**Risk assessment form**

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| **Name of assessor(s)** | Steve Dorrall | **Group / Establishment:** | Burnham on Sea Harriers |
| **Date** | 13/5/2023 |

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| **What is the activity being assessed:** | **How was the assessment done?**  e.g. desktop exercise, site visit, in consultation with employees, managers, safety representatives? | **Next review date:** |
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| Burnham on Sea Half marathon – 8th October 2023.  Race Licence number: 2023-46578 | The Burnham on Sea Half marathon Brent Knoll race has been run previously over many years, although the race was postponed in 2020, 2021 and 2022 due to the disruption and limitations imposed by the Coronavirus pandemic.  The race is licensed through England Athletics.  Race organisers conduct regular meetings prior to the event to confirm all race arrangements including first aid, entries, marshal posts, water stations etc. Route is signed with mile markers and the course is assessed prior to the event to identify possible on the day hazards.  Risk assessment is posted on the Burnham Harriers website and shared among organisers for review and comment. | **Is the assessment ‘generic’ or specific to the situation?** |
| Specific to activity |

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| **What is the hazard?** | **Hazard in more detail & what are the control measures in place to mitigate these hazards?** | H[UU](http://enterprise.somerset.gov.uk/personnel/chsu/admin/information/118.pdf)H **\*Risk Rating I**mpact x **L**ikelihood | | **What further action is recommended to reduce risks further?** | **Action by whom?** | **Date action due** | **Date action done** |
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| Runners | * Runners receive a pre-race brief when on the start line just before the race begins. The brief will highlight known hazards i.e. vehicles, public, course terrain, under foot conditions. * Runners will run at their own risk – Risks include possible injury, falls or health issue (mental or physical). * Marshals are posted throughout the course to provide support and respond to runner distress, or emergency. * Runners are required to record on the reverse of their race numbers or entry form any medical conditions so marshals/race director/first aiders can identify any possible conditions or issues which may affect their run. * Race is licensed through Run Britain and is subject to the road race licence guidelines: [Race Directors' Club - runbritain](https://www.runbritain.com/race-directors-club) * The race has a 3-hour time limit but runners are followed by a tail vehicle to ensure their safe completion and return. | Medium | Low | Runners are not permitted to wear headphones - bone conductors are permitted.  First aid will be available for the race, based at the BASC and ready to respond to incidents.  Runner incidents to be reported to UK Athletics: [Online Health and Safety Incident Reporting | UK Athletics](https://www.uka.org.uk/governance/health-safety/online-accident-incident-report-form/)  There are 3 drinks stations on route in Brent Knoll (4miles, Lympsham (7 miles, Berrow 11 miles).  Course marshalled 15 marshals throughout the course will carry mobile phones or walkie-talkies to maintain communication with race HQ and Race Director.  An appointed first aid provider will support the event and be mobile to respond to an accidents/incidents or runner injuries.  A tail vehicle follows the last runner to ensure everyone completes the course successfully. |  |  |  |
| Weather | * Weather conditions on the day can be unpredictable i.e. hot/cold/wet. * The route is entirely on roads except for the start and end of the course which is on the BASC sports field (outside the cricket pitch boundary). Course may be subject to wet, slippery conditions on both the field and roads. * As the race takes place in October, conditions could be subject to cold conditions where runners could be at risk of hypothermia of the effects of the cold. | Medium | Medium | Race Director reserves the right to postpone event or adjust the course if conditions are too dangerous. | Race Organisers | Race Day |  |
