

Health and Safety

Club Health and Safety Policy Statement

The Stragglers Running Club is strongly committed to encouraging our members to take part, with the health, well-being and safety of each individual being our paramount concern. We provide group runs, other sporting activities and training sessions for a range of ages and abilities and expect our members to participate within their own limitations and boundaries.

Health and Safety Policy

To support our Health & Safety policy statement we are committed to the following duties:

- Comply with all relevant health and safety legislation and guidelines
- Undertake regular, recorded risk assessment of all sporting activities organised by the club;
- Create a safe environment by putting health & safety measures in place as identified by the assessment;
- Ensure that all groups and sessions are accurately described on our website so that members can make appropriate choices.
- Ensure that all members are aware of, understand and follow the club's health and safety policy;
- Appoint a small group of competent members to oversee and assist with health and safety responsibilities;
- Ensure that normal operating procedures and emergency operating procedures are in place and known by all members; Risk assessments will be made available via the website together with the Health and Safety policy;
- Implement emergency and first aid procedures;
- Provide access to adequate first aid facilities at all times including qualified first aider whenever possible;
- Report any injuries or accidents sustained during any club activity or whilst on the club premises - see incident reporting form. **(link as a separate tab)**
- Ensure that the implementation of the policy is reviewed regularly and monitored for effectiveness.

Members' Health and Safety Duties

- Take reasonable care for your own health & safety and that of others who may be affected by what you do or do not do;
- Assess your own fitness levels and maturity as a competitor when deciding which sessions and training to attend and what competitions to enter;
- Co-operate with the club on health & safety issues;
- Correctly use all equipment provided by the club;
- Do not interfere with or misuse anything provided for your health, safety or welfare.

Risk Assessment Reports

The Stragglers Running Club conducts risk assessments on regular and scheduled activities. Risk assessments for licenced races are available on request. Risk assessments for club activities are the responsibility of session leaders who monitor risks according to the prevailing conditions surrounding each session.