



# Introductory guide for New Members



This is intended to explain some of the things that the club does including competitions & races. If you have any question – just ask.

## Handicap

The Handicap is a free to enter run over the same route and is usually held on the last Thursday of each month. Any date changes are normally advertised well in advance (fixture clashes or Christmas holidays etc.)

The Handicap is a timed run, where groups of members start their runs at 1 minute intervals, the slower running groups starting in advance of the faster runners. The aim of the handicapping system is that in a perfect world, everyone would finish at the same time. As your times improve, then the later you will leave the start line. And if you find your times falling away a little, then the Handicapper will compensate for this by allowing you an earlier start time. It's up to the Handicapper to decide this, so please don't pester them for earlier start times!

### Winter Handicap Route



Meet at Poolfoot between 6:45 and 7:00 to register and jog together to the start on Fleetwood Rd.



### Summer Handicap Route

Meet at the car park at the Wyre Estuary Country Park at Stanah (FY5 5LR) between 6:45 and 7:00 to register and jog together to the start along the riverside path.

## **Club Road and Off-Road Championship**

Everyone who completes their 6 races in the Off Road championship will receive an award. There are prizes for the overall winners of the Off Road Championship for both men and women but we also have awards for winners by 'Vet' age category.

The scoring is done separately for men and women in each race. In each race the first TCRC man to finish scores 1 point, the second scores 2 points, the third scores 3 points and so on until the last who, if there were 7 TCRC men in the race, would score 7 points. The same applies to women with the first TCRC lady scoring 1 point and the second scoring 2 points etc. At the end of the year you add together your 6 lowest scores and whoever has the lowest total in each is the winner.

As well as having an overall winner of the Off Road Championship we also have awards for men and women in each age category (Vet40, Vet45, Vet50 etc) so even if you're not the fastest Road or Off Road runner in the club you may still win your age category. So if you are the first Vet40 TCRC man to finish you will score 1 point in the Vet40 Road or Off Road Championship and 2 points for second Vet40 etc.

What do we do if 2 people have exactly the same score for an award at the end of the year? We compare their 'head to head' results and look at who finished in front of the other one the most times and if that's still a draw the it's who had the most first places.

### **Road Championship**

Each year the club chooses around 25 road races spread throughout the year that vary in distance from 5K to a marathon and to complete the Road Championship you need to run in at least 8 of these races to qualify. You choose which races you run and typically around half the races are 5 miles or less so everyone can compete.

### **Off-Road**

The club chooses around 16 'off road' races spread throughout the year including fell races and trail races. To complete the Off Road Championship you need to run in at least 6 of these races to qualify. You choose which races you run. Any Parkrun races, you must be registered with ParkRun and have Thornton Cleveleys Running Club set as your Home Club, don't forget your barcode, no code, no time and so will not count in the Off Road Championship.

The results tables are updated and placed on the clubs website.

## Interclub Races

The interclub is a series of seven road races between 4 and 5 miles with other clubs from the local area. They are held between April and September and are free to enter.

All TCRC members can take part in the races. Club vests/shirts must be worn, runners don't need to register for the races, but each individual will be allocated an Interclub Number which is reused for each race and must be attached to the front of your club vest (so don't forget your safety pins). Numbers will be issued prior to the first Interclub race or will be available for collection on the night of the race.

After each race, the hosting club provides a free buffet for all runners.

### The other clubs taking part are:

Blackpool, Wyre & Fylde AC

Chorley Athletics & Tri

Lytham St Annes Road Runners

Preston Harriers

Red Rose Road Runners

Wesham Road Runners



## RunBritain

www.runbritain.com

RunBritain is a UK athletics owned website that records and ranks all your runs, PB's, rates you as a runner and tells you where you rank in the whole country, for your age and sex, postcode etc. It's a great site to be able to look at all of your results in one place.

When you run a UK athletics licenced race or a Parkrun, RunBritain will automatically add your result to your page on the website.

They also calculate a handicap for you which is what gives you your ranking. Your handicap is based on your "best" five performances in the last 12 months. Those performances are not simply taken on time though; they take into account the difficulty of the course, weather conditions and other things that affect all the runners so you can run a 25 minute parkrun one week and a 27 minute parkrun the next but the slower one may be ranked as a better performance.

A typical runner's page looks like this:

Home | Claim your Handicap | **Runners** | Results | Rankings | Reward Running | National Ladder

Name: ██████████  
Gender: Male  
Club: Thornton Cleveleys RC  
Age Group: SEN  
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**runbritain** **4.2** **handicap**  
**national** **11704** **ladder**  
What do these mean?

