

The Blaydon Race
Policy Statement and Supporting Information
Race Accessibility

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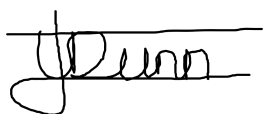
- 'Disability' and 'Reasonable Adjustments' have the same meaning as described by the Equality Act 2010.
- 'Classification' has the same meaning as described on the World Para Athletics web site.
- The 'Blaydon Race' refers to the Road Race held on the 9th of June annually and which is organised by The Blaydon Harrier and Athletics Club.

The Blaydon Race recognises its obligations for reasons of the Equality Act 2010 with regards to disability and accessibility to the race.

The Blaydon Race will make every reasonable effort to accommodate, through reasonable adjustments, those with disabilities who may wish to compete competitively in The Blaydon Race.

The Blaydon Race will, when a competitive quorum of para-athletes with the same classification come forward, facilitate a suitable category within the Race to safely accommodate that group of athletes.

To enable The Blaydon Race to make reasonable adjustments so that it can accommodate those with disabilities, it requires (during the application process) para-athletes to inform the Race Organiser (via the contact form on the race website) of their disability so that it can consider, in good time, any reasonable adjustments which may be possible to enable a para-athlete to compete competitively and safely.

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Signed

On behalf of Blaydon Harrier and Athletics Club

12/11/2025

Date

Supporting Information

Competitiveness

The Blaydon Race is a competitive Road Race (it is not a 'fun run') all athletes must, as part of the application process, show that they can complete the course in a stated time and to a stated standard (as described on the application form).

All competitors are expected to participate by means of their own physical effort, although it is recognised that some para-athletes may require a supporter as part of that effort. Supporting runners will be accommodated within the race structure but will not themselves be considered as competitors.

In its current format the race is run under two separate categories, male and female, under which para-athletes can compete, however, if a competitive quorum of para-athletes with the same classification come forward, The Blaydon Race will make every reasonable effort to create a suitable category within the Race to accommodate that classification of athletes.

Race Route Conditions and Hazards

The Blaydon Race is a road race which uses the public roads and public rights of way in and around Newcastle and Blaydon. The route has obstacles which all competitors are expected to negotiate, including uneven and unmade surfaces, road furniture, potholes, kerbs and edges etc.

The race is run in all-weather conditions (except for extreme weather) and during the evening before nightfall.

The Blaydon Race only has 'ownership' of the roads and rights of way for a short time before the race to create a safe route. The Blaydon Race will make every effort to, when it becomes aware, accommodate a disabled competitor to enable that competitor to negotiate route hazards safely. However, it must be recognised that in some cases this will not be possible.

All competitors are expected to complete the race within a stated time after which competitors are asked to leave the route and retire from the race. This is so The Blaydon Race can clear the route so that it can be safely handed back to the appropriate authorities to enable roads and rights of way to be reopened to traffic and pedestrians.

Pre Course Declarations and making Reasonable Adjustments

Para-athletes will be accommodated within the main body of the race, and The Blaydon Race will make suitable arrangements if a competitive quorum of para-athletes in a recognised classification come forward.

To enable The Blaydon Race to consider and if able, make reasonable adjustments, it asks disabled applicants to declare their disability as part of the application process.

Once The Blaydon Race becomes aware of an applicant with a declared disability it will, in conjunction with the applicant, undertake an individual assessment and will, when it is reasonable to do so, make adjustments to enable the applicant to compete competitively.

The applicant will be advised as to the reasonable adjustments The Blaydon Race is able to make and will, if it is unable to make those adjustments, make its decision known to the applicant in writing at the earliest opportunity.

The assessment process will be overseen by a competent person following guidance issued by the Equality and Human Rights Commission.

All information provided will be processed as data in compliance with GDPR.

Welfare Facilities and Access to Race Emergency Services

Temporary welfare facilities are provided at the start and end of the race. These facilities could be described as 'basic' and do not include, except for hand sanitising, washing or shower facilities. Accessible toilets will be provided at the same locations.

All athletes are encouraged to provide information about medical conditions etc on their application declaration. This is to assist the Race Emergency Medical Services in an emergency. This information will be shared with the Race Emergency Medical Services before the race and will be processed in compliance with GDPR.

Competitors with medical conditions are encouraged to wear a 'med alert' bracelet during the race to assist with their care in an emergency.