

Final Race Instructions for the Annual Castlewellan Christmas Cracker Pairs Race – Tuesday 27th December 2022 at 1pm

Car Parking

- Parking is available in Schools and Churches, look for signs.
- Parking in Castlewellan Forest Park is subject to normal charges.
- Please park responsibly and follow any instructions given by Newcastle AC stewards.

Registration

- There will be no entries available on race day.
- Race numbers must be collected from **Castlewellan GAC, 21 Circular Road, Castlewellan, BT31 9ED**. Registration open at the following times:
 - Monday 26th 19:00 to 20:00
 - Tuesday 27th 10:30 to 12:15, please arrive early
- Registration desks split into alphabetical groups by Runner 1's surname, please ensure you go to the correct desk.
- To speed up registration and allocation of numbers **one team member** is requested to collect both numbers.
- Please state the surname of Runner 1 at registration.
- Please leave the registration area clear once registered and exit through the door at the back of hall.
- **You must scan your number when exiting the hall, otherwise your will not appear in results. If you don't start or drop out, please report or get a message to the race finish.**

Course

- **Start is on Mill Hill, please assemble on the grass area in front of St. Pauls Church - please do not block traffic as this will delay start**
- This course is approximately 8.5 miles long and is multi-terrain including forest tracks, fields, grass, mud and tarmac roads with approximately 900 feet of climbing.
- Course will be marked with arrows and tape. There will also be marshals stationed around the course.
- Please ensure your number is always visible, especially approaching the finish to prevent delays.
- As this is a pairs race, you must finish with your partner – you will not be allowed to enter the finish area without your partner – this will be strictly enforced.
- Finish is in Castlewellan Park camp site near the Rangers' Hut.
- No water at finish, please make your own arrangements.

Toilets and Presentation

- Toilets are available outside GAA Club or at the Public Toilets Building in the Upper Square and at the Main Carpark in the Forest Park.
- Soup and Roll for all finishers in the Community Hall opposite the Club.
- The presentation will be held at Castlewellan GAA Club after the Race at 4pm.

Road Closure

- The Bann Road will be closed from 13.00 to 15.00, while this will not affect anyone taking part please make supporters, family and friends aware who may be in the area.

Email info@newcastleac.org if you have any queries.