**National Ladder Positions**  
UK Overall **12474**  
UK Men **11704**  
Postcode Overall **5**  
Postcode Men **5**

**Event Rankings**

Event	Year	Time	In UK
Mar	2014	3:46:54	25.4%
5M	2015	31:56	11.3%
10K	2015	39:48	5.4%
10M	2015	67:46	9.9%
HM	2015	95:41	10.6%
20M	2015	2:30:54	21.4%
Mar	2015	3:17:23	8.5%
parkrun	2016	18:59	0.4%
5M	2016	30:45	7.3%
10K	2016	38:19	3.0%
10M	2016	66:31	7.3%
20M	2016	2:38:03	29.2%
Mar	2016	3:13:28	7.2%
parkrun	2017	18:26	0.2%
5M	2017	31:53	9.7%
10K	2017	38:45	3.2%
10M	2017	65:32	5.6%
HM	2017	96:24	2.9%
Mar	2017	3:19:59	9.4%
5K	2018	18:25	6.3%
parkrun	2018	19:21	0.8%
10K	2018	44:38	15.0%
10M	2018	66:45	8.7%
HM	2018	88:29	5.9%

**Handicap Progress Graph**

**Performances**

Event	Time	Race	SSS	vSSS	Date
4M	24:11	Blackpool Inter-Club	1.2	-1.0	4 Apr 18
5K	18:25	3-1-5 Lancaster 5K / 10K Series	1.0	-1.0	3 Feb 18
10M	66:45	Caldenale 10	2.9	-0.8	30 Mar 18
parkrun	18:26	Blackpool parkrun # 34	1.8	-1.7	7 Oct 17
HM	96:24	Garstang Half Marathon	2.1	-1.2	3 Sep 17
HM	88:29	Inskip Half Marathon	1.5	0.3	21 Jan 18
Mar	3:19:59	SPAR Budapest Marathon	4.2	-0.4	15 Oct 17
5M	34:16	Rudolf Red Nose 5	4.2	0.6	23 Dec 17
10K	38:45	Blackpool Illuminations Night Run 10K	0.7	-0.3	26 Aug 17
4.2M	27:23	Red Rose Road Runners Interclub	3.9	-0.7	6 Sep 17

## Cross Country

The Cross Country season runs from around October to March each year and is organised by Mid Lancs Cross Country. They are open to all full members of TCRC and you will run against running clubs from all over Lancashire with separate races for the men and for the women.

These races are in the colder months and can be very muddy, but that just adds to the fun. Normal road trainers are unsuitable for these races and cross country shoes with spikes are ideal but trail shoes will do.

A typical seasons races are:

