

CHESHIRE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

SATURDAY 3 JANUARY

Kelsall Hill Equestrian Centre, Middlewich Rd, Kelsall CW6 0SR

INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS

The venue is about a mile to the east of Kelsall Village on the A54 Middlewich Road, close to the junction with the A556. Please drive carefully in the Equestrian Centre where there is ample parking.

Within the Equestrian Centre you are welcome to use the Urchin's Kitchen café, where hot and cold food and drink will be available.

Numbers, grouped by Club, can be collected from the reception area of the main building, where the café is located.

Club vests must be worn and headphones must not be worn.

The venue is primarily an equestrian centre but there are also cattle in some areas. Please stay away from the buildings, other than the café and toilets, and any fields where cattle may be grazing. Please make sure you take all your property and rubbish home. Dogs are allowed on the site but must be kept on leads and dog poo must be picked up.

Race information will be announced over a PA system and competitors will be called to the start approximately 10 minutes prior to each race. A warning gun will be fired 5 minutes before the start of each race.

We are expecting very cold weather and possibly snow by the end of the week. Please come prepared and keep an eye on the [Cheshire Athletics Facebook](#) page for any updates.

Race Schedule:

Time	Age	Entries	Lap	Approx Distance
11.00	U11 Boys & Girls	32 Boys 31 Girls	1x Extra Small	1500m
11.20	U13 Boys & Girls	30 Boys 33 Girls	1x Medium	3100m
11.45	U15 Boys & Girls	25 Boys 10 Girls	1x Large	3600m
12.15	U17 Men & Women	15 Men 7 Women	1x Small +1x Large	5900m
13.00	U20/ Senior/ Vet Women	15 U20s 101 Sen/Vets	2x Large	7200m
14.00	U20/ Senior/ Vet Men	11 U20s 160 Sen/Vets	1x Small + 2x Large	9500m

Start lists for each race and age group can be viewed on the Nifty online entry page here: <https://cheshireaa.niftyentries.com/Cheshire-Cross-Country-Championships-2026/StartList>

Results will be posted here: <https://www.racetecresults.com/results.aspx?CId=20223&RId=263>

Medal presentations will be held as soon as possible after each race close to the finish area. Please listen for announcements over the PA.

Awards will be given to the first three male and female individuals in each non-veteran age group.

Veteran awards will be given to the first three in each of the following age categories:

Male 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74 & Over 75

Female 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69 & Over 70

Teams: Awards to the first three teams in each non-veteran age group and first three overall veteran teams.

Senior men 6 to count; Vet men 4 to count; All other races 3 runners to count.

Veteran men and women can count towards both the senior and veteran teams.

Veteran teams comprise of athletes from any veteran age group.

Inter County Cross Country Championships.

The County Championships are the designated selection races for the Cheshire team at the Inter County event at Wollaton Park, Nottingham on Saturday 7th March.

The first 6 finishers in each race (except U/11, as there is no Inter County event for that age group) will be guaranteed selection for the Inter Counties, with a couple of places to be selected by the relevant Cheshire team manager. Anyone finishing in the first dozen or so places will be handed a letter asking if they are available if selected.

If you are handed such a letter, please ensure you return it (even if you don't want to run) to the relevant team manager, preferably that same day, so that they don't have to chase you up for it.

Start / Finish Area:



Course Maps:

Extra Small Lap (U11s only) 1500m



Small Lap 2350m



Medium Lap - 3050m



Large Lap – 3600m

