

#OLDSHOE2022

National Hill Climb Championships

30th October 2022

📍 The Old Shoe, Llangollen, North Wales

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Welcome to the 2022 RTTC National Hill Climb Championships, promoted by Velotik Racing Team and Wrexham Roads Club on behalf of the Liverpool District Council.

This event represents the end of a 3-year project spearheaded by David Williams who had the ambition to not just hold a hill climb on the Old Shoe, but to make it a national championship course.

The organising committee would like to thank all the sponsors and exhibitors for supporting the event, especially during a difficult year for all. Particular thanks goes to headline sponsor DCLegal.co.uk, who have been a driving force in not just sponsoring, but aiding with the organisational effort.

And of course, we would like to thank you, the riders and spectators, for getting behind the event in the fantastic way you have. To have over 400 competitors is incredible and we hope you all enjoy being part of the showdown on the shoe.

Thank you.

2022 National Hill Climb Organising Team

David Williams (Chief Organiser), Ryan Morley (Co-organisier and event day chief), Richard Evans (Co-organisier), David Crawley (Headline sponsor and Co-organisier)



Message From The Organiser

On the 07th October 2018, I stood in Ponderosa Café awaiting the last few times to be passed to me for the remaining riders of the Wrexham RC Horseshoe Pass Hillclimb. As I was waiting, I glanced towards the summit of the Old Shoe and thought to myself what an awesome race that could be, free from traffic and crowds filling the side of the road shouting on the brave souls giving it their all. So, I approached the Liverpool and said I think we should hold the National Hillclimb on this climb, it would be awesome and thought nothing of it. Two years later I had an email saying that the CTT had agreed to award Liverpool District the National Hillclimb Championships in 2022, and then the fun began.

The Old Shoe, what a climb, it's an absolutely relentless hill with its straight progressive start, Cattle Grid and then steep twisty gradients in an amphitheatre surrounding where I'm sure the crowds of supporters will cheer on the competitors to the finish to crown the 2022 National Champions.



So, this is it, welcome to the 2022 National Hillclimb Championships sponsored by DCLegal.co.uk and promoted by Velotik Race Team and Wrexham Roads Club on behalf of the Liverpool District Council.

It's been a monumental effort to get this event up and running and then go that bit further to bring an experience to the race that a CTT event have never seen before. I would like to say a huge thank all the sponsors and Volunteers from our two promoting clubs; Velotik Race Team, and Wrexham Roads Club. Other local teams who will be supporting the event on the day and have supported throughout this project. A special thanks to previous organisers of the National Hillclimb's for advice and support you have given me and the team over the last 18 month's especially Christina and Nick who have been most helpful. A big thanks to the Liverpool District Committee and Helen Tudor for fantastic support and trust in us to run the event.

The Old Horse Pass will be a closed road on the day of the event so I would like to pay a big thanks to the Residents living on the road allowing us run the event and to the Pentredwr Community and Denbighshire County Council for assisting us with this.

And last but certainly not least, the biggest thanks and appreciation to the team that have been around me, supporting me, carrying out endless tasks and advertising, Ryan and Lucy Morley, Richard Evans and David Crawley (co-organisers), without you we wouldn't have got to this stage, and you deserve all the credit for the fantastic event that the Old Shoe 2022 will provide. Thank you guys.

The unfortunate ending of this statement is that I won't be present on the day of the event as it clashed with my holiday to Florida, this has been extremely hard to take, but I've put my wife through enough stress with this event and is deserving of a big holiday after putting up with me for the last 12 months. So, with this in mind, I hope every rider, supporter and volunteer has a magical day and it goes down in History as the Inaugural Old Shoe National Hillclimb 2022.

