

Terms of Use

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These terms set out the basic rules for using the Delamere Spartans website and taking part in the club's online community. They are intended to help keep the website useful, safe and respectful for everyone.

1. About Delamere Spartans

Delamere Spartans is a running club. Our website provides information about the club and its activities, manages membership services and allows members to contribute material such as articles, comments, running routes and race information. By using the website you agree to use it responsibly and in accordance with these terms.

2. Membership and website access

Some areas and features of the website are available only to current paid-up members. Members are responsible for keeping their account details reasonably up to date and for keeping their login details secure. Please do not share your password or allow another person to use your account. When membership lapses, access to member-only areas and services may be removed. Personal information connected with membership and website accounts is handled in accordance with our **Privacy & Cookies Notice**.

3. Acceptable use

Please use the website in a way that is appropriate for a club community. You must not:

- attempt to gain unauthorised access to another member's account or restricted areas of the website;
- interfere with the security or operation of the website;
- use information obtained through the members' area for unsolicited marketing or other unrelated purposes;
- post abusive, threatening, discriminatory, defamatory or deliberately misleading material;
- post spam or inappropriate advertising;
- use the website in a way that is unlawful or likely to cause unreasonable harm to another person.

The club may remove material or restrict access where reasonably necessary.

4. Member contributions

Members may contribute content including:

- blog articles and race reports;
- comments;
- running routes;
- race information;
- photographs;
- other club-related information.

You remain responsible for material you contribute. By submitting material, you confirm that you have the right to provide it and that, to the best of your knowledge, publishing it will not unlawfully infringe another person's rights. Please take particular care when publishing personal information or photographs relating to other people.

5. Publishing contributed content

By contributing material to the website, you give Delamere Spartans permission to publish, display, reproduce and maintain it for the purposes of running and promoting the club. You continue to own any rights you have in your original material. Articles, race reports, routes and similar contributions may form part of the club's continuing website and historical record and may remain published after you cease to be a member. The club may make reasonable editorial changes, for example to formatting, spelling, accessibility or presentation. We may also amend or remove content where reasonably necessary.

6. Running, routes and participation

Running, and trail running in particular, involves inherent risks. These can include uneven or slippery terrain, roads and traffic, changing weather, poor visibility, natural obstacles and other hazards. Everyone taking part in a club run or other running activity is expected to take reasonable responsibility for their own safety and to decide whether an activity is suitable for them. In particular, participants should consider:

- their own fitness, health, ability and experience;
- the distance and nature of the route;
- weather and ground conditions;
- suitable footwear, clothing and equipment;
- any injury, illness or other circumstance that could affect their ability to participate safely.

Run leaders and other club members may provide routes, information, guidance or assistance, but participants must still exercise their own reasonable judgement. Routes, race information and advice published on the website are provided in good faith but conditions can change and information can become out of date. Check current conditions, access restrictions and other relevant information where appropriate. **Participation in club running activities is at the participant's own risk in relation to the ordinary and inherent risks of running. Nothing in these terms excludes or limits any liability that Delamere Spartans or its members cannot lawfully exclude or limit.**

7. Age requirements

Club runs and club-organised running activities are for people aged 18 or over unless the club specifically states otherwise.

8. Payments

Membership and certain other payments may be made through PayPal. The applicable amount will normally be shown before payment is made. Any refund request will be considered according to the circumstances and any specific terms applying to that membership, activity or event. Individual races or other events may have their own rules covering matters such as entry, cancellation, refunds and transfers. Those specific rules take precedence for the event concerned.

9. External services and links

The website may link to or make use of services provided by other organisations, including PayPal, England Athletics and social or communication platforms. Those organisations operate their own services and have their own terms and policies. We may also link to race organisers, maps, businesses and other external websites. A link does not necessarily mean that Delamere Spartans endorses or accepts responsibility for that website or its content.

10. Website accuracy and availability

We try to keep the website accurate and available, but cannot guarantee that everything will always be current, complete or error-free. Information such as routes, race details, timings and access arrangements can change. The website may also occasionally be unavailable because of maintenance, updates, technical problems, security issues or circumstances outside our control. If you notice incorrect information, please let us know.

11. Copyright

Unless otherwise stated, Delamere Spartans owns or has permission to use the general content and material published by the club on the website. Material contributed by members remains subject to the rights of its original author or creator. Website material may be used for normal personal and club-related purposes, but should not be substantially copied, republished commercially or presented as somebody else's work without permission.

12. Suspending access

The club may restrict or suspend access to the website where reasonably necessary, including where:

- membership has ended;
- an account presents a security risk;
- the website is being misused;
- these terms have been seriously or repeatedly breached.

We will aim to deal with issues proportionately.

13. Privacy

Our **Privacy & Cookies Notice** explains how Delamere Spartans collects, uses, shares and retains personal information. It also explains members' data protection rights and how to contact the club about personal information.

14. Changes to these terms

We may update these terms from time to time to reflect changes to the club, website or applicable rules. The latest version will be published on the website with the date it was last updated.

15. Governing law

These terms are governed by the laws of England and Wales. Any dispute relating to these terms will be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales. Nothing in these terms affects any rights or responsibilities that cannot lawfully be excluded or limited.

16. If part of these terms is unenforceable

If any part of these terms is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining terms will continue to apply.

17. Contact

Questions about these terms or the website can be sent to: **Delamere Spartans**
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