

The **Soens** 2018

57th Eddie Soens Memorial Cycle Race



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Saturday 10th March 2018
Aintree Racecourse
EVENT MANUAL

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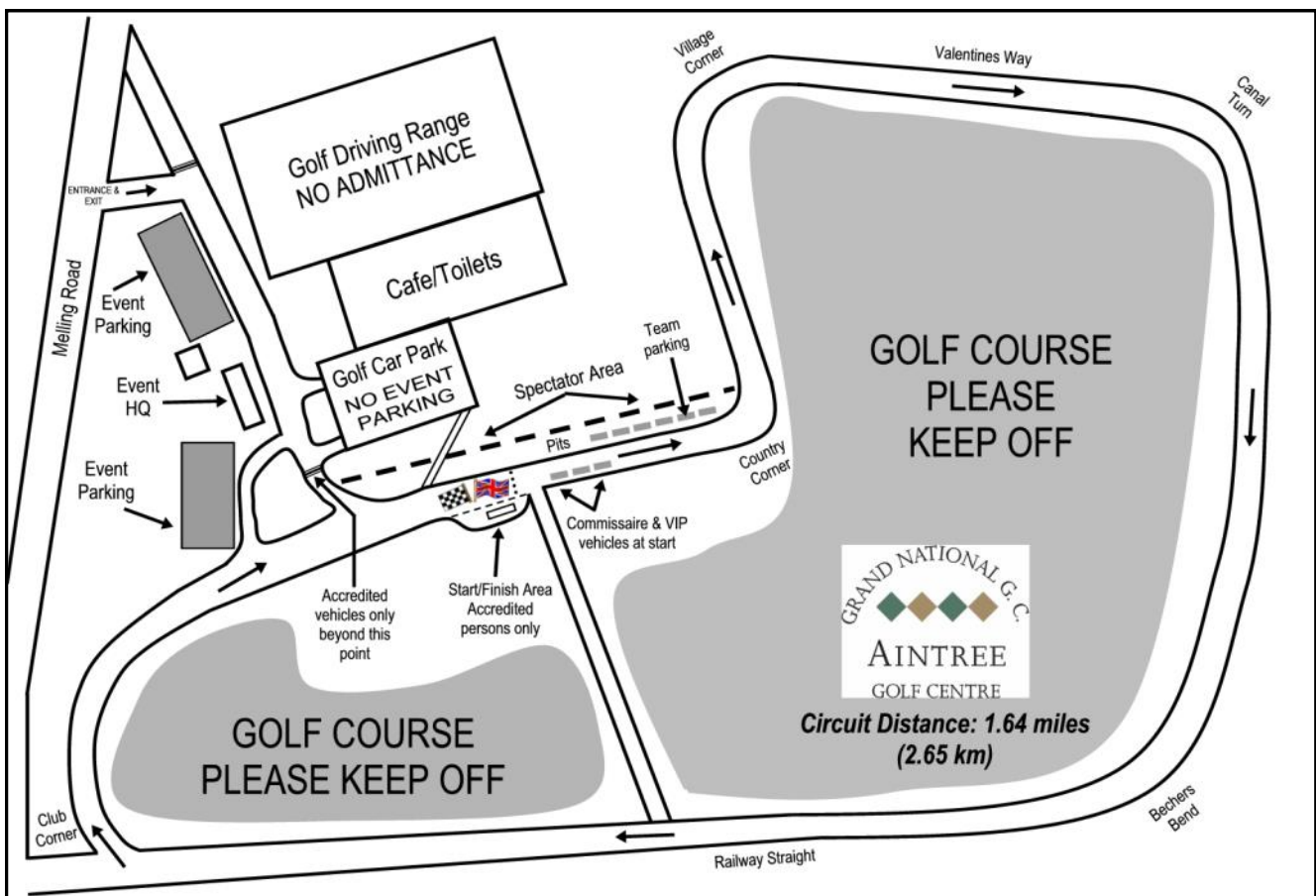
Aintree Racecourse Club Circuit