Thank you

David Williams
Chief Organiser



Event Details

Date: Sunday 30th October 2022

Course: D0/604 – The Old Shoe

Headquarters: Llangollen Pavilion,
Abbey Rd, Llangollen LL20 8SW

Race Organiser: David Williams

Race Director: Ryan Morley
(Race Day Contact 07950393703)



Race Schedule

06:00 – HQ Opens For Exhibitors
07:00 – Sign On Opens
07:30 – Road Closure Starts
08:00 – Sub HQ Opens
09:01 – Men's Race Session 1
11:00 – Mid Session Break
11:30 – Junior Women's Race
11:36 – Junior Men's Race
12:00 – Women's Race
12:45 – Men's Race Session 2
13:20 – Last Rider Starts
14:00 – Road Reopens
14:30 – Signing Out Closes
15:00 – Expo Closes
15:00 – Spot Prize Draw
15:15 – Prize Presentations



Event Information

Spectators

The national hill climb has a reputation for 'robust' support from the assembled crowd. We hope that this year's crowd will be the most vocal and supportive yet! However, can we please ask that spectators do not impede nor run alongside any competitors. Barriers will be placed along the climb for the safety of both riders and spectators. Please to not move or climb on the barriers

Can you also be mindful that we are in sheep country and any litter left behind could be harmful to the animals that graze on the land. The farmer has very kindly agreed to move his sheep off the area around the Old Shoe, can we please thank and respect him by taking all rubbish home with you.

Spectator Parking (Finish)

Spectators may park at the HQ (Llangollen Pavilion) and also at the Poderosa at the top of the climb. Parking at the Ponderosa is limited, so please park respectfully and responsibly

Spectator Parking (Start)

There is **Very Limited** at the sub-HQ in Pentredwr Village Hall. Toilets and Refreshments will be here as well as the competitors bag drop. This is a short walk from the official start.

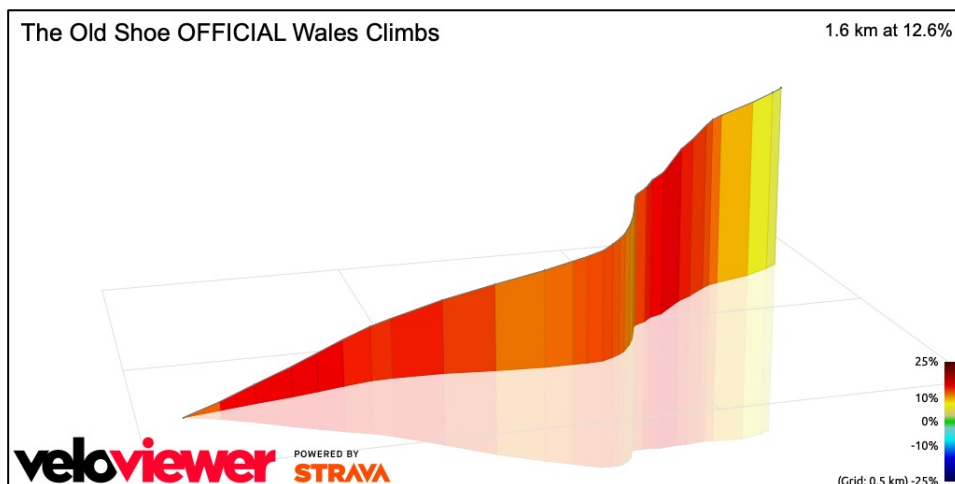
Refreshments

Catering and refreshments will be available in the main HQ throughout the day.

Refreshments are also available at the Poderosasa Café at the top of the climb. Other people may be using the café, so please be respectful. Your conduct will effect the viability of hosting events at the horseshoe pass in the future.



