



## MISSED RACES POLICY

Orion Harriers pays the entry fee for any member who wishes to race in championship races such as the Nationals, Southern and County Champs (**“Championship Race”**). These fees currently range from £6-£10 per athlete but are expected to rise significantly in the coming years. The Club acknowledges that there will be situations where a member is unavoidably unable to compete on the day. In other situations, however, it is unfair to those who do turn up, and a waste of the Club’s money, if a member fails to show up without a good reason. With that in mind, this policy has been drawn up to strike a fair balance and to remind members of the importance of honouring their commitment to race.

1. A member who fails to show up for a Championship Race may be asked to explain their absence.
2. If the member is unable to show an Acceptable Reason for not competing, they will be requested to refund the entry fee to the Club (by bank transfer) as soon as reasonably possible.
3. An **Acceptable Reason** is any reason that, in the Honorary Secretary’s reasonable opinion, justifies the member from not competing. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the following: injury, illness, travel disruption or family bereavement.
4. If a member does not reimburse the entry fee, and then misses a subsequent Championship Race, again for a reason that is not an Acceptable Reason and again fails to reimburse the entry fee, the Honorary Secretary may elect not to enter that member for any or all future Championship Races until the member has reimbursed the fee(s) due.
5. If the member feels that they have not been treated fairly in the application of this policy, they may appeal, within seven days of being notified of the Honorary Secretary’s decision, to the Club Captain, who may, if (s)he feels it necessary to do so, discuss the matter with the Club Committee, and whose decision will be final.

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