profits going to the centre. So, feel free to get involved further and fundraise, make a donation or adopt an amazing animal (it's hard not too!)



At Curly's our goal is to promote active lifestyles by providing people with inspirational, fun, great value and professionally ran physical challenges. We know the benefits of this to individuals and the community are huge, both in terms of physical and mental well-being.

If you would like to look for your next challenge or find out more about Curly's Athletes then pop along to our website: <http://www.curlysathletes.co.uk> or Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/curlysathletes/>

\*\*\*\*\*URGENT UPDATES TO SPROUT SCUTTLE\*\*\*\*

Dear Sprout Scuttle Runners,

We have received some upsetting news in regard to several incidents of wildfowl being injured/killed by dogs on The Great Sprout Scuttle course. As a result of this, we have been contacted today by the landowners, and advised that NO dogs can take part in the race, or be in the grounds, under any circumstances.

This will affect the 5k race only (we have 29 people who indicated they would be entering with a dog on our system) as the 10K was not open to dogs. We appreciate that this is very unexpected news, but this is a circumstance completely beyond our control, and not of our making.

Unfortunately, this does mean that any spectators, or any runners that arrive with a dog, will be asked to leave. We really, really don't want to be put in a position where we have to do this, so please be respectful of the landowner's decision.

For the people that have added their dog to the race, please get in touch with us at [contact@curlysathletes.co.uk](mailto:contact@curlysathletes.co.uk), where you can opt to continue with the race (without your dog.) Go virtual and we will post your medal out, plus a buff for your dog 😊

Alternatively, you will be able to request a refund.

We once again apologise, and hope that you will still join us for some festive fun, and support our charity partners, RSPCA (Rotherham and Doncaster Branch)

See you soon, Curly



## Finding us and parking

Car parking is free. You'll see the yellow signs navigating you in upon arrival to the car park. Arrive in plenty of time, and please take care on the grass parking (easy on the accelerator, as spinning your wheels churns it up for other drivers, meaning they may get stuck! The venue is signposted from Bawtry/Great North Rd (Rossington Hall / Northern Racing College)

For your Sat Nav: Great North Road, Doncaster, DN11 0HN. Where you can, please arrange to car share-it helps reduce our carbon emissions and it's way more fun :)

With over 550 runners in attendance, please be patient and considerate to others, especially **when leaving the car park (as the exit is marshal controlled due to runners being on the course, so your departure will be slightly delayed :)**



## Registration/Clothing collection

For 2021 we have decided not to post out numbers and will be sticking to our usual Saturday 14:00-15:30, and Sunday registration from 08:00 (we saw the mail delays during Covid in 2020, so we don't want to risk you not having a number!)

If you have pre-ordered one of our fancy Sprout themed long sleeve technical training tops, then these are available for collection on Saturday the 11th December from 14:00-15:30, and of course on the Sunday from 08:00. Registration room (or tent!) will be signposted (On Saturday turn into the first left as you head towards Rossington Hall) for Sunday it will be signposted from the main car park in the middle of the paddocks.

Sunday registration times: 08:00-09:30. At registration you can:

- Collect your race number and safety pins
- Collect your long sleeve training top if you ordered one. We will have a few spares at £15.
- Juniors can pick up the Candy Cane Canter numbers on the day (please note this race is not timed)

## Event timings (Juniors, 5k & 10k)

- 09:20 Junior brief and warm up! / 09:30 junior run starts
- 09:50 Adult briefing, 400 metres away from registration at the start line
- 10:00 **5K Race starts**
- 10:10 est **10K Race starts**
- 10:20 first finisher 5k (ish!) 10:45 first finisher 10k (ish)
- Prizes will be presented as we go along through the event. No time limits to finish on the day, but if it get's dark we may be next door enjoying a cuppa ;)

## Athlete well-being

If you feel **unwell or injured**, then it's your responsibility to withdraw from the event -please don't put yourself at risk. On the course we will have plenty of manned Marshall points, a water station, medics on course and at the finish, bike marshals (if ground conditions allow) and a recovery 4x4 if we need to get you off the course. Our expert medical team based on course and at the finish.

- **Dress for the weather** -it's December so please ensure you dress appropriately for the weather conditions and always **bring a change of clothes for after the event**. We hope for great weather, but foil blankets do not keep you warm and are for emergencies only! A small **bag drop will be at registration**. Ideally, please leave your belongings in the car or with a spectator (ideally one you know!) The course is likely to be wet and puddles / flooded sections can appear after bad rain (but its all good fun!)
- **Water and rubbish**, we have a very lively water station on the course with bio-degradable cups! This is at around 6k on the 10k and around 2.2k on the 5k course. It's positioned here as it's just before the climb so perfect for a quick refresh. At the end of the event we also have bottled water for you and provided bottle bins. Please ensure you place your bottles in the **correct recycling bins**. This way the plastic ends up in the right place, recycled and re-used. If you decide to run with a water bottle or gel, please ensure you bring everything away with you that you take onto the course. You can drop cups straight after the water station, don't leave anything where we may struggle to find it! **We will DQ any intentional litterers** :)
- **Headphones**, you can wear as many as you want :)
- **Push chairs**, We wouldn't recommend pushchairs- the course is not suitable! ...
- **Trail running**, this is a trail run so the ground can be a little unpredictable and it may be a good idea to consider your footwear (old trainers or trail shoes). Make sure you pace it sensibly. There are some "good" hills towards the end of the course on the 10k, as well as saving a bit for the sprint finish to the line!
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## The course, ages and rules!

