



Irish National Cyclo-cross Championships 2017 Spectator Guide (v1b)

This is the spectator guide to the 2017 Irish National Cyclo-cross Championships which will be hosted by Dromara Cycling Club at Tollymore Forest Park.



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Race date

The race will take place on Sunday 8 January 2017.

Venue location

The venue will be Tollymore Forest Park, Bryansford Road, Newcastle County Down, Northern Ireland BT33 0PW. Sat nav. co-ordinates: 54.225251, -5.934250
Map link: <http://bit.ly/1QXhY0Z>

Parking arrangements

All event attendees must enter the forest through the main gate. The forest has ample car park spaces on wide tarmac areas. They are marked on the event map.

Race schedule (including practice times)

Sunday 8 January 2017

From	Event	Until	Practice time
09:00	Course open for practice	10:00	60 minutes
10:00	Riders called up to start grid & course cleared	10:15	
10:15	M40 men's start time	45-55 minute race	
10:16	M50 men's start time	45-55 minute race	
11:15	Course clear and open for practice	12:00	45 minutes
12:00	Riders called up to start grid & course cleared	12:15	
12:15	Junior's start time	40-50 minute race	
12:16	Women's start time	40-50 minute race	
12:17	M60 men's start time	40-50 minute race	
13:15	Course clear and open for practice	13:45	30 minutes
13:45	Riders called up to start grid & course cleared	14:00	
14:00	Senior men's start time	50-60 minute race	

Podium

The podium presentations will take place near the start/finish area. The first three of every category have to present themselves for the award ceremony as soon as the last rider has crossed the finish line in their race. The ceremony should not take more than 10 minutes.

Opening times to venue

The venue will be open from 8:30 am on Sunday 8 January 2017.

Spectator access and information

Spectators will be allowed to stand outside the course along any point. Access to the lower fields is across grass field number 2 (See map below). Spectators are restricted from using the tarmac road to gain access to the lower fields. No spectators will be allowed into the pit area. It is recommended that all spectators wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

Marshals

Spectators are asked to show respect to all personnel involved with the event. They are all volunteers and are there to ensure the safety of you and the riders. There will be marshals in place to control pedestrian access at the crossing points. All spectators are asked to obey instructions from the marshals.

Transport links

For bus links to Newcastle see www.translink.co.uk.

Emergency evacuation location

In the event of an emergency all riders, spectators and organisers should gather at the forest ranger's hut near the car parks and await further instruction.

Litter – use of bins

Riders and spectators are asked to use the bins provided on site or to take their rubbish home.

Catering arrangements

A chip van will be on site in front of the scout changing building. A tea & coffee van will be available beside the pit area (Field 3).

Description of the course

The circuit is approximately 2.8km long and the number of laps will be communicated by finish judge after the second passing over the finish line. The map below shows the entrance and exit to the forest park, the location of the car parks and the event fields.



The majority of the course is located within four event fields.

Field 1: Monument field – this is the location of the starting grid and finish line.

Field 2: Scout field number 1 – a small grass field beside the scout changing area.

Field 3: Scout field number 2 – location of the double pit and VIP parking.

Field 4: The lowest field with access in and out through a newly created hole in the dividing fence back into Field 3

The two scout fields are connected by a short section of forest in which riders will have to negotiate a route between the trees.

Connection from Field 3 to Field 1 is via the tarmac road (190 metres long). The road climbs up towards the scout camp changing area before turning left into a newly cut section through the forest.

Toilet facilities

There are toilets on site in the car park as well as beside the course in the scout camp facilities. See map for details.

The map below shows the location of the toilet facilities in relation to the car parks and the start/finish field (Field 1).