A Regional C+ handicap event for categories: Elite, 1, 2, 3, 4, Juniors & Women

30 laps of 1.64 miles/2.65 km. Total race distance: 49.2 miles/81 km

Event Headquarters

Aintree Golf Centre, Melling Road, Aintree, Merseyside L9 5AB. Tel 0151 523 5157



Important information for all competitors, officials & spectators

- Please park as directed by race marshals. **Parking on the Golf Centre Car Park is strictly forbidden.**
- Vehicular access to the circuit is for accredited vehicles only.
- Spectators are only permitted in the area shown on the course plan above. **All other areas, including the whole of the Golf Course are strictly out of bounds.** Any violation could jeopardise our future use of the circuit.
- Only persons with the appropriate accreditation are permitted in the start/finish area.

Your co-operation is appreciated

Welcome to The Soens 2018 - the 57th edition of Merseyside cycling's very own 'spring classic'.

This year we again have a massive entry, proving the popularity of the race and its unique location.

As well as Eddie Soens, this event also stands as a memorial to Ken Matthews, president of Kirkby Cycling Club and organiser of the race for 40 years.

Whether you are riding, spectating or officiating we hope that you have a great day here at Aintree.

Race Officials

<i>Organiser</i>	Carl Lawrenson
<i>Chief Commissaire</i>	Rob Finegan
<i>Assistant Commissaires</i>	Frank Daniels, Peter Deary, Gordon Harling
<i>Moto Commissaire</i>	Iain Walker
<i>Chief Judge</i>	Carole Leigh
<i>Chief Timekeeper/Judge</i>	Tom Greep
<i>Assistant Judges</i>	Patrick Nestor, George Rose
<i>Race Announcer</i>	Bob Barber
<i>Videofinish & Transponders</i>	Mark Young - myeventtiming
<i>Signing On</i>	Beryl Bowes, Wendy Cull, Fiona Gilmore
<i>Lap Scorer/Gear Checker</i>	Bob Jump
<i>Neutral Service</i>	Brother Neutral Service
<i>First Aid</i>	Mersey Medical Services
<i>Course Facilities</i>	Aintree Racecourse Co
<i>Event Facilities</i>	British Cycling, Event Solutions
<i>Marshals</i>	Ken Beck, John Gilmore, Steve Glenwright, Jon Williams Members and friends from North West cycling clubs

Special thanks to:

The staff at Aintree Golf Centre; James Lyon & Nicola Pye at British Cycling; Merseyside Cycling Development Group; Mark Young at myeventtiming; British Cycling North West Region race officials (what a team!); Larry Hickmott at VeloUK; British Cycling; Cycling Weekly and Liverpool Echo for media coverage.

... and everyone who has helped with this event!

Any complaints regarding this event should be sent within 24 hours, to:
events@ccsdigital.org.uk

