

# **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

## **Through the Darkness by MREW 2023**

### **EVENT rules and guidelines**

The following event rules and guidelines are intended to help ensure the safety of all participants, to meet the requirements of Dartmoor National Park Authority and local Authority permits, and event liability.

Because we are organising this event as a not-for-profit fundraiser, entry fees are **NON-REFUNDABLE**.

MREW retains the right to refuse entry to anyone declaring false information on their entry form, not making the required payment or otherwise failing to meet the stated entry requirements.

Each participant must agree to the Terms and Conditions before participating in the event

All participants take part at their own risk and a disclaimer waiving all claims against MREW and any party acting on its behalf must be completed by all entrants.

**Please do not enter the event unless you agree to the terms and conditions below.**

### **Entry requirements**

**All entry fees are non-refundable**, however name changes/transfers are allowed. This can only be done online through the SiEntries systems within the deadline (21st June 2023) which is strictly 14 days prior to the event. Participants must inform Through the Darkness (MREW) of withdrawal from the race via email ([support@throughthedarkness.co.uk](mailto:support@throughthedarkness.co.uk)) and whether changing names or not to allow for those on the wait list a place.

Each entrant must have their own account with SiEntries to enter an event.

Each entrant is encouraged to create a JustGiving fundraising page via the link on the entry form to fundraise for Mountain Rescue England and Wales.

An email address is required for all entries and all race-day correspondence will be sent via email. A separate email address for each participant is required.

Participants must watch the recorded safety briefing video prior to the event. This will be emailed to participants 2 weeks prior to the event start.

To register for Through The Darkness by MREW you must be at least 18 years of age on race-day.

All participants must check for updates and changes to the Terms and Conditions on a regular basis, including one month and a week prior to event date. Any changes will be emailed to registered participants.

Registrants must be capable of completing at absolute minimum the full distance of a single loop (12km) within 4 hours. The event is challenging, including off road sections and unpredictable weather, and the responsibility falls to you to be physically fit enough and prepared for the event you are undertaking

All participants must provide their full name and details of any health problems, allergies or medication upon entry. It is up to individuals to bring their own supply of personal medication.

Participants must not take part if they have any illness which might result in themselves or others being put in danger. If in doubt check with a GP prior to registering.

All participants and support crew confirm that they are happy for their names and any footage or photographs taken during their participation to be used to publicise Through the Darkness by MREW event through multiple media channels.

All participants must acknowledge and agree that personal information (including medical information collected by event medical staff during or after the event) can be stored (in accordance with GDPR guidelines), used and disclosed by MREW in connection with the organisation, promotion and administration of the event and for the compilation of statistical information.

Registration closure date is set and announced when the entries open. However, if race event is full prior to this date, the registration process will automatically close. There will be a wait list made available.

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these terms and conditions, MREW regret that we cannot accept liability or pay any compensation where our contractual obligations are prevented or affected by, or otherwise suffer any damage or loss as a result of force majeure. In our terms and conditions, 'force majeure' means any event which we or the supplier of the service(s) could not, even with all due care, foresee or avoid. Such events may include (whether actual or threatened) war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, technical problems, with transport, closures of airports, ports or airspace, changes of schedules by airlines, adverse weather conditions, epidemics, health risks and pandemics, fire, closed or congested airports or ports or similar events outside our control or the control of our suppliers.

## **Raceday**

Registration is between 4pm-5:30pm on Saturday 1st July 2023.

Every participant shall be provided with an event number at registration to be visible for the duration of the event, ideally on the front of person.

Any person who participates in the event without a current official event bib number or timing device or a bib or chip not officially assigned to him/her is subject to removal and

disqualification from any future MREW event. Any participant who has been found by a course marshal or event official to have gained an unfair advantage by intentionally shortening the route of the race (i.e. cutting the course) shall be immediately disqualified from the event and banned from any future MREW event at the discretion of Race Directors.

Participants must carry the mandatory kit-list (see website for kit list). No kit, no start. There may be spot checks on the course to enforce this principle. Race Director's decision is final.

Solo runners will be given an individual timing device on a tyvex wrist band at registration. Solo runners must wear their assigned timing device continuously (including when taking a rest) from start line to final lap finish line, to receive an accurate lap/finish time.

Teams will be given one timing device to use between them on a lanyard at registration so that it can easily be passed to the next runner in the team. Only one team member can be on the course at any given time

There will be 3 locations all runners will need to "tag" their timing device. At the start of every lap (except the very first), at the midway safety checkpoint, and at the end of each lap. All timing devices must be returned to Race HQ by 7am on Sunday 2nd July 2023.

**There is a charge of £30 for lost/unreturned timing devices.**

Participants and any support crew must follow instructions as given from event officials including race staff, volunteers, medical staff, etc throughout the duration of the event. All participants and support crew are expected to conduct themselves in a professional and courteous manner during the event. Any participant and any support crew who refuses to obey the directions of the event official or course marshal or who conducts himself/herself in an unsportsmanlike manner, or who is offensive by action or language to officials, volunteers, participants or spectators may be disqualified from the event and banned from future participation in any MREW event at the discretion of Race Directors.

