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## SOUTH OF THE THAMES

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### CROSS COUNTRY ASSOCIATION

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Est. 1893, Affiliated to UKA and SEAA

Tel 01202 433486

Dear Club Contact

#### **CHAMPIONSHIPS RACE, Beckenham Place Park, 18 December 2021**

- Start:** 2.00pm. Near The Mansion House (White House) on the West side of the park. Numbers will be issued from the race HQ in a marquee and at last minute near the start. The finish is near the West Gate at the SW corner of the park.
- Travel:** The nearest railway stations to the HQ are Beckenham Junction and Beckenham Hill. When travelling by car from outside the M25 leave at junction 4 and travel via Bromley. Allow plenty of time as much of the approach will be through busy town streets, although less so than when accessing it from other Junctions.
- Parking:** You may park on surrounding streets, but should avoid parking at the Mansion House, due to other events. It would be advisable to allow plenty of time and to car share if possible.
- Race HQ:** A marquee. There are toilets near The Mansion House, but no shower or changing facilities are available, so please come ready changed. There may or may not be refreshments available at The Mansion House but please do not enter wearing muddy shoes.
- Course:** A course of three laps on grassland and woodland with some gravel tracks, totalling ca. 7.0 miles. It is suitable for studded shoes or short spikes. We hope to have a course map available on [www.sotcca.org.uk](http://www.sotcca.org.uk) in due course.
- Teams:** Men and women run together but are scored separately. 6 to score per team, both men and women, scored in order of finishing. Open to 1<sup>st</sup> claim runners only. Collect numbers on the day from race HQ. No team declarations required.

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Fees: £2.00 per runner. Cheques payable to South of the Thames Cross Country Association.

Closing Date: 8 December 2021.

Entries to: **Don Turner**  
**40 Rosedale Road**  
**Stoneleigh**  
**Epsom**  
**KT17 2JH** Tel 020 8393 8950

Please use the enclosed entry forms; separate forms for men and women. Photocopies are acceptable.

## **IMPORTANT NOTES TO TEAM MANAGERS**

### **1. Late Entries, etc.**

You are reminded that entry on the day is not normally permitted. A motion proposed by me at the 2011 AGM to allow this, subject to payment of a surcharge, was very heavily defeated. If you don't like this, you should attend the AGM in future and take more interest in the running of the Association.

In exceptional circumstances team managers should contact Don Turner the race secretary ASAP. Afterwards is too late. His discretion is absolute and final.

You are also reminded that unauthorised substitutions and 2nd claim runners are also not permitted. This caused problems at the 2010 races when runners running under other runner's numbers won awards (one in the wrong age category!!) and compounded the problem by not coming clean at the time. We were lenient on these occasions but will not be so in future. Individuals or even complete teams will be disqualified in future. Repeat offenders beware!

The race entry fee is deliberately kept low, so that when in doubt clubs do not lose out greatly by entering runners on spec. However, in these days when most people are on email it is usually possible to establish who may or may not be available with relatively little effort.

### **2. Affiliation Fees**

The race is open to runners from affiliated clubs only. Some clubs have neglected to affiliate. If in doubt bring your chequebook or cash to the race. The fee is only £7.00 per club.

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**3. We are still a few marshals short for the race. Could clubs please bring one or two people prepared to help out?**

Thank you

Geoff Newton  
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