**event website: www.ccsdigital.org.uk
twitter: @SoensRace facebook: SoensRace**

List of Competitors : Group 1 & 2

GROUP 1 : 4th, Junior 3rd & 4th, Youth A, Women @ 0 minutes

91	Paul	Basson	ABC Centreville	4M
92	Ian	Bate	BC PM	4M
93	Chris	Loxley	BC PM	4M
94	Kieran	Morris	BC PM	3J
95	Adam	Smith	BC PM	4
96	Daniel	Ellis	Bella In Sella Racing	4
97	Richard	Evans	Birkenhead North End CC	4
98	Wayne	Renshaw	Blackpool Clarion CC	4M
99	Dame Sarah	Storey	Boot Out Breast Cancer CC	1WM
100	David	Gamble	Bury Clarion Cycling Club	4M
101	James	Richardson	Bury Clarion Cycling Club	4M
102	Andrew	Tibbett	Chester RC	4
103	David	Barker	Chorley Cycling Club	4M
104	Jac	Gruffydd	Clwb Beicio Dwyfor CC	4
105	Adam	MacRae	Crimson Performance RT	4
106	Jake	Barnes	Equiom IOM Junior CT	4J
107	Harry	Cain	Equiom IOM Junior CT	3J
108	Ben	Christians	Equiom IOM Junior CT	3J
109	Daniel	Sowerby	Equiom IOM Junior CT	3J
110	Tosh	Teare	Equiom IOM Junior CT	3J
111	Emily	Meakin	Fusion RT Veloperformance	1W
112	Cory	Edmondson	Green Jersey RT	3J
113	Bobby	Horton	Green Jersey RT	3J
114	Charles	Paige	Green Jersey RT	3J
115	Tony	Harvey	Harry Middleton Cycling Club	4M
116	William	Abbott	Innovation Racing	4J
117	Louis	Evans	Innovation Racing	3J
118	Jack	Smith	Innovation Racing	3J
119	Toby	Barnes	Lichfield City CC	3J
120	Neil	Hughes	Liverpool Braveheart BC	4
122	Thomas	Stewart	Liverpool Century RC	3J
123	Oscar	Sinfield	Liverpool Phoenix CC Aintree	4
125	Harry	Hunt	Otley CC	3J
126	Toby	Kitching	Otley CC	3J
127	Thomas	Hughes	Pro Vision Cycle Clothing	4
128	Farley	Barber	Pro Vision RT	3J
129	Sam	Beeston	Pro Vision RT	3J
130	Nikolas	James	Pro Vision RT	3J
131	Jon	White	Pro Vision RT	4
132	Jonathan	Okell	Runcorn Cycle Club	4
133	Conor	McKinnon	Southport CC	3J
134	Bethany	Crumpton	Storey Racing	3W
135	Monica	Dew	Storey Racing	2W
136	Rebecca	Durrell	Storey Racing	EW
137	Elizabeth-Jane	Harris	Storey Racing	1W
138	Ffion	James	Storey Racing	2W
139	Anna	Kay	Storey Racing	2W
140	Joscelin	Lowden	Storey Racing	1W
141	Chanel	Mason	Storey Racing	1W
142	Henry	James	Team SB Hub	3J
143	Joshua	Keers	Team SB Hub	3J
144	Harvey	Stroh	Team SB Hub	3J
145	Mark	Astles	Weaver Valley CC	4M
146	Fraser	Ayears	Welland Valley CC	4J

GROUP 2 : 3rd, Junior 1st & 2nd @ + 1 minute

55	Tom	Mansfield	365velo Racing Cub	3
56	Steve	Whittington	ABC Centreville	3M
57	James	Biggin	Airedale Olympic CC	3
58	Matthew	Taylor	Albion Cycling Co	2J
59	George	Aldridge	BIKESTRONG-KTM	3
60	George	Higgins	Birkenhead North End CC	2J
61	Thomas	Mitchell	Birkenhead North End CC	2J
63	Declan	Brady	Bury Clarion CC	3
64	James	Duffy	Bury Clarion CC	3
65	Marc	Lowden	Bury Clarion CC	3
66	Stuart	Crawford	Chorley CC	3M
67	Philip	Jones	Crimson Performance RT	3
68	Adam	Scarffe	Equiom IOM Junior CT	2J
69	Max	Walker	Equiom IOM Junior CT	2J
70	Steven	Cartwright	Graham Weigh Racing	3M
71	Joseph	Law	Green Jersey RT	2J
72	Isaac	Peatfield	Green Jersey RT	2J
73	Guy	Jones	Harry Middleton CC	3
74	James	Noonan	Hoppers Rollers	2J
75	Aaron	Tonks	Hoppers Rollers	3M
76	Joshua	Morris	Liverpool Phoenix CC Aintree	3
77	John	Agnew	Lune RCC	3M
78	Andrew	Parker	Lune RCC	3
79	Thomas	McRoyall	North Cheshire Clarion	3
80	Christopher	Quin	Onimpex Bio Racer RT	3M
81	Oliver	Rees	PH-MAS/Paul Milnes Cycles	2J
82	Ben	Lloyd	Pro Vision Race Team	3
83	Matthew	Dobbing	Ribble Cycling	2J
84	Darran	Acton	Tactic	3M
85	Matthew	Bottrill	Team Bottrill - Vangaurd	3M
86	Sam	Dobson	Team SB Hub	3M
87	Richard	Flynn	Team SB Hub	3M
88	Martin	Pate	Team SB Hub	3M
89	Ronnie	Coleman	TS Racing Team - OTR	3M
90	William	Orrell-Turner	Wheelbase Cabtech Junior RT	2J