Through the Darkness is a running race/hiking event and any other wheeled device such as baby buggies, rollerblades, etc will not be permitted on the course. Please note that due to the terrain of our running races they are unsuitable for wheelchairs.

**No dogs are allowed to accompany participants on the course.** Dogs are allowed onto Okehampton camp premises with supporters, but must be kept on a lead at all times and all mess picked up and disposed of appropriately.

No person shall be allowed to accompany a participant if they are not registered in the event, nor shall any participant be allowed, without the permission of the event management, to receive assistance or refreshment from anyone during the progress of the event ***apart from at the official aid station where this is allowed.***

## **Safety**

Participants are responsible for their recognition and understanding of event signage and symbols relating to participant maps, facilities and direction.

Participants must follow the Coutryside Code when on the course.

Through the Darkness event follows UK Athletics rules and therefore mp3 players or other devices plugged into the ear are not advised whilst running for safety reasons. We strongly advise against the wearing of these devices. When you wear such a device you are unable to hear other competitors, other path users, cars, bicycles or marshals instructions. At road sections the devices must be unplugged or risk disqualification from the race.

A hands-on medical examination during the progress of an event by officially designated medical/therapy personnel shall not be considered assistance and will not result in disqualification if participant is deemed medically fit to continue.

Medical personnel authorised by the event may examine any participant who appears in distress. If in the sole opinion of authorised medical personnel it is in the best interest of the participant's health and welfare, medical personnel may remove the participant from the event. Participants must retire at once from race if ordered to do so by a member of the event's official staff, official medical staff, or any governmental authority, including fire and police officers.

Participants are responsible and assume liability for any and all medical expenses incurred as a result of training for and/or participation in the event, including but not limited to ambulance transport, hospital stays, physician and pharmaceutical goods/services.

Event officials reserve the right to delay, cancel or suspend the race in accordance with emergency protocol on severe emergencies and/or weather warnings. No refund will be issued in these circumstances. This includes transportation to the event including coaches, trains or ferries, and/or accommodation or hospitality arrangements made in relation to the changes/cancellation of the event.

## **Results**

Official times for participants will be taken from the electronic timing device time (chip time) from when the participant crosses the start line to the point where the participant crosses the finish line.

Through the Darkness event must be completed within the required time limit set (12 hours). Any lap completed outside of this time limit will not count towards the final tally. There are prizes for most number of laps completed in the fastest time within the given 12 hours - 1st male/1st female/1st Team.

Participants found to be wearing more than one timing chip during the race will be disqualified and their results will not be recorded.

Participants must begin the event during the official recognised starting time in order to register an official course completion time

A full list of results will be published online on the Through the Darkness by MREW website. We will endeavour to do this within 48 hours of the event finishing.

## **Amendments/Modifications**

Event officials reserve the right, to modify, supplement or waive all or part of the event rules.

Participants shall be bound by any modification or supplement of the event rules published prior to the event. Failure to follow these event rules, as may be amended, will result in immediate disqualification and removal from official results.

## **CAMPING rules and guidelines**

Arrival at Okehampton Army Camp is open to participants and supporters from 2pm Saturday 1st July. All participants and supporters must leave Okehampton Army Camp by 2pm Sunday 2nd July.

**ABSOLUTELY NO FIRES/open flame** allowed anywhere within Okehampton Army Camp or anywhere on the route. Gas stoves used safely for participants to heat their own food/ water will be allowed on Okehampton Army Camp only, not on the race route.

Dogs are allowed on Okehampton Army Camp premises with supporters but must be kept on a lead at all times and all mess picked up and disposed of appropriately. Dogs must not be left unattended.

All participants and supporters are asked to observe and comply with safety advice, site signage and 'No Smoking' areas. In accordance with Smoke-Free Regulations, the tented areas and other areas of the event are designated 'No Smoking' areas. No smoking is permitted in enclosed spaces.

Through the Darkness is an outdoor event. Participants and supporters of participants must bring suitable clothing, footwear and overnight gear as advised in the kit list. No refunds will be given due to inclement weather.

Campers should pitch tents in designated camping areas and campervans must park in the designated van areas only, remain where they are placed by marshals for the duration with a tag displayed on their tent/in van window, and stay out of fire lanes and other working areas. Failure to display the camping tag as requested, may result in ejection from the event, without later claim or compensation.

The (MREW) will not accept responsibility for any damage or loss (including theft) of any personal property or equipment which you bring to the event.

All participants and participant supporters must consent to a security search of bags and any other items if deemed necessary.

Prohibited items or any items that the organisers (MREW) deem to be a risk to safety, enjoyment of others or security, or are not suitable to be taken to the event or may be used in an illegal or offensive manner (regardless of whether or not the item itself is illegal) are not allowed. Participants and supporters may be ejected if found in possession of prohibited items inside the Okehampton Army Camp site or on Dartmoor National Park

grounds. No refunds will be offered to those who are refused entry or ejected from the site at the discretion of the organiser ( MREW).

Prohibited items (not allowed on site, or above the site) include but are not limited to:

- Drones
- Large stereo systems.
- Illegal substances.
- Portable laser equipment and pens.
- Air Horns.
- Fireworks, flares or Chinese Lanterns.
- Any item which may reasonably be considered for use as a weapon