The Old Shoe – D0/604

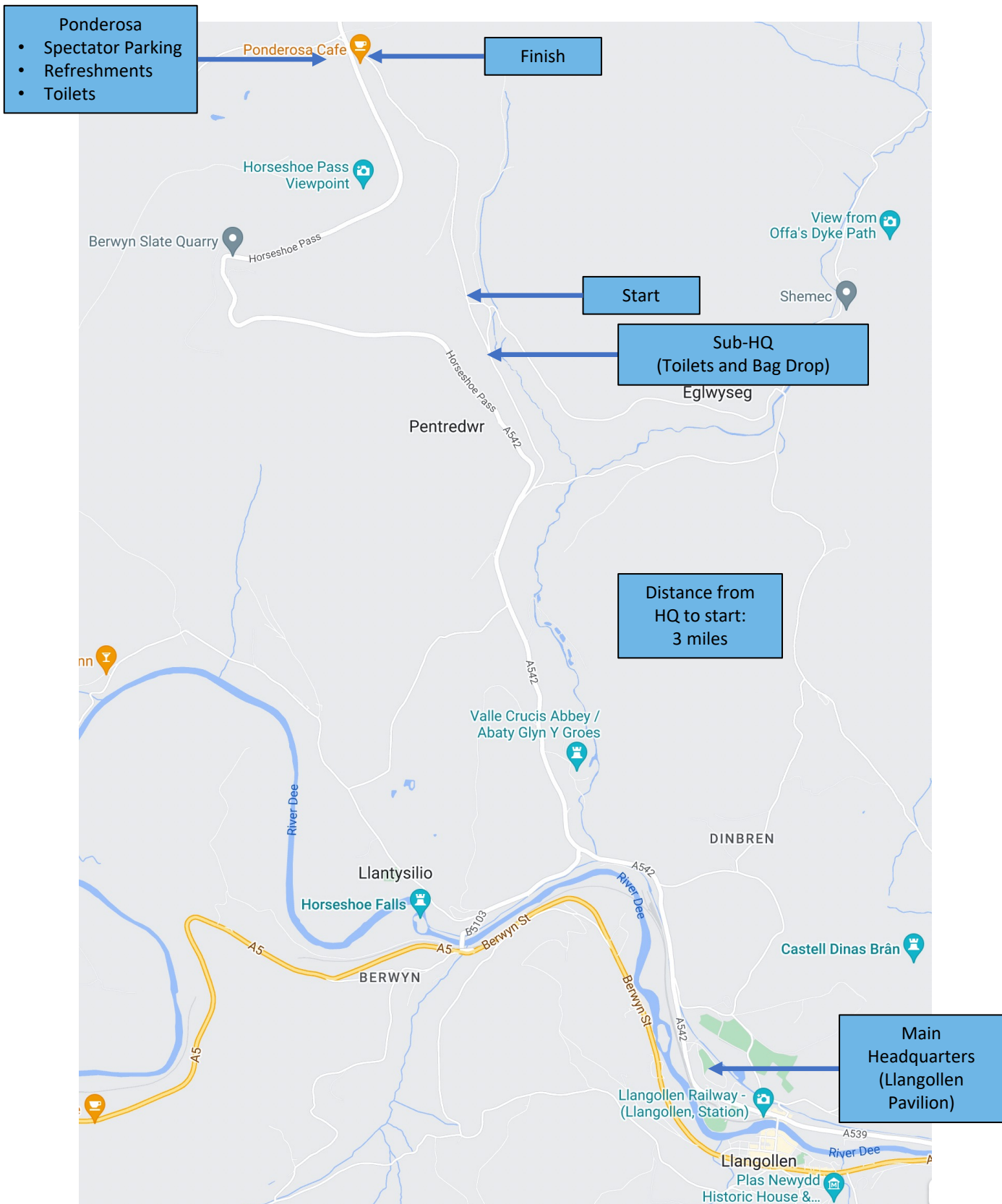


Course Description:

Pentredwr to Poderosa via Old Horseshoe Pass- Course START on unnamed road off the A542 in the village/hamlet of PentreDwr, Llangollen, Wales, LL20 8DN at the National Speed limit signs approach 10 yards after Bus Shelter, wooden bench and salt box, Grid Reference: SJ 19805 46753. Proceed up the unnamed road of the Old Horseshoe Pass, through the tree line, across the Cattel grid at 0.42 miles where it continues to rise for another 0.5 miles uphill for a total of 0.95 miles (1.53km) to FINISH at a white stone, marking the start of the junction to rear entrance of the Ponderosa Café, Grid Reference: SJ 19277 48098.

