

ROYTON ROAD RUNNERS

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

HOW IT WORKS

- The RRR Club Championship is an annual competition, running each calendar year.
- Prizes are awarded according to performances in 17 races selected by the committee.
- Points are awarded to each member who finishes each of these races, based on their finishing position compared to other RRR finishers.
- Each runner's best seven points totals from the 17 selected races are added together to give an overall total score for the year – so everyone who runs more than seven club races can discard their lowest point scores.
- Where available, 'chip' times rather than 'gun' times are used to determine the finishing order & points allocation.

GROUPS/CATEGORIES

- In order to give as many members as possible the chance to compete for prizes, the Club Championship is divided into ability groups. Additionally, members will be added to a veteran age category group where appropriate, based on their age at January 1st of the current championship year.
- Existing members are allocated to one of the Club Championship Groups at the start of each year, based primarily on their performances at races & parkruns in the previous year.
- New members are allocated to the most appropriate Club Championship Group once they start competing in Club Championship races, based on their performances in their first few events.
- Prizes are awarded at the end of the year to the first three finishers (top points scorers) in each Championship Group/Vet category.
- To qualify for a prize a member must complete a minimum of seven Club Championship races in the year.
- Each runner is eligible to win more than one prize.

ELIGIBILITY

- The Club Championship is open to all paid-up members of RRR (1st & 2nd claim).
- Where members do not renew their RRR membership by 31st March in the current year, any points earned in earlier races will be removed & points for other runners recalculated accordingly.
- New members who join after the 12th race in the Club Championship season can run in club colours, but will not feature in the Championship tables or be eligible for prizes until the following year.
- Existing members (including those who join before the 12th race) will be awarded points & appear in the Club Championship tables regardless of when they run their first race or how many races they complete.
- To comply with England Athletics rules, members must run in a Royton Road Runners vest (or in their 1st claim colours if not RRR) to be eligible for points from a race.
- Members must run in their own name to be eligible for points from a race; where number transfers are permitted, the process applicable to that race must have been followed.

THE SMALL PRINT

- Members have the right to appeal to the Committee if they believe that they have been allocated to the incorrect Club Championship Group.
- Where runners are tied on points in a given Championship Group/Vet category, the order of determining their position is as follows:
 - the runner with the better head-to-head record will be placed above the other runner(s).
 - if head-to-head record is equal then the runner with the lowest cumulative time in head-to-head races will be placed above the other runner(s).
 - if this cannot determine a winner, the runner with the highest points per race average based on all races completed will be placed highest.
 - if this cannot determine a winner, the runner with the fastest average pace per mile based on all races completed will be placed highest.
 - if this cannot determine a winner the runners will be determined to be equal.