| Course | * Burnham half marathon is a 13.1-mile route starting at the BASC Sports Ground following roads to Brent Knoll, Lympsham, Berrow before returning to the BASC Sports ground. * The race will be run on roads - main hazard will include traffic (along the B3140 Queens Drive to Edithmead Roundabout) and country roads through Brent Knoll, Lympsham and Red Road towards Berrow). * Start and end of course is on grass as the route follows the outer boundary of the cricket pitch. This area can be waterlogged or muddy. * Other hazards on the route will include Obstacles on the course including street traffic, kerbs and potholes presenting possible slip/trip hazards. * The full course map showing water stations, marshal posts and directional signs is here: [Burnham Half Marathon 2023 - 21km Running Route near Burnham-on-Sea and Highbridge (ID: 2247377) (plotaroute.com)](https://www.plotaroute.com/route/2247377) * See further course details on pages | Medium | Medium | A pre-race brief is communicated to all runners prior to the start of the race highlighting hazards.  Race has a 2-hour 30- minute time limit.  Further race information is available on the Burnham Harriers website: [Brent Knoll Race | Burnham on Sea Harriers (burnham-on-sea-harriers.com)](https://www.burnham-on-sea-harriers.com/our-races/brent-knoll-race/)  Course is marshalled to provide support and call for assistance/first aid if a runner becomes distressed. Event has a tail vehicle that follows the final runners, ensuring everyone returns safely. | Race Organisers and course marshals | Race day |  |
| Roads and traffic | * Course will be run on roads with the B3140 Queens Drive and Red Road, Berrow recognised hazards as roads will not be closed to traffic for the race. Collision with vehicles is possible, so runners are told to run in single file and observe traffic movements. * Signage (e.g. caution runners) is placed along the route warning drivers of runners. * Marshals are positioned at the Tesco roundabout and Edithmead roundabout to observe runners and slow manage traffic as reasonably as practicable. * Course is fully marshalled including the road section – see marshal map below. * Somerset Highways are contacted prior to the race to identify any potential roadworks or closures to minimise disruptions to the course on race day. | Medium | Medium | Somerset Highways are contacted prior to the race to alert Highways of the event and identify whether any roadworks or closures are in place on race day. Further checks can be made here: [https://one.network/?tm=GB131365913](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fone.network%2F%3Ftm%3DGB131365913&data=05%7C01%7Csteve.dorrall%40somerset.gov.uk%7C8f799d80a49548f3c25908dab112c6a1%7Cb524f606f77a4aa28da2fe70343b0cce%7C0%7C0%7C638016991439243170%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=EOdK5E5IVzClYvK4K73d%2BGnPIM%2BV2TozPY5Qn3V%2FRgY%3D&reserved=0)  Marshals to be made aware that:   * they do not have any lawful powers to flag, slow or stop, or otherwise direct traffic on the highway. * Runners will be briefed to proceed with caution whilst traversing the highway and to always remain vigilant regarding both traffic and adverse terrain. | Marshals |  |  |
| Animals | * Race is run entirely on roads except for the BASC sports field at the start and end of the route. * Runners may meet dog walkers along the course – runners to remain alert and avoid contact with dogs or other animals where possible. Marshals can alert runners and dog walkers where there may be contact. * Runners are briefed to respect other users of the roads and pavements as they complete their run. | Medium | Low |  | Marshals |  |  |
| Headquarters | * Headquarters is at the BASC sportsground, Stoddens Road, Burnham on Sea. * Race Director will be based at the BASC ground throughout the event. * Food/Water provisions on site, both in the BASC and refreshments will be provided to runners upon completion of the race. | Low | Low | First aid provision is available at the BASC sports ground with a n appointed provider able to respond to incidents on the course. |  |  |  |
| Covid | * There are no specific measures regarding Covid-19 (in line with England athletics guidance as of 24 February 22). * There are no restrictions on gatherings, individuals are encouraged to take personal responsibility to reduce the spread of Covid or other illnesses if they feel unwell. * Individuals may still seek to maintain social distancing or wear face coverings through the event to minimise personal risk. | Low | Low | Runners should not run if they feel unwell.  Event will largely take place outside, maximising ventilation.  BASC Sportsground has a large balcony area where people can stand (weather permitting). |  | Pre-race  Info. |  |

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| **Risk assessment sign-off** | | | | | |
| **Name of assessor** | **Steve Dorrall** | **Date:** | **25 May 2023** | **Race Director:** |  |
| **Signature:** | S Dorrall - Burnham Harriers Secretary | | |