List of Competitors : Group 3 & 4

GROUP 3 : 2nd @ + 1 minute 30 seconds

24	Tarn	Fynn	Crimson Performance RT	2
25	Jamie	Fletcher	Ellan Vannin CC/Appleby	2
26	Chris	Roberts	Hafren CC	2
27	Luke	Jackson	Harry Middleton CC	2
28	Charlie	Critchley	High On Bikes	2
29	Lee	Brown	Holmfirth CC	2M
30	David	Parrington	Hoppers Rollers	2
31	Kieran	Hotson	Kingsnorth International Wls	2
32	Joseph	Cadwallader	KISS Racing Team (KRT)	2M
33	Declan	Hudson	Liverpool Century RC	2
34	Daniel	Stevens	Liverpool Century RC	2
35	Leon	Barnes	Lune RCC	2
36	Ross	Prescott	N-Fuse Identity Racing	2
38	Paul	Wilkinson	North Cheshire Clarion	2
39	James	Coates	Otley CC	2
40	Robbie	Pollard	Otley CC	2
41	Will	King	PH-MAS/Paul Milnes Cycles	2
42	Jonathan	Bourne	Pro Vision RT	2
43	Daniel	Brough	Pro Vision RT	2
44	Cameron	Blake	Prologue RT	2
45	Ashley	Marshall	Prologue RT	2
46	David	Reece	TBW Bottecchia Wigmore RT	2
47	Alex	Harvey	Team KTM UK	2
48	Jordan	Reed	Team KTM UK	2
49	Adam	Robinson	Team KTM UK	2
50	Gavin	Taylor	Team KTM UK	2
51	Karl	Freeman	Team Wheelguru	2
52	Daniel	Smith	TS Racing Team - OTR	2
53	Owen	Line	Wales Racing Academy	2
54	Alex	Orrell-Turner	Wheelbase Castelli MGD	2

GROUP 4 : Elite, 1st @ + 3 minutes

1	Edward	Clancy OBE	JLT Condor	E
2	Graham	Briggs	JLT Condor	E
3	Matthew	Gibson	JLT Condor	E
4	Jonathan	Mould	JLT Condor	E
5	Cameron	Jeffers	Bill Nickson Cycles RT	1
6	Bertie	Newey	Catford CC Equipe/Banks	1
7	Ben	Harrison	Crimson Performance RT	1
8	Oliver	Huszar	Crimson Performance RT	1
9	Tom	Lowe	Crimson Performance RT	1
10	Alistair	Thomas	Crimson Performance RT	1
11	Benjamin	Trippier	Crimson Performance RT	1
12	Richard	Taylor	Harry Middleton CC	1
13	David	Bolland	Kingsnorth International Wls	E
14	Michael	Ford	Latchem Sunwise RT	1
15	Ben	Joughin	Pro Vision RT	1
16	Alexander	Simmons	Pro Vision RT	1
17	Oliver W	Bates	Team Bottrill - Vangaurd	E
18	George	Evans	Team Bottrill - Vangaurd	1
19	George	Fox	Team Bottrill - Vangaurd	1
20	Bradley	Symonds	Team PB Performance	1
21	Reece	Wood	Team Wiggins	1
22	Frank	Kilsby	VC St Raphael	1
23	Dillon	Byrne	VCUK	E

Race Information

This section details important race procedures and regulations, so please take the time to read the following information carefully.

