corporate challenge
TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK

RACE GUIDE

Welcome to the 2026 Corporate Challenge Christchurch! We're back at the Entertainment Triangle in North Hagley Park on Wednesday 4 November for 5km of running, walking and friendly workplace rivalry.

Round up your workmates, enjoy the evening and keep this guide handy. Here's what you need to know before you arrive, on the course and after the finish.

EVENT DATE

4 NOVEMBER
WEDNESDAY 2026

RAIN DATE: THU 5 NOVEMBER

LOCATION

NORTH HAGLEY PARK
Entertainment Triangle
Beside Victoria Lake

RACE DAY SCHEDULE

1:00pm	Venue / packs open
5:30pm	Vehicles off site
5:30pm	Team photos
6:15pm	Mass warm-up
6:20pm	Pack pickup closes
6:25pm	Safety briefing
6:30pm	**RACE START**
7:25pm	Last finishers*
7:25pm	Spot prize check-in
7:30pm	Awards / spot prizes
8:00pm	Event concludes
8:30pm	Site closed

*Approximate finish time.

QUICK LINKS

Course map
christchurch.werun.nz/course/

Venue & parking maps
christchurch.werun.nz/venue/

Live results
christchurch.werun.nz/results/

NEED A HAND?

Before race day, use the contact form on the website. On the day, head to the Race HQ / Crew tents.

DON'T FORGET

Your assigned race number.

Your team photo.

Your bib for the spot prizes.

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RUNNING EVENTS

RACE NUMBERS & T-SHIRTS

Already received your team packs? Give every participant their own assigned race number and t-shirt. The electronic timing tag is attached to the back of the bib.

Collecting on the day / Late registrations and teams of three or fewer collect from the Race HQ / Crew tents between **1pm and 6:20pm**. Courier delivery was available to teams of four or more confirmed by **5pm Wednesday 14 October**.

Packs missing? / Check the tracking email sent to your team manager and contact us through the website. On race day, speak to Race HQ.

Changes or extra team members / Use your Team Dashboard before race day. On the day, come to Race HQ before 6:20pm. Tell us about every substitution so our participant records and team results are correct.

T-shirt swaps / Bring your shirt in its original condition and packaging. We'll do our best, but sizes and spare stock are limited. Safety pins are available at the venue.

GETTING THERE & SETTING UP

Event HQ and the start/finish area are at the **Entertainment Triangle, North Hagley Park**, beside Victoria Lake. Walk over the Armagh Street Bridge and the venue is straight ahead.

BYO tents / Set up from **1pm**. Sites are first come, first served. Keep paths and emergency access clear and follow the crew's directions.

Vehicle drop-off / Access is via the Armagh Street Bridge road towards the Botanic Gardens car park. All vehicles must be **off the field by 4pm sharp.** Vehicle access for collection **reopens at 8pm.**. Access onto the grass depends on weather and ground conditions; one vehicle per team is permitted for unloading.

All vehicles must be off the race site by 4pm. No parking under tree driplines at any time, and no vehicles on the grass during the event. Unload, then park elsewhere.

Rental tents / Pre-booked tents are ready from 1pm, marked with your company name. Your package includes a 3m x 3m gazebo with three walls, a trestle table and seating for four.

Parking & BBQs / The Botanic Gardens car park fills early. Consider carpooling or parking in the city and walking over. Keep BBQs clear of the grass so they cannot scorch it.

BEFORE YOU START

Team photos / Photos begin at the finish line at **5:30pm**. Listen for announcements and line up as soon as your team is together. Get your photo before the 6:15pm warm-up so you have time to reach the start.

Toilets / Portaloos are shown on the venue map near the southern side of the team tent area. Public toilets are also available near the Botanic Gardens car park and Lake Albert.

Gear drop / An unattended gear drop is beside the Crew tents. Leave your bag there if needed, but take valuables with you or leave them with a team mate. Items are left at your own risk.

Race number / Wear your assigned bib on the front of your top. Do not swap numbers without telling Race HQ. Avoid folding or crumpling the timing tag.

Before you line up / Finish any registration changes or pack collection by **6:20pm**. Be at the start for the **6:25pm compulsory safety briefing**. The race starts at **6:30pm**.

Keep your bib after the finish so you can register for the spot prize draw. Listen for instructions around 7:25pm.

STARTING YOUR 5K

Warm-up / Join the mass warm-up at the main stage at **6:15pm**, then make your way to the start.

Briefing / Listen to the compulsory safety briefing at **6:25pm** and follow the crew's instructions. We start together at **6:30pm**.

Start position / Keen runners towards the front; slower runners and walkers towards the back. Give everyone room to get moving.

DURING THE RACE

The **5km figure-of-eight course** stays entirely within North Hagley Park, with no road crossings. The start and finish are at the Entertainment Triangle.

Follow the course / The western loop passes Victoria Lake and heads towards Deans Avenue, returning beside the golf course. Bear left for the eastern loop towards Harper Avenue. Complete the short out-and-back, then follow the Avon River back to the finish.

Share the paths / Look for course arrows, kilometre markers and marshals. Keep left where practical, leave room for others to pass and be courteous to pedestrians and other park users.

Timing & results / Scan your bib's QR code or visit the Results page. Online individual results show net (chip) time. Individual awards and team scoring use gun time, measured from the starting signal.

Time limit / Allow up to one hour for the course. Final finishers are expected around 7:25pm, with the awards beginning at 7:30pm. Follow any instructions from the marshals.

WHEN YOU FINISH

Refuel / Head to the refuelling tents just beyond the finish for water, sports drink and a banana. Please take one banana per participant.

Find your team / Regroup at your tent, compare your runs and cheer in your workmates. Leave space around the finish for those still coming through.

Spot prizes / Registration starts at approximately **7:25pm**. Keep your bib with you, listen for the PA instructions and make sure you register. You must be present to win.

Awards / The ceremony begins at **7:30pm**. Trophies recognise the top individuals, CEOs and male and female teams, including industry categories. Team times are the combined gun times of the top three eligible finishers of each sex; friends and family do not count towards team scores.

Pack-down / The evening concludes at **8pm** and the site closes at **8:30pm**. Vehicle collection starts from 8pm, subject to crew directions. Take rubbish with you or use the recycling points.

KEEPING SAFE

Stay aware / Watch for uneven surfaces, obstacles and other park users. Follow marshal and crew instructions, and keep access routes clear.

Someone needs help? / Stay with them and ask another person to alert the nearest marshal or crew member. Medical staff are based at the finish area; their location is shown on the venue map.

Feeling unwell / If you have cold, flu or other infectious symptoms, please stay home. If you feel unwell during the event or at the finish, tell the crew and seek medical help.

Crowds / Start towards the back if you'd prefer more space. Your personal net time is measured from when you cross the start timing mats.

Life-threatening emergency: call 111. Alert the nearest marshal or event crew as well.