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| **Course identification:** | |  | | **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** |
| **Whole event codes (1-8):** | | | | **H/M/L** | **A to H** | **9-30 (only)** | Additional measures to reduce risk to LOW, with name of person or official function who will reduce the risk to  LOW (if applicable) |
| **ID No** | **Miles/ kms from**  **start** | **Detail of hazard** | | **Risk rating level H/M/L** | **Persons at risk from hazard** |  |
| **Symbol** | **Desc** |
| **1** | **420m** | é | **Hump** | **L** | **A** |  | Exit gate at BASC |
| **2** | **440m** | ç | **L. turn** | **M** | **A, C** |  | Traffic from right  Emerge from BASC, marshalled |
| **3** | **640m** | éç | **Bend** | **M** | **A. C, E** |  | Right hand |
| **4** | **880m** | é | **T-**  **Junct** | **M** | **A, E** |  | Sign |
| **5** | **1.1M** | ç | **L. turn** | **H** | **A, D, E** |  | Roundabout-Sign and marshalled |
| **6** | **1.9M** | é | **T-**  **Junct** | **M** | **A, D, E** |  | Traffic emerging from left Road / Sign |
| **7** | **2.4M** | ç | **L. turn** | **H** | **A, C, D, E** |  | Roundabout-Sign and marshalled |
| **8** | **2.9M** | ç | **L. turn** | **M** | **A, D, E** |  | A38 Crossroads turn left marshalled |
| **9** | **4.2M** | é | **T-**  **Junct** | **M** | **A, D, E** | **9** | Traffic emerging from left Rd marshalled |
| **10** | **4.4M** | é |  | **M** | **A, C, D, E** |  | Water Point |
| **11** | **4.5M** | é | **T-**  **Junct** | **M** | **A, D, E** |  | Traffic emerging from left Road |
| **12** | **5.1M** | ç | **L. turn** | **M** | **A, D, E** |  | Sign and marshalled |
| **13** | **6.3M** | ç | **Bend** | **M** | **A, D, E** |  |  |
| **14** | **6.5M** | ç | **L. turn** | **M** | **A, D, E** |  | Sign and marshalled |
| **15** | **6.8M** | éç | **Bend** | **M** | **A, D, E** |  | Water Point on bend |
| **16** | **7.1M** | ç | **L. turn** | **M** | **A, D, E** |  |  |
| **17** | **7.4M** | é | **Hump** | **M** | **A, D, E** |  | Railway Bridge Hazard |
| **18** | **7.5M** | é | **Hump** | **M** | **A, D, E** |  | Railway Bridge Hazard |
| **19** | **7.5M** | é | **T-**  **Junct** | **M** | **A, D, E** |  | Traffic emerging from left Road |
| **20** | **8.8M** | ç | **L. turn** | **M** | **A, D, E** |  | Left turn on bend Sign and Marshalled |
| **21** | **9.9M** | é | **Bend** | **M** | **A, D, E** |  | Water Point |
| **22** | **10.6M** | é | **T-**  **Junct** | **M** | **A, D, E** |  | Traffic emerging from right Road Sign and Marshalled |
| **23** | **11.2M** | é | **T-**  **Junct** | **M** | **A, D, E** |  | Traffic emerging from left Road |
| **24** | **11.3M** | é | **T-**  **Junct** | **M** | **A, D, E** |  | Traffic emerging from left Road |
| **25** | **11.5M** | é | **T-**  **Junct** | **M** | **A, D, E** |  | Traffic emerging from left Road |
| **26** | **11.8M** | é | **T-**  **Junct** | **M** | **A, D, E** |  | Traffic emerging from left Road |
| **27** | **11.9** | ç | **L. turn** | **M** | **A, D, E** |  | Sign and marshalled |
| **28** | **12.2** | é | **T-**  **Junct** | **M** | **A, D, E** |  | Traffic emerging from left Road |
| **29** | **12.8** | ç | **T-**  **Junct** | **M** | **A, D, E** |  | Turn left into BASC Sign and Marshalled |
| **30** | **12.8** | é | **Hump** | **M** | **A, D, E** |  | Enter gate at BASC |
| **31** | **13.1** | é | **Funnel** | **L** | **A, D, E** |  | Finish |
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Persons at risk key: A - Competitors; B - Organisers/Volunteers; C - Spectators; D - Oncoming traffic; E - Passing Traffic F - Crossing from right; G - Crossing from left; H - Other – specify.