



THE BEAST 2019 – Newsletter

(26/05/2019)



Event Schedule

Please take note of the timings in the previous newsletter (17/5/19). It is very important teams arrive early at 12:00pm or close to it, in order to sort accommodation, bikes and equipment prior to registration.

Race Schematic

There are 18 stages in the event. This includes five (5) looped trekking/orienteering stages whereby teams will return to the same Transition Area giving a total of 12 different Transition Areas. Clearly a lot of time could be lost in transitions. We hope that teams will arrive packed as a team as best as possible on Thursday.

Food

Teams should arrive with all food prepared. Although there is a supermarket in Coleraine, driving in/out of the university will incur extra charges. See 'Parking' below. We will arrange to bring overseas teams to the supermarket.

Bags

Each team is required to bring four (4) kit bags which will be labelled A, B, C and D. Teams will be issued with two (2) netted wet bags – one for buoyancy aids and one for wetsuits. Take careful note of which bags will be available at each Transition Area. There is one TA which will have no bags or facilities available.

Parking

Car Park 2 is reserved for Beast Parking. Refer to the downloadable map on the website. <http://thebeast.ie/press-releases-event-updates/>

The Car park 2 is the large car park adjacent to the Crannagh Village and there is a £3.00 daily charge please check out the car park management web page <https://www.ulster.ac.uk/carparks> for tariffs etc.

Accommodation

Keys need to be collected from the accommodation office from 12:00pm. This is your responsibility. University staff will sign keys out and show the competitors to their rooms. All keys must be returned to the Office on the Monday morning. Any keys that are not returned will be charged £30.00 for replacement.

Each room will have 2 bath towels, for the 2 days that you are staying and will not be replaced. If replacements are required for each individual room there will be an extra cost incurred for servicing and laundry. Please be advised all shower curtains are should be closed and all showers turned off tightly to prevent water leakage on to the en-suite floor.

Teams can prepare their kit bags in their rooms but NOT their bikes. Under no circumstances will bikes be taken into the accommodation – they will be prepared and stored in the Sports Pavilion.

Prologue

The purpose of the prologue is to create a starting order for the teams for Stage 1. In order to protect the start location, there cannot be a mass start. As such, the order in which teams finish the prologue will be the starting order for the race at Stage 1. There will be a 1-minute interval between teams. Essentially the team that wins the prologue will have a 10-minute (10 x 1-minute) advantage over the team that finishes last. Wetsuits and buoyancy aids will be provided. You will need a good pair of footwear.