

Terms and Conditions – Big Wheel 2021

1. Participants must acknowledge that this event is not a race.
2. Children must be at least 7 years of age to be able to participate in Big Wheel. We advise the minimum age of 14 years old to participate in our 28-mile route.
3. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian over 18 years of age.
4. If we have to cancel the event as a result of COVID-19 you will be offered a full refund or if we are able to postpone the event to a later date in the year, we will do so and your entry fee will be automatically transferred to the new date. However, if you are unable to make this new date, a refund option will also be available.
5. Please note, that if you are unable to take part in the event due to COVID-19 illness or self-isolation your entry fee will not be refundable. In this circumstance, you will have the option to transfer your place to a friend or family member, providing this is in line with the Government guidelines at that current time. This will also be dependent on us receiving their full name, date of birth, mobile number, address, emergency contact name and number and any medical conditions they may have ahead of the event date.
6. All riders accept that they are responsible for their own safety during this event and **MUST** adhere to the UK Government guidelines set at the time of the event in line with COVID-19, hand sanitisation, wearing masks and social distancing where applicable.
7. Each participant, upon registering for the event, agrees they are physically and mentally capable of riding the distance they have chosen and are responsible for their own medical condition. If you are in doubt about your health or have a medical condition that could be affected by this strenuous activity, we kindly ask you to obtain your doctor's approval before participating in the event. If during the event, you decide to change your route and distance, then all consequences of this action are yours.
8. You take part at your own risk and we will not be held liable or responsible for any injuries or illnesses (both COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 related) obtained pre-event, during the event and post-event.
9. Upon registering, you will be asked to provide an emergency contact name and number of someone who has given your permission to share their information and will also be available on the day of the event. This should not be someone participating in the event.
10. Riders have been made aware that we will **NOT be providing plastic water bottles** at this event, instead we will be providing water filling stations, so you **MUST bring your own water bottles with you**.
11. St. Michael's Hospice cannot be held responsible for personal accident, injury, loss or damage occurred during the event. Each participant will be fully responsible for any fees or costs incurred or arising from an accident either involving or caused by the rider to other riders and road users.
12. St. Michael's Hospice does not accept responsibility for the actions of participants.
13. St. Michael's Hospice strongly advises all participants to take out their own insurance to cover themselves for all aspects of this event.
14. All participants must follow the Highway Code when on public roads and pathways. Traffic signals and road signs must also be obeyed.
15. Participants must ensure they ride in single file, but no more than two abreast where necessary.
16. Participants must be considerate to all other participants and non-participants/road users at all times.
17. All route signage must be followed, any participant not following the route is therefore outside of the event and is not the responsibility of the event organisers.
18. Event organisers will close the event service areas and finish at a specified time. Any participant who has not reached the service areas or returned to the event finish by 14.00 is no longer the responsibility of St. Michael's Hospice.
19. Entry fee is non-refundable, excluding COVID related impacts.
20. Participant rider numbers are specific personal identifiers and may not be exchanged with or transferred to any other person under any circumstances. If you do wish to transfer your cyclist number, please contact a member of St. Michael's Hospice fundraising team ahead of event day.
21. Participants must follow instructions as given by the event organisers, marshals, volunteers, or medical personnel throughout the duration of the event. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
22. It is mandatory that all riders wear an approved safety helmet. Any rider not wearing a helmet will not be covered by the event insurance and will be disqualified from the event and could be liable for damages if involved in an accident on that basis.

23. Upon registering for the event, the participant confirms that the bike they are riding for the event and all of their equipment is of a suitable standard for the distance they are cycling.
24. All sponsorship money must be sent to St. Michael's Hospice (North Hampshire) by Friday 24th September 2021.
25. This is a cycling event, and therefore you are not permitted to walk, run, or any other form of transport including but not limited to rollerblades and skateboards.
26. Disabled entries are welcome to take part, although due to the nature of the event we ask you to contact the organisers prior to completing your registration form as the event may not be feasible for people with some disabilities. If the disabled entrant is successful in obtaining a place and requires assistance from another person (or people), their place will be guaranteed.
27. If any participant is unable to complete their Big Wheel route, they must inform a marshal, medical personnel, or contact the Events Team and complete a 'Opt out' form, which can be provided by a marshal, USR support vehicle or from the start/finish at War Memorial Park.
28. The event organisers aim to ensure the commencement of the event, however, should a decision be necessary to postpone, modify or cancel the event, participants are encouraged to check for updates on our website, social media or look out for an official St. Michael's Hospice email.
29. If the weather changes during the event and the event needs to be modified, postponed or cancelled, marshals will be notified immediately. Depending on the situation, participants would then be directed onto an alternative route or advised to go back along the way they came.
30. St. Michael's Hospice is not liable to collect any participant who cannot complete the bike ride.
31. St. Michael's Hospice carries out route checks before the event to assess the conditions on the road. If any potholes or obstructions are found, St. Michael's Hospice contact Highways to notify them. It is then the responsibility of Highways to repair where needed.
32. Alcohol and drugs are **NOT** permitted at the event.
33. By taking part, all participants confirm that they are happy for any footage or photographs to be taken and used to publicise the event and the Hospice. Should exception be required, it is the responsibility of the participant to inform St. Michael's Hospice.
34. St. Michael's Hospice reserves the right to update its terms and conditions in relation to the event at any time prior to the event. All participants will be provided with any updated terms and conditions in advance or on the day.
35. You are not permitted to cycle with a dog.
36. If your postal address, email address or telephone number details change, then you **MUST** inform us as soon as possible by emailing events@stmichaelsospice.org.uk. If this is not done, we cannot guarantee you will receive all updated communications about the event.
37. St. Michael's Hospice cannot supply clothing or equipment for participants during this event. Riders are asked to come equipped with whatever necessary clothing, medication and nourishment is required to enable enjoyable and safe participation in this event. All participants must wear suitable footwear as parts of the routes will be uneven.
38. St. Michael's Hospice cannot accept liability for any property you may lose or damage before, during or after this event. Any lost equipment/property will be returned to St. Michael's Hospice Fundraising Department. St. Michael's Hospice are not responsible for any damage incurred while in possession of lost property.
39. Ensure labels are placed correctly to your bike, in line with the cyclist event information sheet. Failure to do so will result in the rider not receiving their chip time.
40. Participants acknowledge the sharing of their personal data to relevant third-party event suppliers, such as St John Ambulance for insurance and medical purposes. If you are registering a child under the age of 16, you also agree for us to share that data with third parties where appropriate, for instance with medical crews at our events.