

Aberystwyth prepares for the TV cameras as the Tour Series comes to town

Aberystwyth cyclists will have a unique opportunity to race around the streets of the town in a traffic free environment on Thursday May 26th when the televised Halfords Tour Series cycle race comes to town.

With the main race taking place at 7pm, there are many support events for fun cyclists and serious amateurs to come and race too.

With a host of activity on Marine Terrace from midday onwards, riders can register on the prom for these support races and enter the 1km course from the Pier, where they will line up outside the Old College for the start of their race which navigates Castle Point along the New Promenade and onto Seaview place and Upper Great Darkgate St via St James place, turning left onto Pier Street to complete one lap upon re entering the promenade at the Pier.



Even those not wishing to race are well catered for with expo stands from a host of companies including True Taste Wales who will be offering samples of locally produced food. The Halfords Entertainment Arena will also be located on the prom and will include a host of activities throughout the day for children and adults including:

- MTB VooDoo Bikes Team Stunt Show
- Bike skills session
- Bike Dr Mechanic show
- Bike Dr servicing

The racing starts at 2pm on the circuit which is fully closed to traffic, with full race commentary from the ITV4 media team. Any type of bike will be allowed and you can even get your bike checked out by the Halfords mechanics in the area beforehand to ensure it's in race condition.

Firstly the primary school races take place where years 3 & 4 followed by years 5 & 6 will battle it out before their older counterparts will take part in the Quick Fence Hire sponsored 5x60 challenge. This pits Penglais against Penweddig, Tregaron against Lampeter and Aberaeron against Llandysul and Cardigan.

The Local Traders race, sponsored by Birchgrove Eggs is at 3pm comprising of 20 minutes plus one lap and again this can be entered at the registration tent on Marine Terrace. There is also a team prize here and so it is worth linking up with colleagues to go for this prize. Fancy dress is optional and again there will be prizes awarded for most inspiring costume.

For more serious riders, there are open youth, 4th cat and senior races starting at 3.30pm and these promise to be competitive affairs between Wales' best amateurs along with visitors from further afield.

Time	Details	Class	Distance	Entry Fee
2.00pm.	Year 3 & 4 Local Schools.	Go-Race	1 lap	£Free
2.15pm.	Year 5 & 6 Local Schools	Go-Race	2 laps	£Free
2.30pm.	5x60 Secondary Schools Challenges – Heats	Go-Race		£Free
	A. Penglais v Penweddig.		2 laps	
	B. Tregaron v Lampeter		2 laps	
	C. Aberaeron v Llandysul v Cardigan		2 laps	
	Final - Winner Heats A,B,C		2 laps	£Free
3.00pm.	Local Traders Fun Race.	Go-Race	20mins + 1 lap	£10
3.30pm.	Youth E	Open	2 laps	£5
3.45pm.	Youth C & D	Open	10min + 1 lap	£5
4.05pm.	Youth A & B	Open	20min + 1 lap	£5
4.35pm.	Regional C+ Silver/Day license needed – Day license £5 members/£10 non members)	4th Cat	30min + 1lap	£15
5.15pm.	Aber Seafront Criterium	2/3 Cat	40min + 2 laps	£15
7.00pm.	Tour Series Pro Race	Elite/1/2	1 hr + 5 laps	Invitation

For more details & entry forms, please contact Aberystwyth Cycling Partnership c/o tourseries@ystwythcc.org / www.ystwythcc.org

Pro race info - www.tourseries.co.uk

