

DEVONPORT
HALF MARATHON

RACE GUIDE

Welcome to the 2024 Harcourts Cooper & Co Devonport Half Marathon, Race One of the Shoe Science Auckland Half Marathon Series and the first real marker that the summer season of running is upon us! We look forward to welcoming all participants to beautiful Devonport Village on Auckland's North Shore for a memorable day of running and walking in this beautiful and historic suburb. Here is everything you need to know to be ready to race on Sunday ...

EVENT DATE

6 OCTOBER
2024

LOCATION

WINDSOR RESERVE
DEVONPORT, AUCKLAND NZ
36°49'55.9"S / 174°41'50.9"E

RACE DAY SCHEDULE

06:00 RACE SITE OPEN
07:30 HALF MARATHON
09:00 10K CLASSIC
09:30 5K FUN RUN
10:30 2K KIDS DASH
11:00 AWARDS
11:30 EVENT CLOSE

RACE NUMBERS & MERCHANDISE

Everyone taking part in the event must wear their own official 2024 Devonport Half Marathon race number - with timing tag attached - on the front of their top.

> **NUMBER COLLECTION** / If you completed a single-race registration for the Devonport Half Marathon (or you purchased an AHMS Series Pass after 3 September) you'll need to collect your race materials in-person. We strongly recommend collecting on Saturday, particularly those running 21K, to take the stress out of race morning.

Saturday, 2-4pm: Look for the green tents on the city side of Windsor Reserve.

Sunday, 6am onwards: The same green "Registration" tents.

> **COURIER DELIVERY** / If you registered for the event as part of an Auckland Half Marathon Series Pass - and you purchased your pass on or before 3 September - all of your race numbers for the series and any merchandise and included goodies were couriered to you. You do not need to line up on race morning ... just put your Devonport Half Marathon race number onto the front of your shirt and you are good to go.

> **LATE ENTRY** / Late Entry is available right up until the race starts but be aware that race day entry incurs an additional fee. You can do it online via the event web site or by using an iPad at the venue. Payment can be made by credit card online or by cash/EFTPOS at the race venue.

> **MERCHANDISE** / All Merchandise orders are available for collection during the pre-race number collection times above and also from 8:30am on race day. Show your race number at the orange Merchandise tents (next to Race Pack Pickup) to collect.

DURING THE RACE

The Devonport Half Marathon course stretches from Devonport Village in the south to Narrow Neck Beach (and beyond) in the north and to stunning North Head in east. The course is mostly flat with a minor climb near Fort Takapuna and to the northern turnaround point and a more challenging climb up North Head. It features an array of beautiful views of the inner and outer Waitemata Harbour, Rangitoto and Auckland's downtown skyline.

> **COURSE MAPS** / Detailed course maps for all events - in a variety of formats - are available from the event web site: <https://devonport.werun.nz/#races>

Large format course maps will also be on display at the venue.

> **COURSE NOTES** / The half marathon course features two laps of the 10K route on fully closed or half closed roads with an extension along the Devonport seawall to the Navy base entrance.

> **AID STATIONS** / Aid stations are spaced approximately every 5km throughout the course. All aid stations will carry water and PURE sport drink. A refuelling station (see below) is situated at the finish line.

> **TOILETS** / As already noted, Portaloos are provided adjacent to the start line. Public toilets are also available along the route at Windsor Reserve, North Head and Narrow Neck Beach.

> **TIMING & RESULTS** / Live timing and race results will be online and updated throughout the day. A link to the results will appear on the front page of the event web site.

> **CUT OFF TIMES** / Marshals, aid stations, road closures and signage may all be withdrawn based on a 3.5hr half marathon cut-off schedule. If you are unable to maintain this pace, you may be asked by Traffic Management to move onto the footpath where you can decide to withdraw from the event or proceed as a member of the public. We feel that every participant who makes it to the finish line is a winner and we will continue to record finish times and award finisher medals until the race site is vacated.

GETTING THERE

The race venue and Finish Line are on Windsor Reserve in Devonport Village.

> **PARKING** / Parking in and around Devonport is tightly controlled and some there is no parking permitted within the course road closure. Remember - you are far more likely to receive a ticket for parking illegally on event day because council parking enforcement officers almost always patrol during events. Don't ruin your event experience by getting at ticket or - worse - being towed. Instead, you can find plentiful parking in the streets just outside of the immediate village area, leaving you with a easy 10-15 minute walk to the venue. Do NOT park across resident's driveways!

> **FERRY SERVICE** / Another option to consider for those racing one of the later events is to catch the ferry service from downtown Auckland. What better way to arrive energized and ready to give your best than cruising across the harbour and being dropped within metres of the finish line?