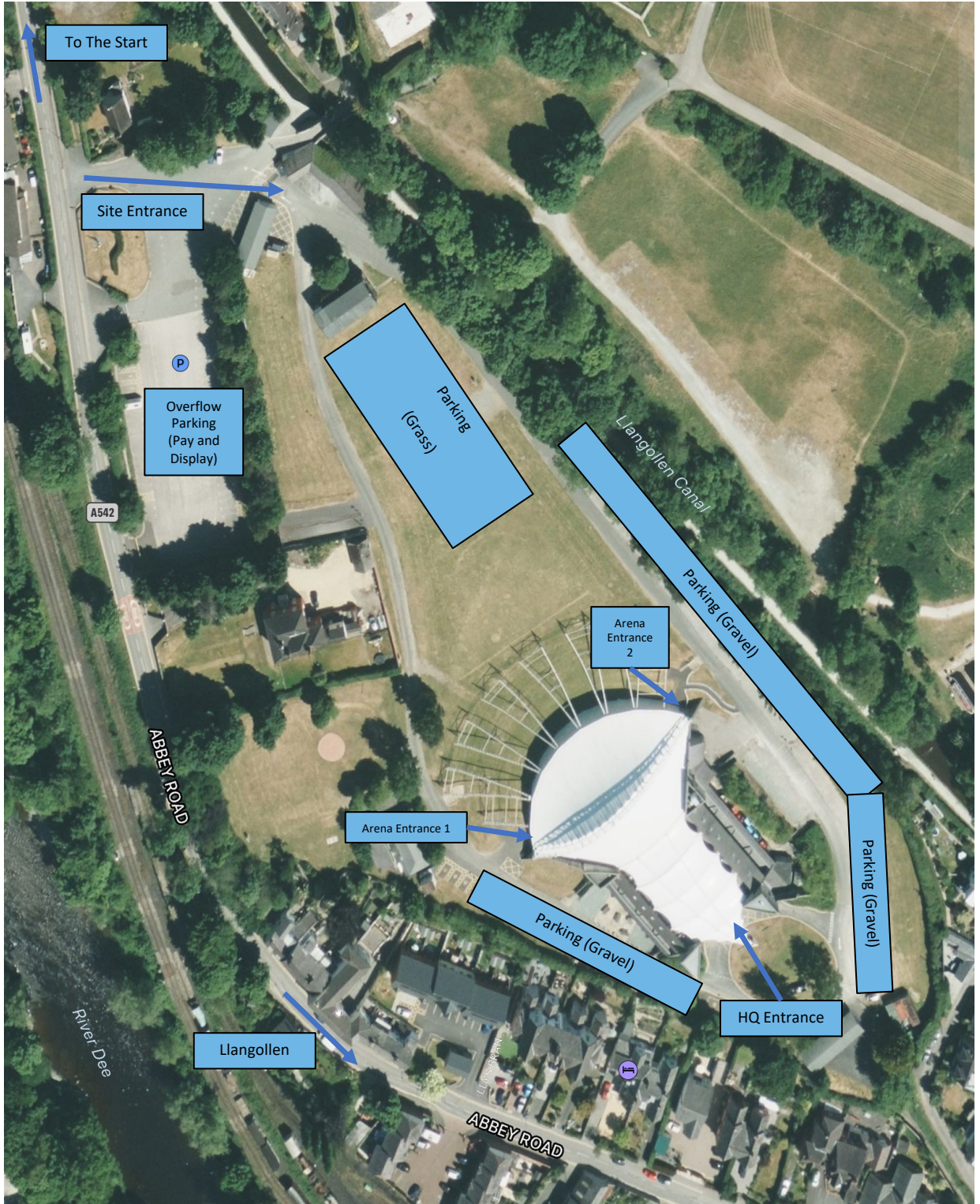


Area Map

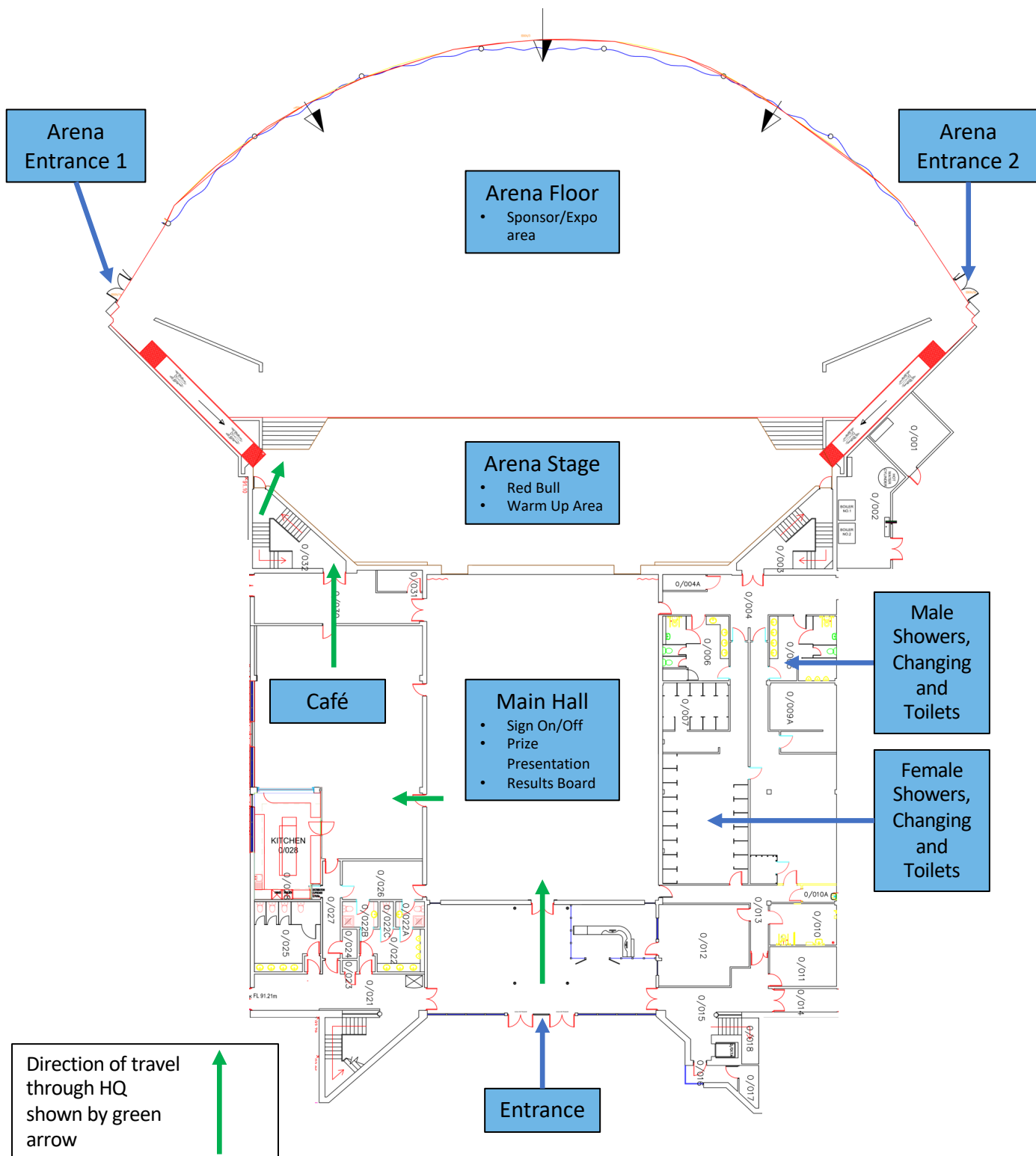


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Event Headquarters



Ponderosa – Finish Line



Bike Expo

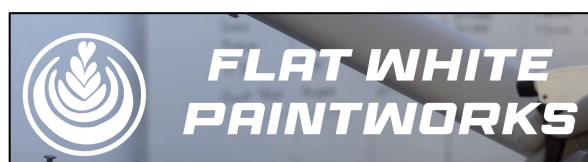
This year we are bringing a new and exciting element to the National HC, by hosting a bike expo. The expo will be located in the HQ arena.

The expo is open to all, and entry is free of charge.

Within the expo there will be stands and displays from lots of brands, including:



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