■ Event Headquarters

The event headquarters are located at:

The Pavilion, Aintree Golf Centre, Melling Road, Aintree, Merseyside L9 5AB. Tel 0151 523 5157

Google Maps: <http://bit.ly/2FeUwe5>

It is open from 7.30am and has car parking and limited changing/shower facilities.

■ Signing On

The signing on control is located in the event headquarters and is open from **7.30am to 9.00am**. See the plan on page 2 for further details. You must present your 2018 racing licence which will be retained until the finish of the event and returned upon receipt of your race numbers and transponder. **Youth A riders must also present a valid dispensation card.** British Cycling members and non members may purchase a single event licence if required at the current BC rate displayed in the signing on area. Reserves must sign on but will not receive a race number and transponder until their place is allocated at the close of signing on.

Junior & Youth A competitors must have their gear checked **before signing on** (Junior: 7.93m, Youth A: 6.93m).

■ Race Numbers

You will be issued with two body numbers **which must be worn unfolded** as shown below:



You **must** ensure that your numbers are clearly visible **at all times** during the race. Riders whose numbers are obscured may not be placed in the intermediate sprint and final classifications.

■ Transponder

You will be issued with a transponder which must be fitted using the cable ties provided. Fit it as low down as possible to the front fork of your bicycle opposite the quick release, as show in the picture below:



■ Access and parking

Enter the circuit via The Aintree Golf Centre entrance gate in Melling Road (arrowed). **The only vehicles permitted on the circuit are those whose drivers have appropriate accreditation.** All other vehicles - including those of riders and spectators - must park as directed in the areas indicated on the course plan on page 2. **There will be no exceptions to this.**

Event parking in the Golf Centre Car Park (outside the café) is strictly forbidden.

■ Spectators

Spectators are only permitted in the area shown on the course plan on page 2. **All other areas, including the whole of the Golf Course are strictly out of bounds.** Any violation could jeopardise our future use of the circuit. Only persons with the appropriate accreditation are permitted in the start/finish area shown on the course plan.

■ Race Regulations

The race will be run under the technical regulations of the British Cycling Federation. Please note the following regulations which are specific to this event.

■ Training/Warming Up

Competitors may ride on the circuit between 8.30am and 9.15am. **After this time riding around the circuit is not permitted.** This is to allow the circuit to be secured and competitors to be formed into their appropriate starting groups so that the race can start on time. Riders found riding on the circuit after 9.15am may be subject to disciplinary action.

■ The Start

The race will cover 30 laps (49.2 miles/81 km). Each lap is 1.64 miles/2.65 km and the course profile is flat.

The race is run on a handicap basis and riders should assemble at the start in the appropriate group according to their category, as shown below.

<i>Group</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Start time</i>	<i>Handicap</i>
1	4th, Women, Junior 3 & 4, Youth A	09:30:00	
2	3rd, Junior 1 & 2	09:31:00	+ 1 minute
3	2nd	09:31:30	+ 1 minute 30 seconds
4	Elite, 1st	09:33:00	+ 3 minutes

■ Lapped riders

Except for women, **individual lapped riders must retire and remove their race numbers.** In the event of a leading group of riders lapping the main field, **the riders being lapped must follow the commissaires instructions.** During this time, racing in the main group will be neutralised and the riders moved to the side to allow free passage of the leading group and associated race vehicles. Riders lapped in this way may continue in the race but must not aid the leading group in any way.

■ Retired riders

If you retire from the race before the finish, please report to the race officials in the finish area. Please return your numbers and transponder and reclaim your license at the event control unit on the start/finish line before you leave the course. Please note that financial penalties will be imposed for any numbers or transponders that are not returned.

