

CORPORATE 5KM BUSINESS RUN CHALLENGE

EVENT GUIDE

Corporate Challenge Christchurch
Hagley Park - Wednesday, November 6th
Race Start: 6:30pm

Hi everyone and welcome to the 2019 Corporate Challenge Christchurch. This event guide is distributed in electronic form to all team managers. The information in this guide will help make the most of the event and answer any tricky last-minute questions you might have. Please feel free to share it with your team mates.

OK, let's get down to business ...

RACE PACKS

Provided your team has at least 4 members, we will courier your race packs and all other materials directly to your business address (note: we cannot ship to PO Box numbers). We aim to send these 10 days out from the event and you should receive them by the Friday prior to the event. Look out for a confirmation email with your courier tracking number on it.

What's Inside?

Inside your parcel, you'll find the following items:

- Team List: Please check all your team members are included and check that anyone eligible for the CEO challenge has been noted as a CEO (eligibility is CEO, CFO, MD or Senior Partner)
- Race Number: one for each competitor

- Timing Tag: Affixed to the back of your race number
- Event t-shirt

RACE NUMBERS

Each person taking part in the event is allocated a specific race number which must be worn on the front of their shirt. Use safety pins to attach the number to your shirt. We have included safety pins in your race pack, but we will have plenty at the event on the night just in case **anyone needs them (lot's do!)**.

For each competitor registered prior to the close of team entries (14 days prior to the event), your team name and first name will be printed on the race number. This is just for fun and part of the team spirit of the event. Last minute entries will have space to write in their name and team if they wish – get busy with a sharpie!

Important! Keep your race number safe! All race numbers include your integrated timing tag on the back. We charge \$10 for replacement numbers so do not lose or forget them!

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TEAM MEMBER CHANGES

With the best will in the world, there is always a chance that someone in your team will not be able to make it on the night. Although we are not able to offer refunds after the team closing date, you are welcome to find someone else to take their place. However, it is very important that you let us know the details of this change as it can affect the overall results.

Important! Even the most insignificant change to your team can affect the overall team results and cause the wrong awards to be announced. Please, please, please – tell us of any changes so we can get things right on the night. There is nothing worse than the boss getting **called up as “the fittest CEO in the city” when they spent the whole night manning the BBQ with a busted knee.**

Important! We do not issue new race numbers for replacement team members to the race number might **have the wrong name on it. It's just for fun so they can** keep it as is or put tape over the name and write in their own.

LATE ENTRY

It's not too late to give those last few hold outs a kick up the behind and get them involved! We can process late entries right up until 6pm on race night, but we do require that the team manager submits them to us. Send them in by email to entries@runningevents.co.nz or just print out the form from the web site and come and see us in the registration tent at the race venue. Late entry costs **an extra \$5 per person but we'll waive this fee for teams** already registered in the event. Bonus!

Important! We will do our best to find an event tshirt for all late entrants, but we cannot guarantee this.

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EVENT T-SHIRT

Your entry fee includes a superb official event t-shirt. We have different tshirts for male and female participants **this year ... and they look great! We know you will love them!**

