

Scottish Athletics Hill Running Commission - Championship event guidance

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Introduction

This guidance is issued by the Scottish Athletics Hill Running Commission to event organisers in Scotland who have agreed for their event to be either:

- the **scottishathletics** Hill Running Championship; or
- one of the events within the British Athletics British Fell Running Championship.

Since each of these championships is organised under the auspices of British Athletics or **scottishathletics** (which is one of the 4 National Associations of British Athletics), certain aspects of event organisation have to be looked at more carefully than may be the case for hill races in Scotland in general.

Rules

The championships are held under UK Athletics rules. These rules are available on the web from the British Athletics website (<http://www.britishathletics.org.uk/competitions/rules/>). Rules 1 to 24 are general rules which apply to all athletics disciplines, and rules 400 to 412 are specific to hill running. The section on **Safety** below expands on rule 405.

Events which are held under UK Athletics rules in Scotland need to be registered with **scottishathletics**. Registration results in:

- the issue of a **scottishathletics** event permit;
- publicity for the event being included on the **scottishathletics** website and fixture list; and
- insurance cover for the event being provided by the **scottishathletics** insurance policy.

To register your event, you should contact **scottishathletics** (events@scottishathletics.org.uk, 0131 539 7320). Events are normally registered in the winter preceding the event. There is no fee for registration, but **scottishathletics** charges a levy of £2 on participants in registered events who are not members of **scottishathletics** (or one of the other National Associations of British Athletics). Organisers usually make a supplementary entry charge equal to the levy amount on entries by non-members.

Safety

Rule 405 in the UK Athletics rules requires compliance with British Athletics' safety guidelines. From 2015, **scottishathletics**, British Athletics and Scottish Hill Runners have agreed that for races in Scotland these are to be the Scottish Hill Runners safety rules and guidelines which are available to download from <http://www.britishathletics.org.uk/governance/health-safety/code-of-practice/>. This decision means that all hill races in Scotland are governed by the same safety rules and guidelines.

Facilities

Championship events tend to attract higher numbers of entries than non-championship events. You should therefore consider whether your event arrangements, such as car parking and registration officials, will be suitable to cope with additional entries.

You should give particular thought to toilet facilities for the expected number of entries. If your race venue is remote and would make the provision of temporary toilets uneconomic, you should advertise this fact, and advise participants of nearby public facilities which they can use before arriving.

Scottish Hill Runners have a Race Organisers Pack which contains advice on many aspects of event organisation which is available from their website www.scottishhillrunners.uk, currently at <http://www.scottishhillrunners.uk/Download.aspx?Item=RACEORGANISERSPACK2015.doc>.

scottishathletics Championships results and prizes

Prizes in the championships are awarded to members of **scottishathletics** (for the **scottishathletics** Championship) or members of one of the 4 National Associations (for the British Championship). Therefore, you will need to collect information on which athletes are **scottishathletics** members as part of your entry process. You will also need to make provision when calculating results to separate out those who are members from those who are non-members. A representative of the Scottish Athletics Hill Running Commission will be available to assist with the calculation of results, and the Commission has a spreadsheet designed to assist with results management for this event.

scottishathletics provide medals for the following:

	Male	Female
Under 23 (on 31 December of year of race)	1	1
Senior	3	3
V40 (40-49 on day of race)	3	3
V50 (50-59 on day of race)	3	3
V60 (60 or over on day of race)	1	1
Team (men: 4 members, women: 3 members)	3	3

Senior medals can be won by athletes of any age. Age category medals can only be won by an athlete in that age group. For example, if the leading V50 athlete finishes in front of all V40 athletes, they would be awarded the V50 gold medal, but not a V40 medal.

Conclusion

The Scottish Athletics Hill Running Commission is very grateful to you for agreeing to have a championship at your event. Please contact us through the **scottishathletics** office if you have any questions.