

DAR Final briefing notes

Welcome to Dingle Adventure Race - 8th June 2019. We are looking forward to a great weekend in Dingle again for the 10th year of DAR. Please do not phone/email DAR with questions until you have read these briefing notes!!

The weather forecast looks very good at the moment, sunny with showers with light winds and temperature of 12 to 15 degrees so it looks like the kayaking will go ahead this year. We will have **Mícheál Ó Muircheartaigh starting you off on your adventure of West Kerry.**

Any extra important info will be posted in the next few days to the Dingle Adventure Race Facebook page.

1. Registration

Registration is at the Dingle Marina. This is across the road from Oceanworld Aquarium – the same place as the Start/Finish. (Long white building with sailboats next to it)

Main sign in will be open from 16.00 till 22.30 on Friday.

Final sign-in Saturday morning will open at 07.00. Sign in before 07.30 for DAR Full, before 08.00 for DAR Sport and before 08.30 for DAR Mini. Please sign in on Friday if at all possible.

You will receive your DAR cycling jersey, timing chip and your pack with race number, safety pins and sticker for your bike at registration. Please place the bike sticker on the top tube of your bike so it is visible. At registration, you will find your name in alphabetical order on the main list. Your race number will be next to it. (A €30 charge be incurred for any lost timing chips or any not handed back. If you collect your timing chip and do not compete then it must be handed back). You can collect race numbers for friends/others as long as you have their name and know which course they are registered for.

No bike drop off on Friday – bikes can only be dropped off on Saturday morning.

Full course competitors must arrive on bikes on Saturday morning at 08.15.

2. Mandatory kit

Mandatory kit will be checked for All Courses. Penalties will apply or you may not be allowed race if any items are missing.

Mandatory kit for Full & Sport Courses

Small backpack/bumbag or fit all items in jersey pockets

Windproof/ waterproof top/jacket

long sleeved layer

Small First Aid kit (min; 1 X Dressing pad, bandage, plasters)

Drink bottle

Energy Bars/Food

Hat/buff

Whistle

helmet for cycle

Mandatory kit for Mini

Small backpack/bumbag or fit all items in jersey pockets

Windproof/ waterproof top

Small First Aid kit (min; 1 X Dressing pad, bandage, plasters), Drink bottle.

helmet for cycle

All Competitors: Race numbers to be visible and worn at the front.

3. Mini & Sport Transitions and bike drop offs

Located 1km from Dingle at Inver Daybreak Petrol station.

Please note it is a different location to the last few years. It is 200m past the Dingle Distillery. Follow signs from the marina.

Mini & Sport Transition opens at 07.30. Bikes can be racked anywhere on mini/sport rack allocated area on a first come first served basis. **All bikes must be in transition area by 08.50 sharp otherwise you might not be allowed to race.**

Mini/Sport Transition is at Inver Daybreak Petrol Station, which is 200 metres up the road from Dingle Distillery/Milltown bridge. Follow signs from Start/Finish area. It is best to cycle out and walk back. You can also park at the Inver Daybreak Petrol station while dropping bike off – max. stay 10 minutes. Transition will be a one way system during the race so all competitors will run around the back of transition area first before leaving with their bikes. Same on return.

- No cycling in transition area.
- On leaving transition, you may only mount your bike when on the road.
- On returning after cycle, you must dismount bike before walking across the road with your bike. We will be very strict on this for safety - if you do not do as marshals instruct you to, we will have no choice but to take your number and disqualify you.

Strictly no cars to be left in this area.

4. Morning of Race

Parking

Car Parking is free along streets in Dingle. We suggest that you park anywhere along street and cycle to the start. The only Pay and Display car parks are the 2 large Car parks near Start/Finish and the one near the back of Supervalu. It is best to park campervans near GAA pitch which on the right as you come into Dingle from Lispolie. No illegal parking. No parking near transition areas.

Mini and Sport competitors must drop their bikes to Bike transition prior to the race.

DAR Full notes

DAR Full bikes must be at the start area for 08.30 and ready to go.

08.30-08.45: Kit check and check dibbers/timing chips.

08.45: Race briefing at Start.

No bike drop off on Friday. The mandatory kit will be checked. Penalties will apply for any missing kit.

There will be a rolling start through town. The race begins at the start of the Conor Pass. The road is officially closed from 2 junctions from 09.00-10.30. Take care on the descent of Conor Pass as there are a few tricky bends, especially when you come in the through first trees. You must dismount your bike before entering the transition at Cloghane and rack your bike (your bike will be brought back to Dingle and should be there for 1pm, your helmet and shoes must be clipped to your bike). Water is available in 5 litre drums if required, also toilet behind the pub if required. Make sure you take enough water for Mt Brandon. When running up Brandon please make sure to open and close all gates behind you. Take care with loose rocks on the steep slope. Take extreme caution on the descent - you must follow the white post track. Water is available again after the Mt Brandon descent.

