

SCVAC Veterans League Area Final

After a gap of 5 years due to covid disruption the finals day returns. The final will be held in a different area each year on a six year rota to help share the load of organising and to make travel more even. This year Western division is hosting and as winners of the western division Oxford City have offered to host at Horspath. Please see the information from Oxford below.

We are delighted to invite you to the Final of the Southern Counties Veterans Athletic League, which will be held at Oxford City Athletic Club, Horspath Athletics Track, Oxford (OX4 2RR) on Saturday 31st August 2024 City Athletic Club, Horspath Sports Ground, Horspath Road, Oxford, OX4 2RR. Hopefully you will already be aware of the change of venue, but for the avoidance of doubt, the match has been moved from Tilsley Park, Abingdon to Horspath Road, Oxford. If anyone requires directions or advice on places to stay locally (if you are intending to stay overnight), please let me know and I will be happy to assist.

Men Finalist Team 1 Basingstoke
 Team 2 Dartford
 Team 3 Ilford
 Team 4 Oxford City
 Team 5 Serpentine
 Team 6 Tonbridge
 Team 7 Wimbledon

Women Finalists Team 1 Barnet and District
 Team 2 Blackheath and Bromley
 Team 3 Southampton
 Team 4 Oxford City
 Team 5 Serpentine
 Team 6 Tonbridge
 Team 7 Wimbledon

Timetable

Please find attached a copy of the new timetable (new events highlighted in red). It is based upon timetables used in the past, but we have added further events for V60s – notably discus and hammer, race walk and 3000m races. Please note that this will mean that we have to use all of our throws cages in order to keep the timetable moving. It also means that we will need all clubs to bring suitably qualified field judging teams, as there could be up to 5 field events running simultaneously. If we all provide our fair share of officials then no individual club will have to shoulder the burden of having to officiate more than 3 events.

Officials

There is no portal for declaring officials in advance, but it would greatly assist our preparations if you are able to let us know whether you anticipate being able to bring a full complement of officials (a track judge, timekeeper, race walk judge, and field team comprising at least one official at level 2 and two other qualified officials). Please let us know in advance who you will be bringing, with a copy to our officials secretary Gwyneth (cc'ed above). We will then be able to prepare a field timetable for each club and identify any gaps where other clubs should be able to fill in. We have

made a good start, having already appointed two starters, a photofinish team, field and track referees, and three race walk judges. If you are able to bring a race walk judge we would be especially glad. Thank you also to Southampton for already declaring their officials, and for offering a strong team. We hope other clubs will be able to follow suit.

Scoring

We are grateful to Brian Charlton who has agreed to be our scorer for the day. Please send Team Declarations to Brian, specifying age group and URN for every athlete - brian.charlton64@gmail.com. Please send them to Brian no later than **August 28th**. Team declaration changes will of course be allowed on the day of competition.

Car Parking

There is a car park at the main entrance, but any spill over cars should go beyond the entrance towards Horspath, and then turn left through the gate/down the track and park on the field adjacent to the track. Please let us know if you are planning to bring a bus or minibus, as we have dedicated spaces for them.

Refreshments

We have a café at Horspath which will be offering a range of hot and cold meals, refreshments, drinks and energy foods during the day.

Changing and Showers

We have a limited amount of space for changing and two showers.

Presentation of Trophies

There are trophies for the two winning teams; presentations will follow at the end of the day.

Richard Hart is the event manager with administration by Anett. All team managers have received direct information from them.

We look forward to seeing you all for a great day of competition.