October – Astley Park Chorley

October – Cuerden Valley Park

November – Sefton Park Liverpool

January – Towneley Park Burnley

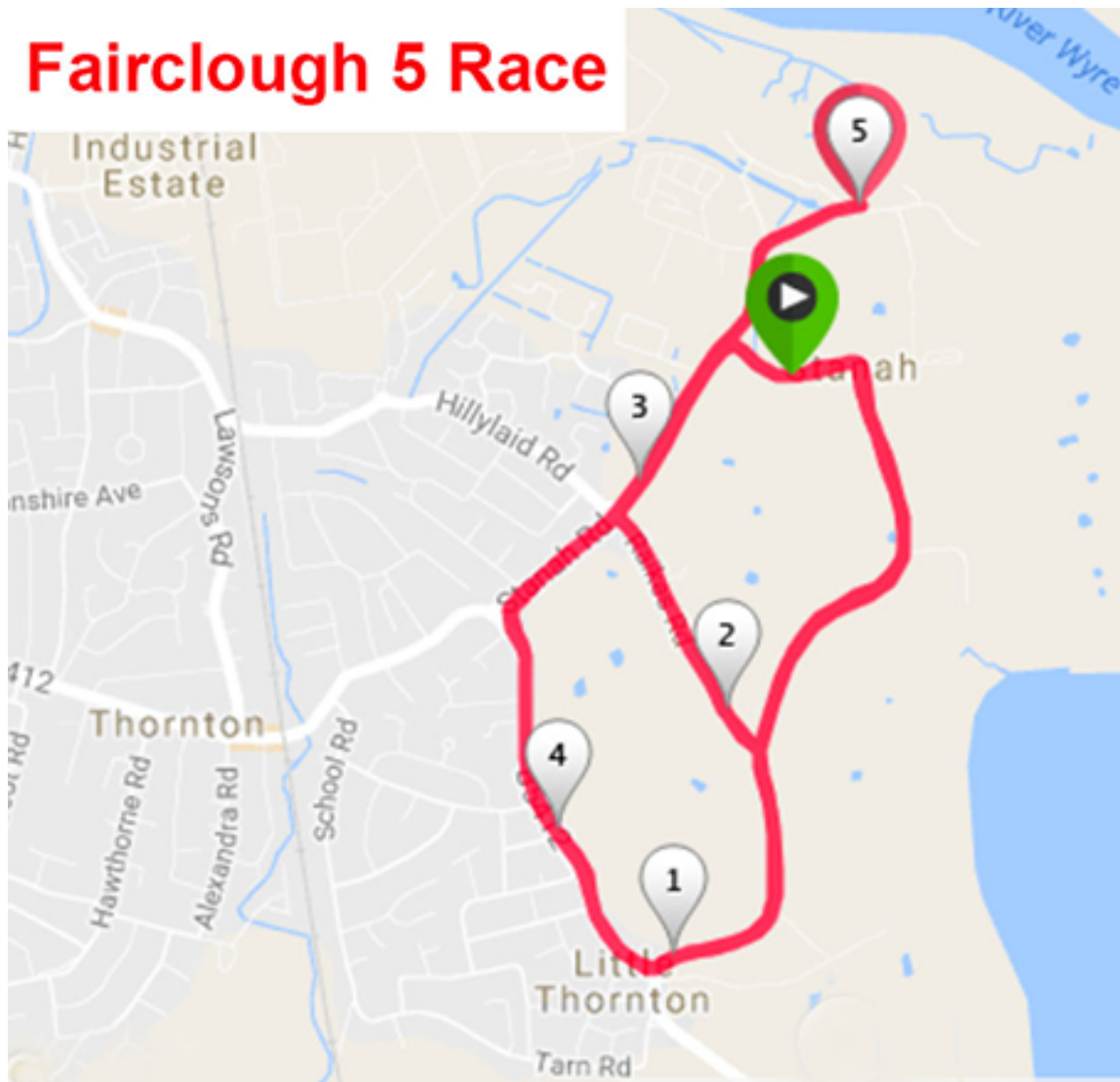
February – Rossall School, Cleveleys

March – Leigh Sports Village



## Fairclough 5 mile race

The Fairclough 5 is a UK Athletics licenced race run by TCRC at the end of October each year. The race takes place around the rural roads around Stannah and members can either run the race (after paying the entry fee) or help out by marshalling.



## Club Standards

Club Standards consist of a level of achievement over a number of race distances.

To qualify, a runner must complete 5 of the 7 distances within the time specified for their current age category.

Runners will have 5 years to achieve their medal ranking, multiple awards will be made to the same runner achieving the qualifying standard at two (or more) separate age categories.

Working towards Club Standards is a good way to push yourself and to try different distances. The time standards are detailed on following 2 pages.





**Times for TCRC Ladies Club Standards**

	<u>5 kilometers</u>	<u>3.5M Handicap</u>	<u>5 miles</u>	<u>10 kilometers</u>	<u>10 miles</u>	<u>Half marathon</u>	<u>Marathon</u>
U35 Diamond	18:15	20:45	30:00	37:30	1:02:00	1:24:00	3:05:00
U35 Gold	19:30	22:00	32:00	40:00	1:06:00	1:28:00	3:20:00
U35 Silver	21:10	24:00	35:00	43:30	1:12:00	1:36:00	3:45:00
U35 Bronze	22:45	25:45	37:15	46:30	1:16:00	1:42:00	4:00:00
U35 Copper	25:00	28:30	42:00	51:00	1:24:30	1:52:00	4:24:00
U35 Pewter	27:00	30:30	45:45	57:00	1:31:00	2:02:30	4:48:00
V35 Diamond	19:10	21:45	31:30	39:30	1:05:00	1:28:00	3:20:00
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V35 Pewter	29:00	33:00	47:30	59:30	1:36:00	2:10:00	5:06:00
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V40 Pewter	31:30	36:00	50:00	1:02:30	1:42:00	2:16:30	5:24:00
V45 Diamond	21:10	24:00	34:45	0:43:30	1:11:00	1:36:00	3:30:00
V45 Gold	23:00	26:00	37:30	0:47:00	1:16:00	1:43:00	3:50:00
V45 Silver	26:00	29:30	42:30	0:53:00	1:25:30	1:55:00	4:30:00
V45 Bronze	27:30	31:30	44:30	0:56:00	1:31:30	2:02:00	4:55:00
V45 Copper	30:15	34:30	50:00	1:02:30	1:41:45	2:14:00	5:25:30
V45 Pewter	33:00	37:45	53:30	1:07:15	1:51:00	2:26:30	5:54:00
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