\*We have adjusted the course slightly this year to avoid going in front of Rossington Hall, as they have a lot of activities taking place over the weekend. This means the course is now 100% off road :)

**The 10k**, is a TRA/UKA licensed event ages 16 plus a

**The 5k**, is an open to all event ... anyone aged 11 plus can join us.

*5k Special note: We have some small family teams taking part this year from our Active Fusion charity partners, this will include some children under 11. These are privately insured to do so. If you see them please cheer them on :)*

**The 5k and 10k sets off at the same spot. The 5k goes off 10 mins before the 10k.** At the start, try to get yourself in the right position in terms of how fast you want to go!

You start on the round gallops and head straight to the finish arch, before turning left out of the gate. Watch your footing on the gallop and keep a control on your pace -its easy to go off too quick with the music and the crowd! You are then out onto the straight gallop, down the big hill and then it's onto trail filled goodness with a mix of fields, trail paths & wooded paths... It's a great course!

The course is actually pretty dry most of the time, thanks to the gravelly bed (to those who have an interest in gravel!) We will have flooded spots/mud after heavy rain :)

**5k or 10k! PLEASE STICK TO YOUR ENTERED DISTANCE - DO NOT CHANGE FROM 10K to 5K! If you do this, it means that all of the results will be wrong :-)**

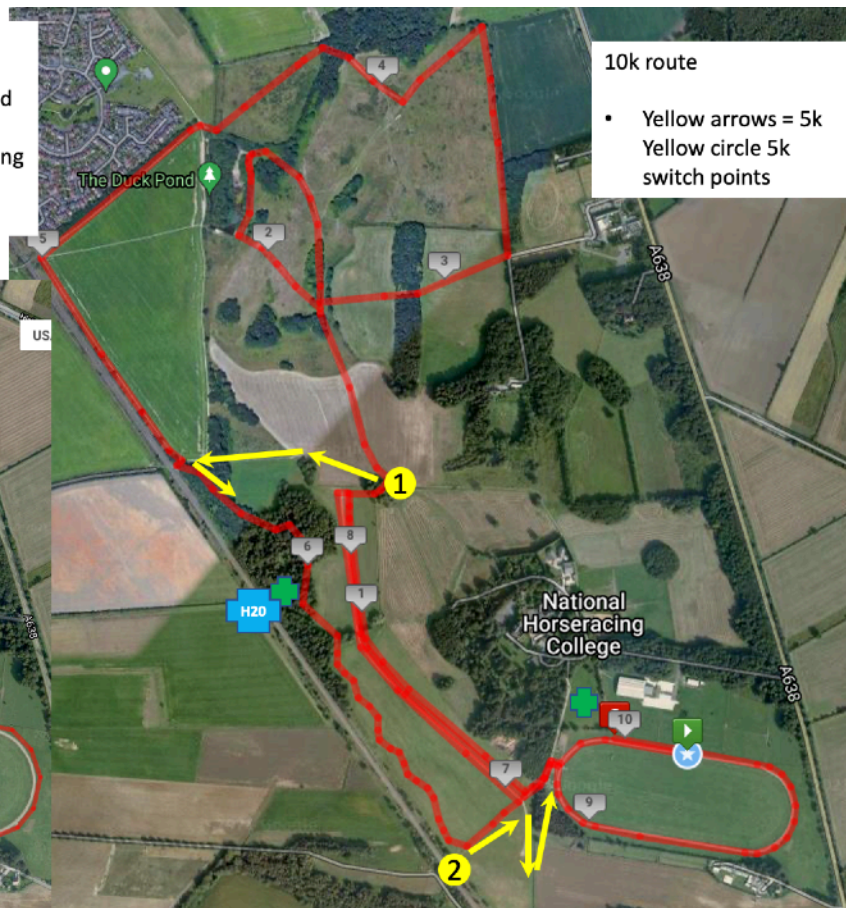
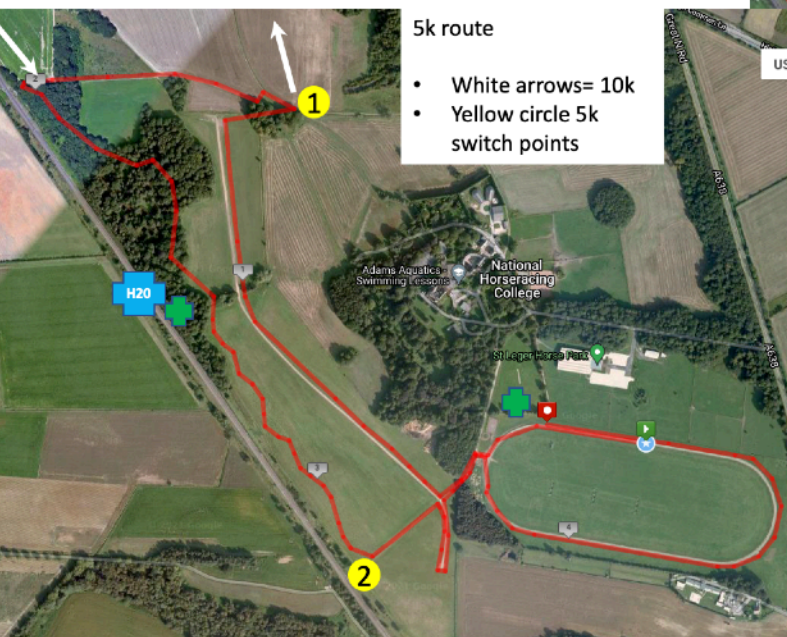
**If you're running the 5k, you've two switch points to keep an eye out for** (it will be heavily marked). The first is after around 1.5k and you'll follow the 5k marker taking you left. You'll then come across another at around 3.25k where you will turn right.

