

2020 SEPTEMBER CHALLENGE TT

SUNDAY TWENTY SEVENTH SEPTEMBER TWENTY TWENTY

Thank you for postponing your season end long enough to enter this late addition to the calendar. Apart from those that haven't raced yet in a blink and you'll miss it 2020 season - in which case, thank you for starting it especially for us. A few things to mention:

HQ

There is none - sign on at the back of a car by the start (first roundabout east of Tranent on the A199). See below re Covid measures. Bring a pen.

RED LIGHTS

Under CTT rules, it is mandatory that riders have a working rear light. Starters will be asked to enforce this. No red light on: no start. Even if you are called Roxanne.

COVID-19

Nothing can happen in 2020 without writing something about the dreaded virus. It is literally the law. So here we go with some preventative measures:

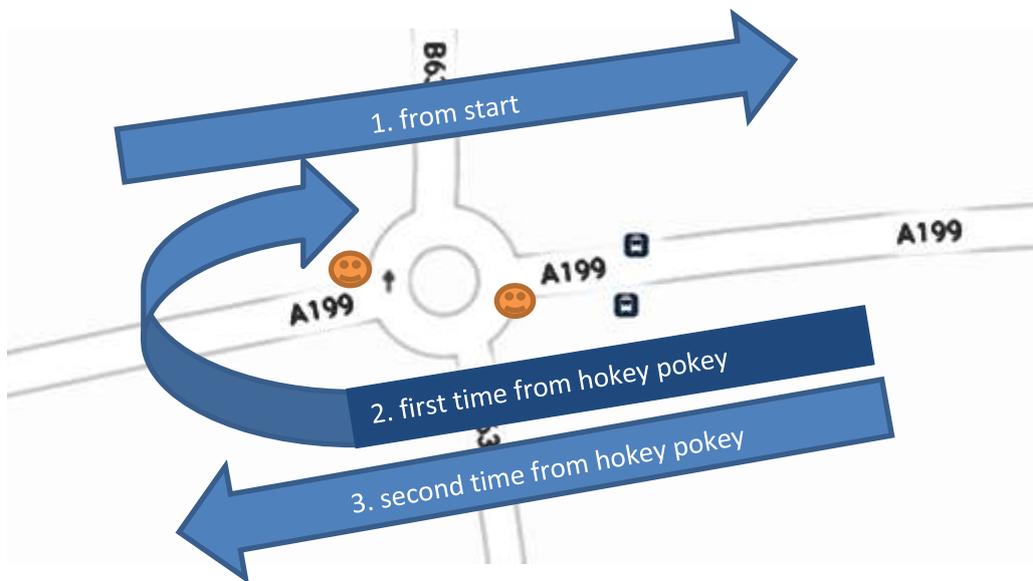
- Please bring your own pen for sign on. The organisers take no responsibility for using others' pens. They might get upset.
- You must keep 2m away from any sentient beings and generally be as anti-social as you can manage. This is mainly at the start/finish, but also when riding. No loitering, no littering.
- Single use numbers will be provided with safety pins that need. Regardless of your result, feel free to keep them as a memento, or throw away in disgust (into the recycling.)
- Disinfectant hand gel will be provided. It contains alcohol, but even so use on your hands and resist the temptation to ingest - you are about to ride a bike after all.
- There is no HQ, no toilets, no push-offs, no chance to chat after, no cakes. Sorry.
- Please don't turn up if you have, or might have, covid or are otherwise ill. We all know the symptoms. We all know the quarantine rules. If not, consult someone more knowledgeable than me. If you feel a bit ropey, you are probably not going to PB anyway...although given it is a 15.5mile time trial, you are actually *very* likely to PB. Even so, stay away.
- If you are shielding it is probably best to stay at home and plan to watch it all unfold on tv. Of course you won't be able to actually watch it on tv, as none of the major channels seem interested, but you can try. We'll post the results online though, so you can let your imagination run wild as to how it pans out - if you think of a lot of riders in ridiculously tight lycra going ridiculously fast, with some slightly faster than others, you won't go far wrong.