Nobody can collect your bike for you unless they have your race number. Bike stickers are in your registration pack - make sure to put it on the top tube of your bike so that your bike is in the right place when you come back to Dingle. Strictly no drop off of equipment to transition areas is permitted. Time penalty or disqualification will be applied to any competitor found dropping anything off. All equipment must be carried with you for the entire race (only exception is while kayaking). Please collect your bike at finish before 3.30pm.

Cut-offs for Full Course

Must be out of Cloghane transition by 11.30am

Must be at top of Mt Brandon by 2.30pm

No more kayaking after 4.00pm

DAR Sport notes

Competitors start at the Marina, run to kayak section, kayak 1km and then run to the bike transition. Strictly no cycling allowed in transitions.

The cycle is around the stunning Slea Head. Please note that the road will not be closed. You could meet tractors, buses or even sheep! Rules of the road apply. Near the crucifix, there is a stream that goes over the road. It is best to cross on the right side of the road where there is concrete. Some people may choose to walk the short steep uphill section near the transition to Mount Eagle. Run up and down Mt Eagle by following track (no detours or short cuts). Timing chip on the summit. There is a short boggy section halfway along the track.

You can win DAR Sport from any wave. Eg. If you were to come 10th in Wave 1 there could be 10 faster than you in waves 2,3,5 and you would end up in 20th position.

Cut offs Sport Course

Must be at top of Mt Eagle by 1.30

Mt Eagle transition will close by 3pm.

Must finish by 4pm.

Competitors in a waves must be ready at start area 30 minutes before start time. It may be earlier starts if kayak is cancelled due to weather conditions.

Sport Wave 1 09.00 start 09.05. Be at start area 08.35. Race Numbers 400-519

Sport Wave 2 09.15 start 09.20. Be at start area 08.50. Race Numbers 520-639

Sport Wave 3 09.30 start 09.35. Be at start area 09.05. Race Numbers 640-759

Sport Wave 4 09.45 start 09.50. Be at start area 09.20. Race Numbers 760-879

Sport Wave 5 10.00 start 10.05. Be at start area 09.35. Race Numbers 880-999

Kayaking

DAR Sport & Mini Course is a 1km triangle. Should take between 9-12 minutes. *Sport & Mini use double sit-on top kayaks ONLY.* Course is 1km, in an anti-clockwise direction around 2 large yellowbuoys. Buoyancy aids will be provided with different sizes available. **MUST BE SECURE** before DAR marshals will allow you proceed to kayak. Paddles provided next to the kayaks. Double up with the person next to you. It is best for the stronger or the bigger person to be in the back. The person in the front should paddle forward and the person in the back can steer or correct kayak by a back paddle stroke. Competitors can not hand pick who they go with, they must go with the person next to them. No Time out allowed. As in previous years competitors are not allowed bring their own single or double kayaks, they must use the doubles provided by DAR. We don't expect many to fall in as these are stable boats, but we will have 2 safety boats on the water. If winds are too strong DAR will cancel the kayak section. If a single person is left at the back of wave a marshal will kayak with you.

DAR Full Course

2km Triangle anti-clockwise direction around all large red and yellow buoys. Buoyancy aids will be provided, with different sizes available. **MUST BE SECURE** before DAR marshals will allow you proceed to kayak. Paddles provided next to kayaks. 45 Single sea kayaks 15/16 foot will be used, but there is an option to use double sit on top kayaks if wind is not great on the day. If it is very windy then DAR will cancel the kayak section. Competitors can bring their own kayak only for DAR full, but we only expect only 5/6 people to do this (drop off to pitch and putt course by 08.00 if bringing your own). The sea kayaks provided are good and fast (if you paddle them right). If there is a wait for the kayaks, a time out box will be used (if windy and DAR is using doubles then you will be timed out until the next competitor arrives to kayak with you).

General rules all courses

Cycling: All competitors must wear a helmet. Rules of the road apply.

It is an Adventure Race. The course is signed but you must pay attention so that you do not go off course. Take care if attaching any shoes to your bike as this can lead to accidents. **Absolutely no litter on any part of the course.** All energy bar and gel wrappers must be put away in your pockets/bag. After water stations you may drop

plastic cups with 10-20 meters. There will be water at all transitions. Please help other competitors if required. If you see someone injured you must tell next marshal you see. Respect the marshals - they are there for your safety.

At The Finish

Please collect your bike as soon as possible after the race as transitions must be taken down.

- All competitors will receive a cold glass of Dick Macs IPA
- There will also be water, soup, bread and fruit at the finish line.
- Each competitor will receive a print out of their results after crossing the finish line and a well earned DAR Medal
- Please collect your bike at Transitions for Sport & Mini, at Finish for Full
- Prize giving and After Party at Dannos pub (opposite tourist office) 8.45pm

Showers and changing facilities are available at the Leisure Centre of Skellig Hotel at a reduced rate of €5 per person for DAR competitors. This includes access to the Jacuzzi, pool and steam room.

Please look at course info on our website for Maps of each course, Mini, Sport, Full

<http://www.dingleadventure.com/race-info/course-info.html>