CIRENCESTER HALF MRATHON



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EVENT SAFETY STATEMENT

At Future Sports Events Ltd, the safety, security and wellbeing of everyone involved in the Cirencester Half Marathon, taking place on Sunday 1 November 2026, are at the heart of our event planning and delivery.

We are committed to delivering a safe, professional and well-managed half marathon through comprehensive planning, effective risk management and close collaboration with Gloucestershire County Council, Cotswold District Council, Cirencester Town Council, emergency services, traffic management providers, medical teams and other key stakeholders.

With the event taking place through the historic town of Cirencester and its surrounding communities, particular attention is given to public safety, road closures, traffic management, emergency access, participant welfare and minimising disruption to local residents and businesses.

We continually review and strengthen our procedures to respond to emerging risks, maintain compliance with relevant legislation and industry guidance, and uphold the highest practical standards of event safety and operational delivery.

Our approach is built on preparation, accountability and continuous improvement. From initial planning and stakeholder engagement through to race day operations and post-event review, Future Sports Events Ltd is committed to delivering a safe, enjoyable and memorable Cirencester Half Marathon that our participants enjoy, our partners trust and the local community can be proud of.

Future Sports Events Ltd
Event Organiser – Cirencester Half Marathon 2026



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ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY — PARTICIPANT COMMITMENT

The Cirencester Half Marathon takes place on Sunday 1 November 2026, passing through the historic market town of Cirencester, surrounding villages, residential areas and the beautiful Cotswold countryside.

We are committed to protecting the local environment, preserving the character of the area and respecting the residents, businesses, landowners and communities that host and support our event. We ask all participants to act responsibly and help us minimise the environmental impact of the race.

By taking part in the Cirencester Half Marathon, I agree to the following:

Respect the local community: I will treat local residents, businesses, visitors, volunteers, marshals, event staff and fellow participants with courtesy and respect throughout the event.

Follow the official route: I will remain on the designated race route and follow all instructions from event staff, marshals, traffic management personnel and other authorised officials, as well as complying with event signage and safety instructions.

Dispose of waste responsibly: I will not deliberately litter anywhere along the course. Gel wrappers, bottles, cups and other waste must be placed in designated bins, disposed of at designated waste points or handed to event volunteers where appropriate.

Encourage responsible spectating: I will encourage friends, family members and supporters attending the event to behave responsibly, dispose of waste appropriately and respect the local environment and surrounding communities.

Use appropriate toilet facilities: I will use the toilet facilities provided by the event or other suitable public facilities. I will respect private property and will not use residential gardens, fields, agricultural land or other inappropriate public or private spaces as toilet facilities.

Minimise disturbance: I will make every reasonable effort to minimise unnecessary disturbance to local residents, businesses, visitors, wildlife, livestock and other users of the roads, footpaths and countryside surrounding Cirencester.

Protect property and the environment: I will not damage, remove or interfere with landscaping, vegetation, dry stone walls, street furniture, barriers, signage, buildings, agricultural land, private property or other features along the race route.

Support sustainability: I will support the event's sustainability initiatives by minimising waste, recycling where facilities are available and considering environmentally responsible travel options wherever practical.
9. Follow event instructions: I will comply with reasonable instructions issued by the event organisers where necessary to protect public safety, the local environment, private property and the interests of the communities hosting the event.

Failure to comply with these requirements, including deliberate littering, damage to property or behaviour that puts others at risk, may result in action by the event organisers, including disqualification or removal from the event where appropriate.

By working together, we can help ensure that the Cirencester Half Marathon is delivered safely and responsibly, leaves a positive impression on the local community and protects the town and surrounding countryside for future generations.

Thank you for supporting Future Sports Events and helping us deliver a respectful, responsible and sustainable event.

INTRODUCTION

CIRENCESTER HALF MARATHON 2026

Join thousands of runners for the Cirencester Half Marathon, taking place on Sunday 1 November 2026 at 9:00 AM.

Starting and finishing in the heart of Cirencester's historic Market Place, this closed-road half marathon offers a fantastic opportunity to run through one of the Cotswolds' most beautiful market towns, taking in picturesque villages, scenic countryside and stunning rural surroundings.