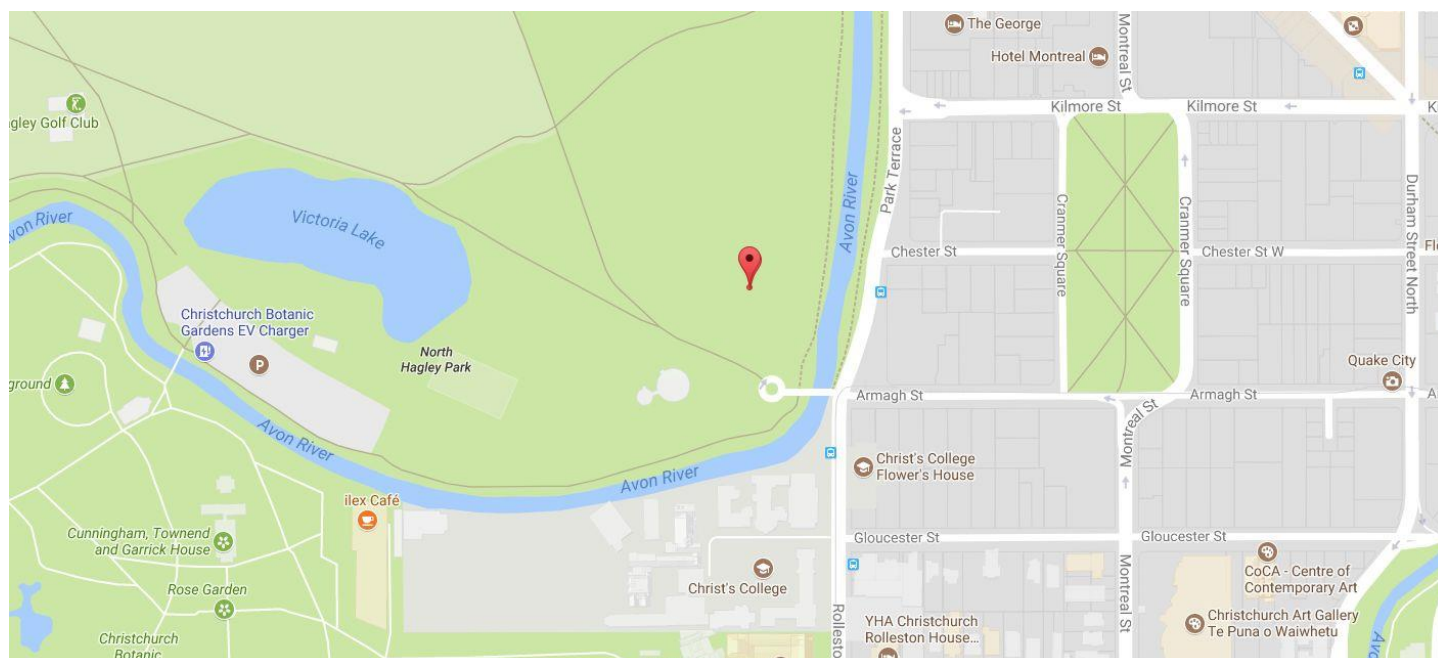
TENT/BBQ SITES

It has long been a tradition for teams to bring along a pop up tent and BBQ for their team to gather around before and after the event and we thank Christchurch City Council for continuing to allow this. However, there are some important rules to bear in mind when using the magnificent Hagley Park venue, so please ensure you adhere to these to allow us to continue to offer this great facility.

There is no charge for tent sites and they are not **pre-allocated prior to the event. Don't worry, there is space** enough for everyone. Tent sites are allocated on a first-come, best-dressed basis. Our team will complete the initial set out of the race venue on race morning, so feel free to rock up with your tent and BBQ any time from 12 noon onwards. Our crew will be on site at all times **during the day so feel free to leave your stuff (on an “all care, no responsibility” basis) early and take off back to work. We'll keep an eye on things through the afternoon.**

- Drop Off Times: Noon – 5:30pm
- Collection Times: 8pm – 9pm

It's OK to drop off and pick up you your tent and BBQ in a vehicle and we will allow one vehicle per team onto the



grass surface for this purpose. Access is through the bollards at the roundabout on the park side of Armagh St overbridge.

Important! There are strictly no vehicles allowed to remain on the playing fields during the event. This is a requirement of our council permit and we cannot offer any flexibility on this whatsoever. We would love to allow you all to park on the fields right next to the venue, but it is just not possible. Therefore, every single vehicle must be off the grass by 5:30pm at the latest and not return until after the awards ceremony concludes at 8pm.

Important! It is a stipulation of our council permit that a protective tray (cardboard or tarp is OK) is placed under all BBQs. And just a reminder that only gas barbecues are permitted within all Christchurch City Council Parks.

For those who like a bit of weightlifting to go with their running, you are more than welcome to carry or wheel your tent and BBQ onto and off the race site at any time.

Important! Fancy a bit of help to take the stress out of organising? Rent one of our 3m x 3m tents for \$195 and **we'll put it up for you in a prime spot. We'll even throw in a table and some chairs.** You just need to turn up with **eskie and you're good to go. Rental tents are in strictly limited numbers so use the Contact Form on the web site quick-smart if you fancy one.**

GETTING TO THE EVENT & PARKING

The **event base is the “entertainment triangle” in North Hagley Park**, close to Victoria Lake and the Botanic

Gardens car park. The easiest access is via the Armagh St bridge.

For many teams, your office may be close to the venue and could make the perfect 5-10 minute walk/jog to get to the venue. For those further afield, we strongly encourage you to car pool to ease congestion around the site.

Important! With upwards of twelve hundred participants (plus an unspecified number of lazy ones who are just tagging along for the BBQ!), the event site and immediate area will be busy on race evening. Please plan ahead and allow extra time to get everyone in position to enjoy the event.

Parking

With the increasing popularity of the event, parking can be a challenge. Many teams arrive well before the event to get the best parking spots, allowing them to relax with plenty of time to get ready prior to the event.

The first car park to fill on event night is normally the substantial Botanic Gardens car park. Plan ahead as it can be a very frustrating exercise to follow nose-to-tail traffic down the long road to this car park, only to find out the last space has just gone.

Next up, the small amount of street parking that may be available around the venue will quickly vanish. Please be considerate to our neighbours and do not park across driveways or anywhere else you should not. The normal rules of a civilised society still apply – they are not suspended because you are in a hurry to get to an event!

