

Eligibility and Rules of the Daylight Saving Series

Daylight Savings Series Races are open to all:

Each of the 6 races in the Daylight Savings Series (DSS) is open to participation by all Hobson's Bay Running Club (HBRC) members and non-members (participating as guests). It will be publicised to both WAC and WLA in line with encouraging greater exposure to those two clubs plus to the wider recreational running community.

It incorporates less stringent rules of eligibility to those applying to other club events like the Greenwich Cup and Gifts with an aim of encouraging new membership and participation in the club's organised competitions and provides a separate summer competition.

Events in the Series:

The 6 events in the series will be the Spring Gift 1.5km, Phar Lap 2 Miles, Xmas Gift 1.5km, 1km Summer Challenge, February GC 5km, and the Easter Gift 1.5km.

Timing:

Electronic timing is intended to be used at all races in the series.

Handicapping and Eligibility:

All events will be conducted as handicap events so anyone can win irrespective of their running ability.

To win or place in the series you must be a Hobson Bay Running Club (HBRC) member. A member is deemed to be one who is a current financially paid up member.

Existing HBRC members who participate in the DSS will be handicapped for each race and will be required to have competed in at least one club event (any club event at any distance) in the previous 12 months prior to the first race in the series to be eligible for maximum points in any event in the current series. A lapse of more than 12 months (as defined above) will result in the member

being awarded 5 points only in their first participation in the current series. Thereafter they are eligible for maximum points when they participate in any of the following DSS events. Virtual events do not count.

If a member returning to competition after a short break is allocated a special one off lenient handicap they will be awarded 5 points only.

HBRC members for whom this is a first participation in any club event will be awarded 5 points.

HBRC members for whom this is a first participation in any club event will be handicapped based on an estimated finish time they provide for that race. Their result in this first participation, plus any subsequent Daylight Savings Series or Greenwich Cup participations will form the basis of their handicap in any of the following events in the series.

Guests can enjoy competing in any race in the series, meeting the club members in a convivial atmosphere and enjoying the activities and food after the race.

Race Points Scoring, Aggregate Points Score, Event Winner and Placing's:

Points awarded in each race in the series will count down from 15 with 15, 13, 11, 9, 8, 7, 6 points awarded for the first seven placing's and 5 points for all other club member finishers. No bonus points apply to races in this competition.

Club members who fulfil a dedicated volunteer role at a DSS race but don't race will receive 4 points.

A participant's 4 best points scores obtained in any of the 6 races in the series will count towards their final total aggregate point score.

Participants with the highest final total aggregate points score will determine the winner and placing's in the series. There is no

requirement to participate in a minimum number of events to win or place in the Series.

The rule to apply in the event of a tie for the winner or the placing's will be determined by the club executive.

Event Prizes:

Prizes will be awarded to the Daylight Savings Series winner, second and third place getters.

Separate medals (or trophies) will be presented to the winner, second and third place getters of the three 1500m Gifts and the Phar Lap 2 Mile race and a Kenyan Egg awarded to the winner of any Greenwich Cup events included in the Series.

These placing's and prizes are separate to the Daylight Savings Series competition and only open to club members who have fully qualified under the separate eligibility rules applicable to those individual races.

The points awarded in each Daylight Savings Series race are structured so that winning or placing in the series should be wide open to all who participate, until the last race in the series.

Some random prizes may be awarded at series races to guest runners and/or to those for which it is their first race as a club member.

Event Volunteering and Assistance:

No rigid volunteering is required to determine eligibility in the series but everyone is expected to share the helper load and possibly be nominated for a task pre-event (but can still race). A BBQ will be held after each event, except at any Greenwich Cup Handicap event forming part of the Series which will have a post-race morning tea.

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