

Rotary Club of Farnham

Farnham Rotary Charity Cyclathon 2018

18th March 2018 at The Maltings, Farnham GU9 7QR

General Guidance

These notes are for those interested in taking part in the Rotary Club of Farnham's Charity Cyclathon. This is an enjoyable event intended to raise charity funds through the sponsorship of riders and teams who participate. Although cycling for 10 or 12½ minutes may not sound too demanding, remember that this is a sprint event and the winners are people who have stamina!

Details and download of forms can be made at our club website: www.rotaryfarnham.co.uk

Format of the Competition

Teams of 4 or 5 cycle on static exercise bicycles for a total of 50 minutes in one of 6 categories of riders:

1. Adult – 16 to 60 years (4 riders)
2. Over 60s (4 riders)
3. Novelty dressed (4 riders, no age restrictions as this is really just a fun category)
4. Family (2 adults and 2 or 3 children)
5. Junior School (5 riders) or clubs and organisations for the same age group
6. Secondary School (4 riders) or clubs and organisations for the same age group

Teams that do not fit into any category can ride also without being eligible for a prize.

Each team is timed by a marshal who also records the distances covered according to the bicycle's distance meter. The greatest distance covered by a team determines the winner of each category.

Sponsorship Arrangements

All those taking part in the Cyclathon are urged to seek maximum sponsorship through their friends, relatives etc and, if possible, their employers and local businesses etc. The best way of doing this is to make use of the www.MyDonate.bt.com website where it is very simple to make donations with a credit or debit card – the website itself makes no charge of any kind for processing these transactions. This website is already open for the event – you need to enter our charity number 200435 in the space marked "Charity name" to go to our special page. From that page you can also set up your own personal page and then give your link to people who may sponsor you.

It will be easier to approach some people who may give you cash or a cheque. For this, we offer a special Sponsorship form which you can download from our website.

Enrolling a Team

If you are a school that wants to enrol a team, please go our club website and download the schools form which includes all the information you need to submit an application.

For all other groups, download the other team entry form and complete it. Make a copy and submit the form as described in the form.

If you are a club, charity or other body with your own favourite charity for which you want to raise funds, you can do this by requesting registration as a "Charter Team". You will have to pay Rotary the minimum amount of £100 towards its funds to cover the costs of staging the event but you can then raise funds directly for your own good cause provided you promise to advise the total amount you have raised for statistical purposes.

Minimum Sponsorship Requirement

To avoid frivolous applications that block our time slots for teams, we need to demand at least £100 of sponsorship by each team. This can either be remitted at the same time as your application, or you can ensure that this sum or more has been paid to your team via the MyDonate website by no later than 1 February 2017. Alternatively, a guarantee for the £100 from a Rotarian of either of the Farnham clubs will be accepted to secure a time slot. Until the £100 has been paid or guaranteed, your time slot will not be treated as confirmed. The running order for the teams is permanently displayed on the club website and you need to check that your team is correctly listed after you have applied. The status of time slots can be viewed at www.cyclathon.rotaryfarnham.co.uk

Queries

If any problems or questions arise, please email cyclathon@rotaryfarnham.co.uk.