**If you're running the 10k then make sure you stick to the main route and don't follow the 5k signs!** The signs are at 1.5k and 6.5k. The only other 5k sign you will see is way out in a corner of a field ... and thats just to tell you you are at 5k :)



Don't worry it will be well signposted.

You will have to make a decision at point 1 and point 2 where it will be signposted 5k or 10k with arrows (you won't miss it) ... just pick the route that you signed up for ahead of the day, if you go the wrong way you will cause placing / prize errors for the other runners 😊



## Things going on

**Junior Athletes** We now have a junior event on the day, which is 1k out and back on the race course straight, the event is £6.50 to enter and includes a festive medal, sweets a candy cane and water at the finish :) You can accompany your child (in fact we encourage it) as the course can be a little rough under foot in places for little feet :)

**Refreshments**, The local RSPCA will be putting on catering inside the registration building (**may be moved outside due to Covid measures**). All the money you pay goes to the charity and Curly's pay for all the food. Don't forget, at the end of your race along with your medal, you also get a lovely Christmas cup cake :)

**Toilets**, are open and accessed downstairs on the outside of the building, and they are also upstairs opposite the kitchen in the registration building. We also add portable toilets to help :)

**Spectators**, The best spot for viewing is where the finish gantry is for the 5k, for the 10k it's also great to watch the runners come up the hill (you'll then have enough time to watch them back into the finish! Feel free to bring chairs & shelters (including running club team shelters, we've lots of room!)).

**Photos** We will have our photographer Mark around the course, so do give him a wave! We would also love you to share any of your photos from the day with us too and welcome your comments about the race! Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/curlysathletes>.

**Results**, The event will be chip timed and results will be available virtually straight away on our website ... once you've eaten your cake!

**Prize giving & trophies**, thank yous and well done's! - This will be taking place as the winners cross the line. We have trophies for :

First 1,2,3 male & female

First place in each five year age grouping :)





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**HAVE A GREAT EVENT!**

From all of the teams at Curly's Athletes & RSPCA Doncaster, we wish you the very best of luck and we will see you on the day :

## Terms and Conditions of Entry

- As an adult participating in an Adult event, I declare that I am 18 years of age or over on the day of the event
- As a junior participant under the age of 18 taking part in an event, I declare that a responsible adult has authorised my participation in this event and has read and accepted all the terms and conditions of the race on my behalf.
- I declare that I will not compete in the race unless I am medically fit on the day of the race.
- I enter this race entirely at my own risk. The organisers will not be liable for any personal injury or death, no matter how it was caused.
- I accept that the organisers and sponsors of the race, or any of their agents, will not be liable for any loss, damage, action, claims, costs or expenses which may arise in consequence of my participation of this event.
- Any belongings deposited at a bag drop are left at the owner's risk.
- I am fully aware of all associated risks involved with participating in this event
- By entering this race, I give my permission to Curly's, its sponsors, assignees & licensees to use or authorise others to use photographs, motion pictures, recordings, data or any other record of my participation in this event for any legitimate purpose without remuneration.
- I will listen to and respond to the advice given by race officials and marshals.
- Headphones must not be worn (unless otherwise stated.)
- Event Cancellation: If for reasons beyond the control of the Promoter, including an 'Act of God' due to unforeseen, naturally occurring events that were unavoidable, the event which applicants have entered is cancelled or postponed, the Promoters will issue a full Race Credit to the value of the original entry fee or transfer the applicant's entry to another race/events where requested. Alternatively, if an event is cancelled by the Promoter for non 'Act of God' reasons, the Promoters will offer a full refund.
- In the event of adverse weather or any other prevailing circumstances mean that the race is to be cancelled, details will be recorded on the web site and on the Facebook page.

**Our refund policy is as such:** We will refund entry costs to the tune of 100% 90 days prior to the event, 75% for 60 days before and 50% up until 28 days before. After this date, we are unable to process refunds.

By entering this race, I am confirming that I have read and understood the above \*any updates to our t&C's will be on the entry system :)