Whether you're taking on your first-ever half marathon, running with friends or chasing a new personal best, the Cirencester Half Marathon is designed to deliver an exciting, welcoming and memorable race-day experience in the heart of the Cotswolds.



PRE-RACE



EAT & HYDRATE

IT'S SO IMPORTANT TO PREP BEFORE YOUR RACE. EAT AND HYDRATE WELL THE EVENING BEFORE AND ON THE MORNING BEFORE YOUR RACE.

BRING A CARD

WE HAVE A RANGE OF MERCHANDISE AND FOOD OPTIONS AT ALL OUR EVENTS.

NO SENTIMENTAL ITEMS

WE SUGGEST YOU LEAVE ANY VALUABLE OR SENTIMENTAL ITEMS AT HOME OR IN THE CAR.

BRING EXTRAS

IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO BE PREPARED. BRING A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT OUTFITS SO YOU CAN CHANGE TO THE BEST SUITED.

EVENT SCHEDULE

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1ST 2026

7:00 AM	Event Village Opens
8:00 AM	Road Closures Start
8:30 AM	Starting Pens Open
9:00 AM	Start of the Cirencester Half Marathon
10:04 AM	Male Finisher Expected
10:26 AM	Female Finisher Expected
10:45 AM	Winners presentation takes place
1:00 PM	Last Runner expected
1:30 PM	Event Closes



RACE DAY INFO

ARRIVE EARLY

Please plan to arrive at least 90 minutes before the 9:00 AM start. This will give you plenty of time to park, use the facilities, hydrate, warm up and make your way to the start line.

START LINE

The race starts promptly at 9:00 AM. Our event team will make announcements over the PA system advising runners when to make their way to the start line. Please listen carefully and follow instructions from our team and volunteers.

HELP EACH OTHER

If you see a fellow runner who appears unwell, injured or in need of assistance, please alert the nearest marshal immediately. Our medical team will be available to respond.

PARKING

We recommend using one of the following parking locations:

Cirencester College – 400 free parking spaces
Bathurst Estate (Old Kennels)
St James's Place – 120 free parking spaces

Additional public parking is available at Brewery, Waterloo, Forum, Beeches, Old Station, Sheep Street, Leisure Centre, Abbey Grounds and Trinity Road car parks.

Please check parking charges, opening times and maximum stay restrictions before travelling. Visit **www.parkopedia.com** for further parking options.

Road closures begin at 8:00 AM, so please arrive early and check access to your chosen car park.

RACE NUMBERS

Race numbers will be posted to runners ahead of race day.

Please attach your race number securely to the front of your running top using safety pins. Your number must remain clearly visible throughout the race and must not be folded or covered.

DO NOT LITTER

Please help us keep Cirencester and the surrounding countryside clean.

Littering anywhere along the course is strictly prohibited and may result in disqualification. Please carry any rubbish to the nearest designated bin or hand it to a marshal.

RESPECT THE VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers and marshals give up their time to help deliver a safe and enjoyable event for everyone.

Please treat them with kindness and respect, follow their instructions and give them a smile or a thank you as you pass.

Without our volunteers, this event simply wouldn't be possible!

EVENT PARKING

CIRENCESTER HALF MARATHON 2026

Please plan your parking in advance and aim to arrive by 7:30 AM. Road closures begin at 8:00 AM, and some town-centre car parks will be inaccessible.

RECOMMENDED EVENT PARKING

Cirencester College – FREE
400 spaces

What3Words:
what3words.com/cosmetic.comic.invisible

Bathurst Estate (Old Kennels)
Next to Cirencester College

Parking fees apply

What3Words:
what3words.com/closer.projects.delighted

St. James's Place – FREE
120 spaces

What3Words:
what3words.com/stoppage.pays.reserved

We recommend parking at these locations and walking to the start/finish area.

ADDITIONAL PARKING
Public car parks include Brewery, Waterloo, Forum, Old Station, Sheep Street, Abbey Grounds, Trinity Road and Leisure Centre.

Check charges, opening times, maximum stay restrictions and road closure access before travelling.

Find parking at: www.parkopedia.com

ROAD CLOSURES
Closures will operate from **8:00 AM until approximately 2:00 PM**. Most roads will reopen once the final runner passes, but Market Place closures will remain longer.