We highly recommend using the major public car parks in the area – of which there are several. Car pool with your team mates and the parking will cost you less than a half decent cup of coffee each ... and, oh so much less stress.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Race start is 6:30pm and we wind up the event with an awards ceremony and a few spot prizes. This normally concludes around 8pm although many teams wait around afterwards for a drink and to trade war stories.

The full schedule for the day looks like this:

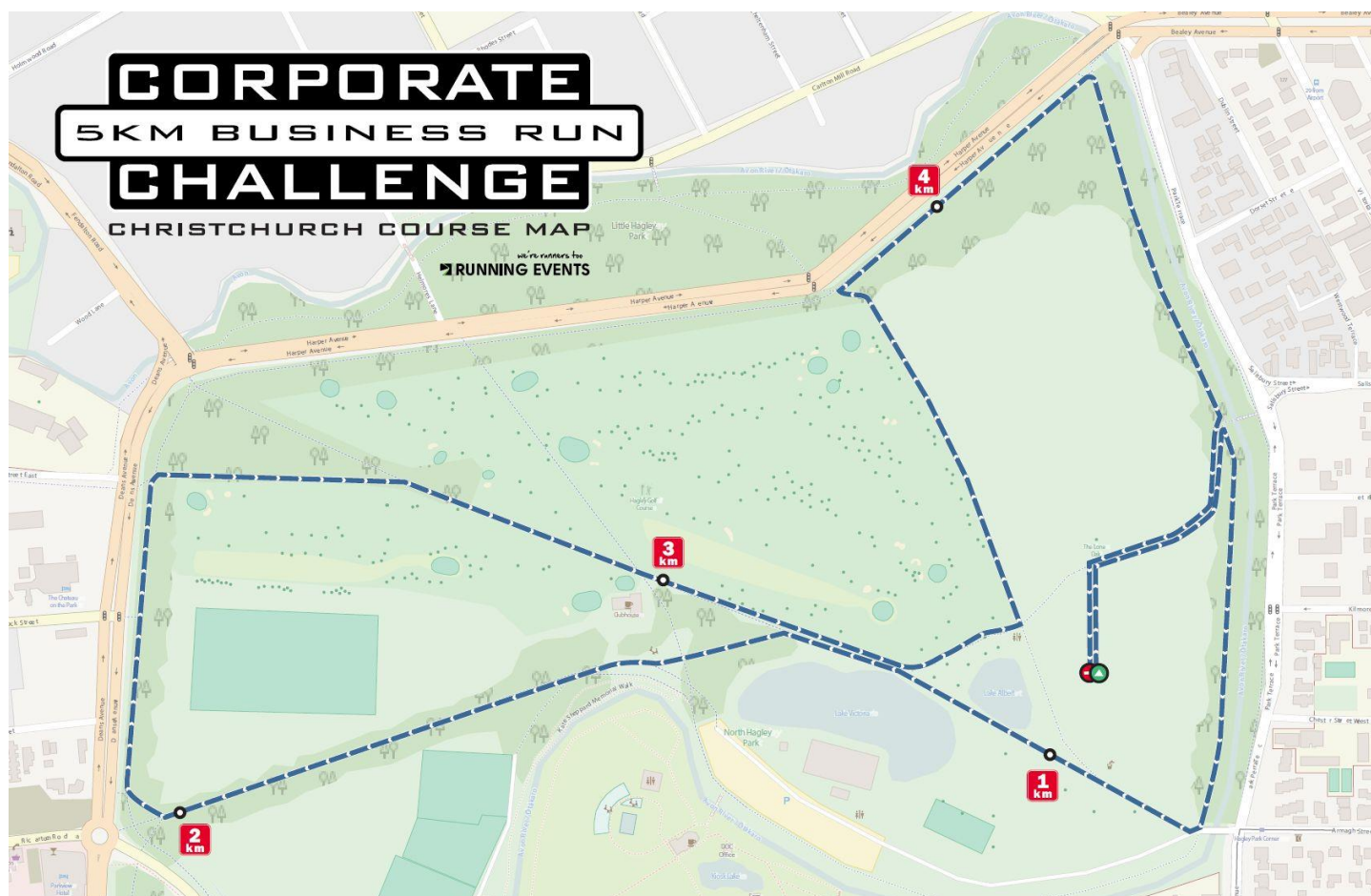
- Noon – Venue open for tent/bbq drop off
- Noon – Late registration and pack pick up open
- 5:00pm – Teams start to arrive
- 5:30pm – Team photos begin at finish line
- 5:30pm – All vehicle removed from race site
- 6:10pm – Last chance for team photos
- 6:20pm – Safety briefing
- 6:25pm – Warm up
- 6:30pm – Race Start

- 7:55pm (approx.) – Awards Ceremony ends
- 8:00pm – Site open for tent/bbq collection
- 8:30 pm – Event concludes
- 9:00 pm – Site cleared

TOILETS

A large number of portaloos will be located next to the public toilet block at the north-west corner of the entertainment triangle. This is also approximately the 3.5km marker of the 5km course so it provides an additional opportunity for relief mid-event!

