



Arriving at Castle Ward

You will be directed to the horse car park when you arrive. From there, it's a 5 min dander to the **Castle Ward Mansion for registration**. At registration, you will get your race number [& pins] and start line details. You can also pick up your t-shirt if you got one.

Toilets are a short walk away from registration in the Stable Yard, where you will also find the **coffee shop (opens 10am)**.

Rules (full rules [HERE](#))

Overtaking and being passed on the course - call out (politely) and pass on the right hand side. If you are being passed, please leave space - this is especially important for walkers to note.

Please keep your dogs on a lead, which must not be longer than 2 metres.

Race day Schedule	
9.30am – 11.15am	Registration
11.30am	Walkers start
11.40am - wave 1 11.41am - wave 2 11.42am - wave 3 11.43am - wave 4 11.44am – wave 5 11.45am – wave 6	Runners
12.40pm	Podium ceremony & spot prizes

The Race

It's very important that you start in the correct wave/lane.

- This will be written on your race number and also displayed at registration.
- Walkers start 10 minutes before the runners.
- Waves are announced over the megaphone - when wave 1 is at the start line, wave 2 should fill in behind and so on.

Your race number should be worn visibly on your front to get an official time.

The course (route is [HERE](#)).

Mixed terrain on grass and trails. There are marshals and orange flags, signs and arrows to guide you.

Trainers will be ok but wear trail running shoes if you have them.



Dog poo bins at the start/finish and frequently around the course – please bring poo bags and pick up after your dog!

Water stops - there will be water on the course for your dogs, as well as at the start and finish. Please carry extra water for your dog if you need it (NB. Strangford Lough is salt water!)

One goody bag per team will be available when you finish the race.

Safety on the course

- Take care at the **start line** - it is very loud and barky but ultimately highly organised! Make sure you start in your correct wave/lane.
- At the start, your dog will be in close proximity to lots of other dogs – please make sure they are not too stressed and if they are unhappy, please move away and consider starting the race a few metres back.
- **Overtaking** - call out (politely) and pass on the **right hand side** (as if overtaking in a car). If being passed, please leave space for the person & dog to get past - **this is important for walkers to note.**
- **Cars** - there is one road in the middle of the estate that you will cross (It is marshalled).
- **Headphones** – If you wear headphones, please ensure you are aware of others around you.

After the race stay to cheer, visit the stalls, watch the podium ceremony and maybe pick up a spot prize!

Prizes

MALE with 1 dog	1 st - 3 rd
FEMALE with 1 dog	1 st - 3 rd
PACK (2 people & 1 dog)	1 st - 3 rd
2 dogs	1 st - 3 rd
'Spirit of Waggy Races' Award	
Spot Prizes	





Veterinary cover will again be provided by Zola's vet of choice - **Cromlyn House.**



First Aid by Dr Lynn at her 13th Waggy Races!

If you have an issue on the course - speak to a marshal or pass the message to another competitor. Please let us know of any relevant medical conditions and record on the back of your race number.

Stalls



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