

Club Championship Qualifying Criteria

To qualify for the Club Championship award (and any other awards therein) you need to complete a minimum of 8 qualifying races including 2 club only races. One of these races may be a marathon of your choice. A list of these races can be found on the club website.

Allocation of points and prizes

With the exception of marathons, the Club Championship is a first past the post competition therefore gun times are used. Points are allocated as follows: 1st male & female each receive 200 points, 2nd male & female 199, 3rd male & female 198 etc. Your best 8 scores count towards your final total and you can obtain an extra 200 points by volunteering at one of our qualifying club only races, our host cross country fixture at Pett, our flagship event the Hastings 5 miler or the Elaine Williams Women's Run. As well as an award for meeting the qualifying criteria there are awards for the 1st 3 male & female runners and age category awards. Your age category is determined by your age on the 31st December in the previous year however eligibility for vets awards for individual club only races is determined by your age on race day. Should any runners be tied following the final race their 9th best races will be compared. If this still results in a tie the countback continues to the 10th, 11th, 12th races etc until they can be separated.

Rules for 2nd Claimers

If Hastings Runners is not your 1st Claim Club you may take part in our club only races. You will be eligible to win the male & female, male & female vets prizes and Improver Awards but you cannot claim club records. No Club Championship points will be added for either club only or open races.

Rules for Juniors

The minimum ages for participation in our club only races are as follows:

Spring 5k, Handicap 5k, Winter 5k – age 12
Barry Richards 10k – age 15
Alan Corke – age 16

Due to their distance and difficulty juniors are not permitted to run Pier to Pier or Rye to Hastings and these races are for over 18s only.

Open qualifying races set their own age limits so please check these on entry.

Club Championship points will only be allocated to those juniors who have reached their 15th birthday by 31st December in the previous year. Juniors of all ages will be eligible to win the male & female race categories, Improver Awards and hold course records

However the additional rules for runners whose 1st Claim Club is not Hastings Runners are still applicable.

Marathon Nominations

All marathons must be completed between January and October of the current Club Championship year. This deadline ensures points can be allocated and tables updated before the last races of the season and is designed to ensure fair competition. There is no requirement to nominate your marathon before you run it so if you run more than one you may choose your best time. However all nominations must be received by the deadline set by the Club Championship Coordinator or they will be declared void. Points will be allocated on finish time and chip times are used where available. Virtual marathons are not permitted.

Please send any communications with regard to the Club Championship (including marathon nominations) to hrchampionship@gmail.com