For those unfamiliar with running events, it is a long and dearly held tradition of runners to wait until the last **possible moment to “take care of business”** - and then moan loudly about the queues because everyone else in the event decided to do the exact same thing. **Don't make this rookie mistake, get your business concluded nice and early and you'll be hammering the star jumps during the warm up whilst others are cross-legged in the loo queue.**



- 7:25pm (approx.) – Final finisher
- 7:30pm – Awards Ceremony begins

GEAR DROP

The vast majority of teams bring a tent with them and this is the best place to leave your gear during the event. Remember to pack a jacket or hoody as it can get cold quite quickly after you finish – especially if you are

event on the grass.

Amongst the course highlights are two chances to admire beautiful Victoria Lake, catch up on play at the 9-hole golf course and a final section along the banks of the Avon.



staying for the awards ceremony.

For those who don't have a team tent, an unmonitored gear tent will be available on race site. Please do not leave any valuables here. All items are left at your own discretion.

TIMING TAG

When you receive your race number, your electronic timing tag will be attached to the back. We are using disposable stick-on timing tags and we are sure you will appreciate the convenience of not having to attach a plastic tag to your shoes and then return it at the finish. All you have to remember is to secure your race number to the front of **your shirt and you're all set.**

Important! There is no need to return your timing tag.

COURSE NOTES

The Corporate Challenge Christchurch features a beautiful 5km, figure-of-eight course held entirely within the boundaries of stunning Hagley Park. The course is entirely flat and held on wide, well maintained footpaths with a small section at the beginning and end of the

The race begins under the start arch and the first 150 metres are on the grass before turning onto the wide footpaths of Hagley Park. Three right turns take you on a circuit of the entertainment triangle before a long stretch across the width of the park, passing beautiful Victoria Lake on your left. A wide triangle adjacent to Deans Ave includes the half way mark and points you back towards the finish area. You now have North Hagley golf course on your left and another opportunity to enjoy Victoria Lake, this time on your right.

The 3.5km mark brings you back close to the finish area **but you ain't done yet! A left turn takes you north to the** boundary with Harper Ave where a couple of right turns head you back towards the finish area. Enjoy a run on the banks of the tranquil Avon River – with Park Terrace on the other side – before a left turn back into the body of the park for the last few hundred metres.

As you come in to complete your 5km lap, fences and flags will direct you down the final glorious 50 metres to the finish line. Put your hands in the **air and say “yeah! I did it”**. **Grab a well-**earned drink from our table or head over to your team tent to hit the BBQ!

Important! Please be mindful of other users of the park

who are fully entitled to use the footpaths. Share with care and do not yell at them to get out the way. It will not affect your world record time to deviate onto the grass for a short time to get around any isolated group of pedestrians. The vast majority of pedestrians will happily move off the edge of the footpath as soon as they are aware of the event.

REFUELLING STATION

Once you have exited the finish area, look out for the **blue “REFUELLING”** tents, marking the refuelling station. Water, bananas and R-Line sport drink are available for everyone. Please help us - and the planet - by only taking one cup and refilling it if you need more. We will also have banana boxes next to our rubbish bins for your food waste.

AWARDS CEREMONY & PRIZES

The Awards Ceremony will take place in front of the main stage at 7:30pm sharp. The team at Running Events believe a good game is a fast game and we will be working hard to have it wrapped up within 30 minutes. At the same time, we want to properly acknowledge the amazing efforts of those at the sharp end so please bear with us.

Beautiful glass trophies will be awarded to:

- top male and female individual
- top male and female CEO
- top male and female teams across seven industry divisions
- overall top male and female teams will be crowned Corporate Challenge Christchurch Champions for 2019

Not one of the show **ponies? Don't worry, you may still** be going home with a great prize. We have three Samsung Galaxy tablets to give away and one lucky competitor will go home with the amazing Garmin Forerunner 245 GPS watch.

Remember - you must be present at the awards ceremony to claim your prize.



RESULTS

Preliminary results will be available via our Facebook page by 9pm on the evening of the event. Like our page now for immediate notifications and early access:

<http://facebook.com/corp5k>

Results will be posted to the event web site on Thursday morning. If you see any issues with your results or believe there may be an error, please use the web site **contact form and we'll get into it.**

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