View the race route:
www.plotaroute.com/route/3386250

NO PARKING ZONES
Do not park on Beeches Road, Victoria Road or Cirencester Market Place.** These areas are affected by the event, and vehicles parked in restricted zones may be removed.

SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL
Please consider public transport, car sharing, cycling or walking where possible. Local residents are encouraged to walk to the start line.

ACCOMMODATION
Travelling to Cirencester? Find local hotels, B&Bs and holiday cottages at **www.cirencester.co.uk**

IMPORTANT:
Parking is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please arrive early and allow time to reach the 9:00 AM start.

RACE ROUTE



The Cirencester Half Marathon starts and finishes in the heart of the historic market town of Cirencester. Runners will make their way through the town's historic streets before heading out onto a scenic route through the surrounding villages and beautiful Cotswold countryside.

Along the route, participants will experience the charm of Cirencester and its surrounding communities, taking in picturesque rural landscapes and the character of this historic part of the Cotswolds before returning to the town centre for an unforgettable finish.

Combining a vibrant town-centre atmosphere with stunning countryside scenery, the Cirencester Half Marathon offers a memorable challenge for runners of all abilities, whether taking on their first half marathon or chasing a new personal best.



START AREA & PACERS

START LINE – CIRENCESTER MARKET PLACE

The Cirencester Half Marathon starts promptly at 9:00 AM on Sunday 1 November 2026, from Cirencester Market Place.

All runners must arrive at the event by 8:30 AM at the latest. Late arrivals may not be permitted to start.

START PENS
Runners will be called into the start area based on the estimated finish time provided when entering the race.

Please listen carefully to announcements over the PA system. Our team will call runners forward in groups according to their predicted finish times.

Enter the start area when your estimated finish time is called.

Faster runners will be positioned towards the front, with slower runners behind.

You may move backwards into a slower group if needed, but you cannot move forwards into a faster group.

Please follow all instructions from marshals and event staff.

OFFICIAL PACERS

Our experienced pacers will be available to help you achieve your target finish time.

Pacer times:

1:30	1:35
1:40	1:45
1:50	2:00
2:15	2:20
2:30	2:45
3:00	

Pacers will be clearly identifiable in their official Future Sports Events pacer kit, displaying their target finish times.

Simply find the pacer closest to your goal time and follow them throughout the race.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please arrive early, listen carefully to all PA announcements and follow the directions of our marshals.