> **BUSES** / There is no dedicated event bus service for this event. Several local North Shore bus services terminate in Devonport Village, however service times on Sundays mornings may be infrequent and unsuitable. Use the Auckland Transport online Journey Planner for more information.

> **ROAD CLOSURES** / A map of road and lane closures appears in the Info section of the event web site. In particular, be aware that King Edward Parade will be closed from 4am onwards on race day and Vauxhall Rd will only allow northbound traffic. There is absolutely no parking permitted on the event course and you risk an instant DQ if identified.

BEFORE YOU START

Not long to go now! The adrenaline is starting to kick in big time. Here's what you need to be thinking about now ...

> **TOILETS** / Event portaloos will be located behind the library and just adjacent to the start line. There are also public toilets in Windsor Reserve. We strongly encourage all participants - particularly those in the half marathon - to arrive at the venue "unloaded" and ready to run. Queues at the start are inevitable but not unavoidable.

> **GEAR DROP & KEY CHECK** / A self-service Gear Drop area is housed in the red tents adjacent to the number pickup area. Show your race number to enter/exit and select one of the numbered aisles to set your bag down. If you only have a set of keys to drop, a **Key Drop** container will be available at the Gear Drop entrance. Please ensure you label your keys with your race number. Running Events operate an "all care, no responsibility" baggage service - do not leave valuables in this area.

> **RACE NUMBER** / Your official race number - with timing tag attached to the back - must be worn on the front of your top throughout the event. Avoid folding or crumpling the electronic tag to ensure it works correctly and keep your bib with you after you finish if you want to be included in the spot prize draw - listen for PA instructions on how to register.

> **RACE BRIEFING** / A compulsory race briefing will take place at the start line a few minutes before each start. It is essential that you listen, understand and comply with the instructions given in the briefing, which will focus primarily on the safety of yourself and your fellow athletes.

> **COMPETITIVE WALK** / To be included in the 21KM or 10KM Competitive Walk competition, athletes must:

1. Register themselves in the Competitive Walk
2. Start on the designated walk start gun (3 mins after runners)
3. Walk at all times whilst completing the course.

WHEN YOU FINISH

Hey legend! You made it ... now what???

> **FINISHER MEDAL** / The only fitting reward after your extraordinary effort is one of our beautiful Devonport Half Marathon finisher medals. The medal design this year features the "Rainbow Road" that represents the journey taken across all five events to earn the coveted GRAND SLAM MEDAL (for those that finish all 5 events)

> **REFUELLING** / Next up is the Refuelling Station - three blue tents of urgently needed re-supply! Fill up on water or Supa sport drink and grab a banana (please, only one per competitor). Now you're ready to find a spot on the grass or beach and r-e-c-o-v-e-r!

> **FOOD & DRINK** / Harcourts Cooper & Co's amazing "coffee and cone" van will be on hand to serve up your favourite cup of joe or a tasty ice cream to help you cool down. All proceeds from Coffee & Cone go directly to charity. Onya Cooper & Co! Looking for something you can really get your teeth into? Numerous food and drink options are right across the road from the event venue in Devonport Village.

> **AWARDS & SPOT PRIZES** / The Awards Ceremony will kick off at 11am sharp on the main stage, right in the heart of the event venue. Come along to acknowledge some of the great performances of the day and you might just be taking home your share of nearly \$5,000 of amazing spot prizes. Remember, you must be present in person - and be recorded on the spot prize mats - to be eligible. Keep your race number and listen for announcements around 15 minutes before the ceremony.

KEEPING SAFE

The safety of everyone involved in the event; participants, contractors, crew and the public, is our number one priority and we expect all participants to act in support of this.

> **ON COURSE** / You must remain fully engaged in your environment at all times whilst participating. Look out for unexpected obstacles such as road medians, uneven surfaces, pedestrians or stray vehicles. Even when the road is closed, we cannot guarantee it will be traffic free. If you see a competitor in distress, stay with them and send a message to the next marshal.

> **MEDICS** / The amazing team from St John will provide medical cover for our event. If you are feeling unwell as you finish, look out for their treatment area right after the finish line.

> **FEELING UNWELL?** / If you are experiencing cold, flu or other infectious symptoms, we ask that you please stay home. Remember that you have up to 3 weeks to complete the event virtually and still earn that beautiful finisher medal.

> **UNSURE IN CROWDS?** / The mass participation aspect is very much a part of our event but if you are nervous or unsure in crowds, just hold back on the start line for a few minutes and you'll find the crowds disperse quickly and you can still participate.

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