

FINAL RACE INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for entering the 40th ANNUAL JUNCTION BROADSTONE ¼ MARATHON ROAD RACE on 1st JANUARY 2026, 10:30 am. Please assemble in the start area **no later than 10.15**

There will be a **very minimal race briefing on the day** so **please read these instructions carefully.**

Please check your details are accurately listed on the entry list shown on the web page at [Broadstone Quarter Marathon - Poole Runners](#). If there are any errors or omissions, please immediately contact Penny Jarvis on penny.jarvis29@btinternet.com

Race Headquarters: Administration will be in the main sports hall, ground floor of "The Junction" (formerly called Broadstone Leisure Centre), Station Approach, Broadstone, BH18 8AX. It will be signposted. **Please leave the hall as soon as you have collected your number to reduce congestion in the entrance and hallway of the centre.** For anyone who wishes to collect their number before the day, you will be able to do this **between 10.30 and 12 noon on New Year's Eve.**

Car Parking: Please park in the **public car park** located in Kirkway/Story Lane (accessed via Ridgeway). Please do **NOT** use the car park at The Junction Sports centre. Parking for two hours is £1.90 and £4.40 for up to four hours in Story Lane. Pay by phone parking is provided by Ring Go or you can use card or cash to pay. There are no special Bank Holiday reduced rates.

Race Numbers: **For your safety, please ensure the details on the reverse of your race number are completed.** Your race number will be available from race HQ from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. on race day as well as the New Year's Eve times above. Please attach this number to the **front** of your vest or T-shirt and ensure it is **visible at all times**. Please write an emergency contact number on the reverse, along with details of any medication you are taking.

Please note that in order to comply with UK Athletics rules you must **not** fold your number. Race Referees can, and do, disqualify runners who do so. Race Numbers must be worn only by the runner to whom they have been issued. They are NOT transferable in any circumstances unless this is done via the formal transfer process. This must be done before midnight on 29th December by visiting <https://poolerunningevents.co.uk/the-junction-broadstone-1-4-marathon-transfer-request-form/>

Changing: Please come changed, ready to run if possible. Local runners are advised to change before setting out. There are limited changing facilities in the Sports Centre. Please do not leave any baggage in the changing area. Please either leave it in your car or in the bag drop within the main hall at your own risk. **Please tag your bag with your race number if you wish to do this.**

Toilet Facilities: Toilets are available at The Junction Sports Centre. Please do not leave any baggage in the toilets and leave the area as quickly as possible to reduce overcrowding.

Race Start: Is on the Broadway, just before the York Road junction, outside 29029, opposite the Methodist Church. Please exit the Sports Centre and cross the roundabout via the pedestrian crossing or underpass. **DO NOT** block the Broadway whilst warming up. Please assemble in the paved area adjacent to the start in your estimated finishing position and **only move onto the road when asked to by the starter or race officials.** The road will be open to traffic until 10.25 so **there is a serious risk of collision if runners step into the road. Please show consideration to pedestrians using the local shops – and to cars. They hurt if they hit you!**

Timing and Race Positions: Although chip times will be available to all runners wearing their race bib who cross the start and finish line, **race positions and prize winners will be determined by gun times and not chip times.**

Course: Please only use the pavements. Mile markers will be in place, accurate to +/- 5 metres – SEAA Course Assessment Certificate South 17/364. Race licence: 2026-30105. All major junctions will be marshalled. You must comply with directions given by police or race officials, but your safety is your own responsibility. **You MUST cross roads ONLY at the official appointed crossing points.** Cut off time is 90 minutes

Safety: There may be additional hazards on the course. There may be collections of wet leaves on the path, the most dangerous of which are on the hill as you go down Lower Blandford Road. Please take care on these as they can be very slippery and can hide sticks and other trip hazards underneath. The weather is forecast to be light and above freezing with a gentle breeze so it should be ideal running conditions. Please take care and avoid running on the road or too close to it on the pavement.

Race officials will remain at the finish until the last runner has completed the course. Please **only use the pavement and do not run in the road or cycle lanes.** You are not a car or a bike so please don't pretend to be one! Due to the nature of the course, this event is unsuitable for wheelchairs, buggies or dogs. You need to be able to hear instructions from our marshals so **NO HEADPHONES OF ANY TYPE ARE ALLOWED.**

Water: There is a water station on the left on The Broadway just before you pass the shops, which you will pass at approximately 3.5 miles. Water will also be available at the finish.

Prizes (Junction Quarter Marathon): You do not need to register or declare teams; this will be done automatically. An individual will be awarded any prizes to which they are entitled, i.e., if a Male Vet 40 is 2nd overall and 1st Vet in his category, he will win both prizes. Vets are awarded only prizes in the category they have entered, i.e., if you enter as a V50 you will not be considered for a V40 award. Prizes for first two finishers (male & female) then first over 40, first over 50, over 60 and over 70 (both male & female) and first under 20 male and female.

For team awards, the first three runners will score, with the lowest combined placings winning the team prize. Vets count as seniors for the team. The team event is only open to athletes who are 1st claim members of an EA affiliated Running Club.

Race Results: Will be displayed at race HQ as soon as possible chip times will be available immediately after the race on Timing Monkey at www.timingmonkey.co.uk/results-list A full set of results will be published on [Broadstone Quarter Marathon - Poole Runners](#) on the evening of the race

Full instructions, previous results and a route map can also be found on the Poole Runners web site <http://poolerunners.co.uk/broadstone-quarter/>

Prize giving: The prizegiving for this race will be in **the bar on the first floor of the Sports Centre.** We hope to start at 12:15. Please try and stay for this annual ceremony. **Hot and cold food and drinks will be available from the café at The Junction.** A sausage, bacon or vegetarian bap will be on sale for £7.50 including a hot drink.

We are collecting donations for Corfe Mullen Food Bank in the Main Hall of Sports Centre so if you can spare any items, please bring them along and drop them there. Thank you.

We look forward to welcoming you on Thursday and hope that you enjoy the race. Happy New Year! Penny Jarvis - **Broadstone 1/4 Race Director**



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