THE COURSE

It is a non-standard 15.5 miles long(ish). There are a few roundabouts to negotiate - 7 in total. See below on the tricky bits. The startline is the Northern entry to the first roundabout east of Tranent on the A199. Finish line is about 300m before you get back to the startline, by a farmtrack off to the south of the A199.

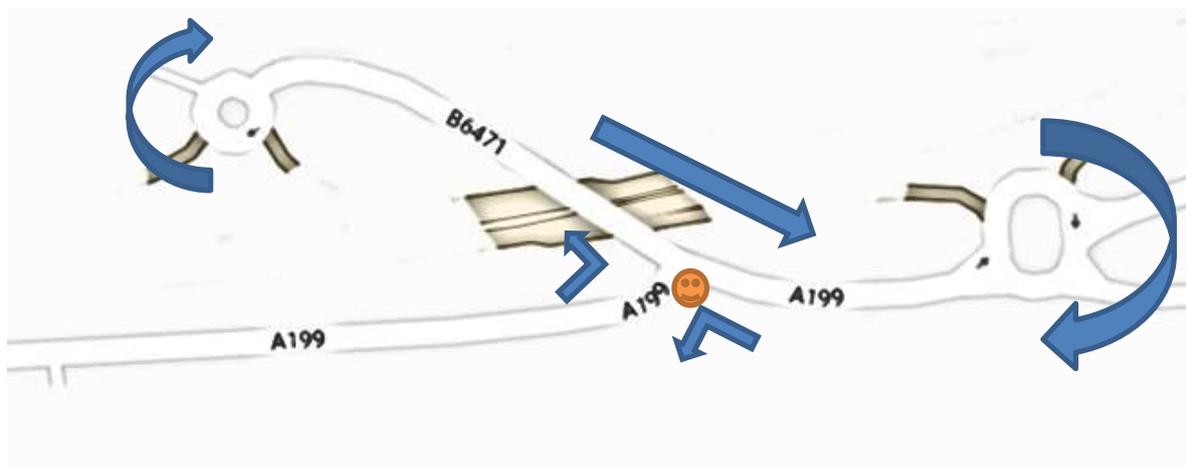
GLADSMUIR ROUNDABOUT

Roundabouts 1, 4 and 7 are the same. But you need to go different ways each time. Please take particular care the first time, as riders on the roundabout may be about to cross your path - you may need to give way to them. You'll know how roundabouts work. If not, probably best to remove your brakes/gears and google "my nearest velodrome". Marshals on the corner (orange smiley faces below) will be asked to report anyone not giving way or otherwise riding like an eejit.



HOKEY POKEY

Roundabouts 2 and 3 (and later 5 and 6) form the notorious "hokey pokey" complex. You do the same thing each time. It is the most technical part of the course and has caused some falls (and directional confusion) in the ERC club 10. Be sensible. Give way to traffic as appropriate. The organiser also requests that you do not try to take the Strava KOM.



COURSE RECORD

This probably stands with some confused cyclist that isn't particularly good at navigation. It is all to play for. We predict it will fall multiple times on Sunday. Unless our first off has been really pessimistic about their predicted 10 PB.

ROAD SURFACE

Is generally good, ever since the council kindly resurfaced most of it for us in early 2019. By us, I mean the population in general, not time-triallists in particular. Watch out for glass if warming up in Tranent: some locals seem unusually clumsy with their glassware.

PRIZES

Overall

1 £30

2 £20

3 £10

First female £20

First road bike £20

(road bike with no clip-ons/aero extensions or disc wheels. TT helmets/skinsuits are allowed.)

First junior/juvenile £20

One rider, one prize. Apparently covid particularly likes banknotes, so you will need to email the organiser your bank details to collect. This isn't a Nigerian lottery-esque scam though. He's fairly trustworthy, honest.

PROBLEMS

Any problems during the event phone 07980510660.