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Palmer Park Velo are running a circuit race at Dalton Barracks on Saturday 3rd November 2018.

Location

The venue is Abingdon Airfield, Dalton Barracks, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX13 6JQ.

Entry to the venue is off Barrow Road. Please note, entry to the Circuit and Race HQ is NOT possible through the Dalton Barracks entrance on Cholswell/Long Tow Road.

Facilities

The building used for sign-on has toilets, and tea/coffee are on sale. Car parking is on the large concrete area south of the sign-on hut. There is plenty of room for parking, but as there are adult races happening at the venue in the morning, please park considerately.

Before racing

Gear check

Please ensure your bike is in the correct gear for your age category. Gear checks will take place outside of the sign-on hut, and you must be gear checked before you sign-on.

Sign-on

Sign-on will take place in the single storey building next to the parking area. Please remember your race license.

Number

You will be given a number at sign-on to pin to the back of your jersey. Numbers to be placed on the right please.

We must be able to see your number to help with judging. If we cannot see your number we might not be able to place you!

Transponders

We are using transponders at this event to help with placing riders. Please collect your transponder at sign-on, and return it after you have finished your race. You will need to leave your BC race license when collecting your transponder (as a deposit).

Warm-up and sighting laps

We suggest roller warm-ups are either done in the car park (please keep out of the way of people arriving), or in the area marked on the map in this document. Rollers are not allowed on the circuit, or in the grass area in the middle. Do not bring your rollers to the start/finish area.



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We have allocated two small slots for sighting laps between the U8/U10 & U12 race, and between the U12 & U14/U16 race. Riders will be allowed to access the circuit once all the riders have finished their race, and only when the course marshals say so. Please do not attempt to ride the circuit when a race is on. If you are caught doing so, you will not be allowed to start your race.

Sighting laps are not a replacement for a warm-up. They are there to allow you to get a feel for the circuit, the surface and corners. Warm-ups should be done on rollers/turbo, or away from the circuit.

Race format

U14 and U16s will be racing on the circuit at the same time, but you will be set off in waves. Please remember you are only racing riders from your own category, and we will split the results at the end.

All races will be time-based and you will get the lap board with 5 (approx) laps to go, and then the bell. Once you pass the finish flag your race is finished, even if you have been lapped.

All riders should report to the start line in plenty of time, so racing is not held up. We have a tight schedule and want to run the races to time.

Timetable

The event timetable is as follows:

8.15am

Gear check and sign-on opens

8.30am

Circuit open for sighting laps

9.15am

U8/U10 race (approx 20min race)

9.35am approx, circuit open for sighting laps

9.45am

U12 race (approx 30min race)

10.15am approx, circuit open for sighting laps

10.30am

U14 and U16 race (approx 45min race)

The circuit

There are three circuits at Abingdon Airfield, all used extensively for adult crit racing throughout the year. For this event we are using the bottom circuit (marked on the map below), with the adults racing on the top circuit. The adult races are completely separate from the youths, and do not use the same parts of the circuit.

The circuit is run clockwise, with the start/finish line (marked on the map) on the far side. To enter the circuit after a race has finished, please gather at the

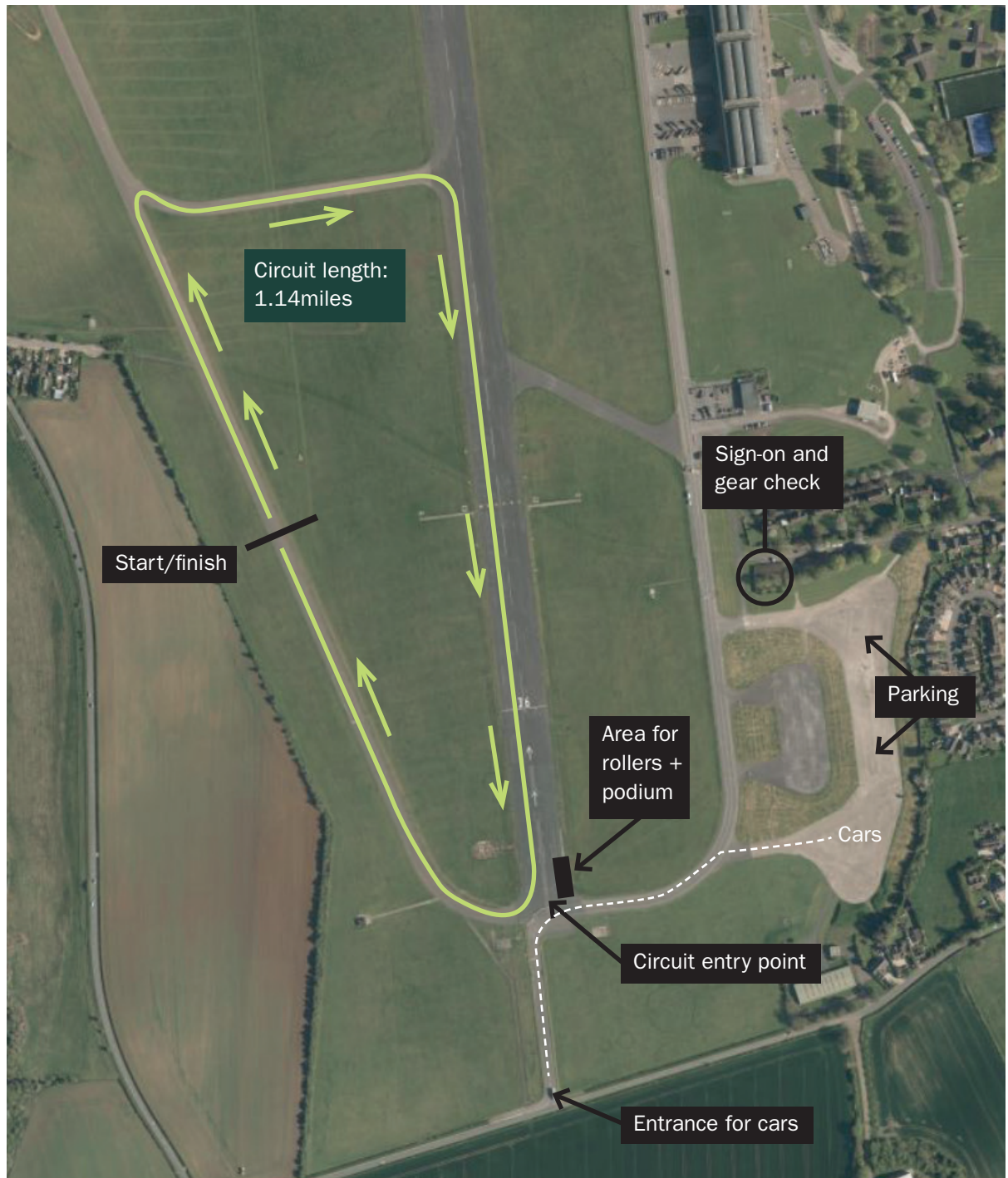
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assembly point. The marshal will let you enter the circuit for sighting laps or race start, when it is safe to do so.

All riders must stay between the edge of the circuit and any cones, at all times. On the main runway, we are only using half of the width. Riders must not go over the coned line, otherwise they risk a DQ. This is for safety reasons.

A video of the circuit is available at https://youtu.be/gv5y3GqYW_s



Finally, thank you for entering and we hope you have a fantastic time on Saturday. Remember, racing is about doing your best and not where you place. Enjoy yourselves!