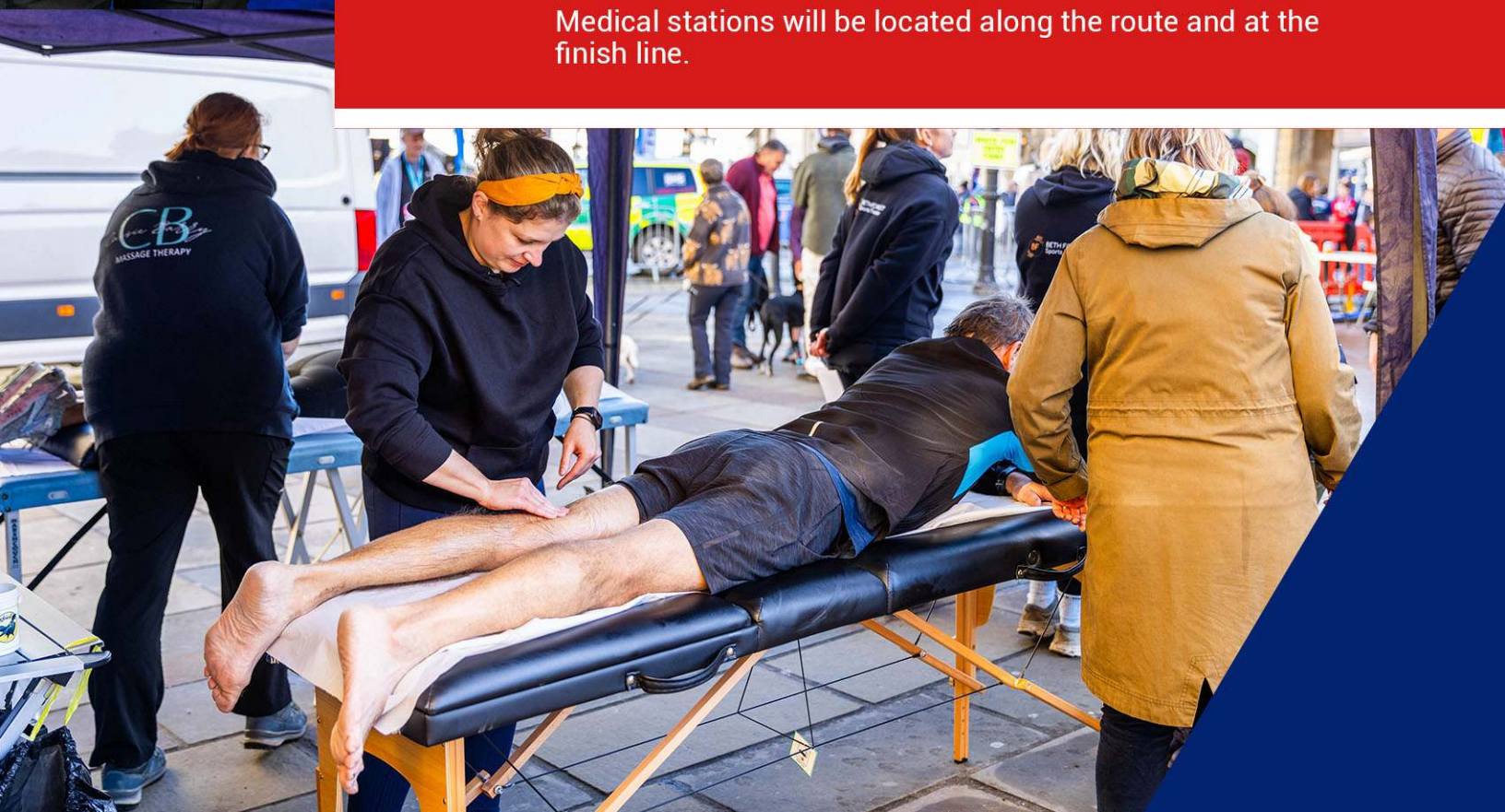
Race starts at 9:00 AM sharp – we look forward to seeing you on the start line!



If you did not tell us about a medical condition when you registered, or if you have received a new diagnosis since registering that we should be aware of, please let us know as soon as possible.

If you need medical assistance during the run, stop, rest, and inform the nearest volunteer, or ask another runner to inform them on your behalf.

Medical stations will be located along the route and at the finish line.



RACE PACK & BIB INFORMATION

RACE PACK DELIVERY & COLLECTION

UK Participants
Your race pack, including your running number and timing chip, will be posted to you ahead of race day.

If your race pack does not arrive, you can collect a replacement number from the Event Information Tent in Cirencester Market Place on race morning.

International Participants
All international entrants must collect their race numbers from the Event Information Tent in Cirencester Market Place on race day.

RUNNING NUMBER & TIMING CHIP

Your race number includes an embedded timing chip, which automatically records your time as you cross the start and finish lines.

- Attach your bib to the front of your running top using four safety pins.
- Keep your number clearly visible throughout the race.
- Do not fold, cover or damage your bib or timing chip.
- Your official chip time will be recorded automatically.

IMPORTANT – NO BIB SWAPPING

Race numbers are strictly non-transferable.

Each bib is registered to an individual runner and linked to their personal and emergency contact information.

Unauthorised bib swapping can invalidate insurance, compromise medical assistance and affect official race results.

Anyone found swapping or using another runner's bib may be:

- Disqualified from the event.
- Banned from future Future Sports Events races.
- Reported to the relevant governing body.

LOST OR FORGOTTEN RACE NUMBERS

If you lose or forget your race number, please visit the Event Information Tent before the race.

A limited number of replacement bibs will be available.

Replacement fee: £10 – Card only

Please do not run using somebody else's race number.

REMEMBER: NO RACE NUMBER, NO RACE!







PHOTOGRAPHY

We'll have two photographers on the day. If you'd like any individual photos, please feel free to approach them — they'll be more than happy to help!

TIMING & RESULTS

Official results will be available as soon as possible after the event at:
www.racetimingsolutions.co.uk

If you notice any issues with your timing or results, please email:
admin@futuresportsevents.com








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