■ Race Service

The race organisation will provide neutral service vehicle(s) whose position in the race will be under the control of the Chief Commissaire. Riders may also receive service in the pits area located beyond the start/finish area.

■ Podium Presentation

There will be a presentation to the first three finishers **immediately** after the finish of the race and confirmation of the result. Riders required for the presentations must report to the race organiser in the presentation area without delay. Riders appearing on the podium must wear their appropriate club/team colours and without sunglasses and/or baseball-type caps. Junior & Youth A riders who complete the event must report immediately after the finish for a gear check or be subject to disqualification.

All other prizes will be forwarded to the recipients by post following confirmation of the full result.

■ Result

A full result will be published on the official event website at www.ccsdigital.org.uk as soon as possible after it is confirmed.

■ Licence/Number Return

Licences will be returned on receipt of race numbers and transponder at the event headquarters following the finish of the event. Unreturned numbers will be charged to the competitor at the rate of £10.00 per body number. Unreturned transponders will be charged to the competitor at the rate of £100.

■ Officials Briefing

There will be a briefing for all race commissaires and drivers at 8.30am at the event headquarters.

■ Communications

All race communication will be by means of UHF Radio. Channels to be used will be advised at the Officials Briefing.

■ Social Media

Follow the race on Twitter @SoensRace #soens18 and Facebook www.facebook.com/SoensRace

Prize List

Winner: £150 and commemorative trophy

2nd: £75 and commemorative trophy

3rd: £50 and commemorative trophy

4th: £40; 5th: £30; 6th: £25; 7th: £20; 8th: £20; 9th: £20; 10th: £20

Category Awards (highest placed rider in each category: 2/3/4/Junior/Youth A/Woman/Master C+): £20

Eddie & Mima Super Sprint (sponsored by Gordon Singleton)

\$100 CAN to the first rider over the line at 20 laps to go

Ken Matthews Memorial Sprint

£25 to the first rider over the line at 10 laps to go



STAR TROPHY

*This is a counting event in the 2018
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Previous Winners

1962	Bruce O'Prey	Liverpool Premier	1991	Julie Hill	Liverpool Mercury RC
1963	Doug Dailey	Kirkby CC	1992	Matt Illingworth	GS Strada
1964	Doug Dailey	Kirkby CC	1993	Simon Lillistone	North Wirral Velo
1965	Ken Hill	Liverpool Mercury RC	1994	Matt Illingworth	North Wirral Velo
1966	Billy Whiteside	Kirkby CC	1995	Dave Williams	RT Italia
1967	Pete Matthews	Liverpool Mercury RC	1996	Dave Williams	Team Ambrosia
1968	Les West	Tunstall Wheelers	1997	Glen Holmes	Adidas Sci-con
1969	Billy Whiteside	Kirkby CC	1998	Matt Bottrill	North Wirral Velo
1970	Doug Dailey	Kirkby CC	1999	Steve Cummings	Birkenhead North End CC
1971	John Clewarth	Kirkby CC	2000	Julian Ramsbottom	Scunthorpe Poly CC
1972	Andy Whitehead	Deeside Olympic	2001	Tony Gibb	Team Quest
1973	Willi Moore	Merseyside Wheelers	2002	Tony Gibb	Team PCA - Orbea
1974	Brian Rourke	Tunstall Wheelers	2003	Chris Newton	Corima RT
1975	Kevin Apter	Kirkby CC	2004	Tony Gibb	Plowman Craven Assoc.
1976	Ian Hallam	Beeston RC	2005	Rob Hayles	Recycling.co.uk
1977	Doug Dailey	Kirkby CC	2006	<i>Event cancelled due to snow</i>	
1978	Terry Dolan	Liverpool Mercury RC	2007	Ian Stannard	Team 100% Me
1979	Alan Nichols	East Bradford CC	2008	Tony Gibb	Plowman Craven
1980	Bob Barlow	Manchester Police CC	2009	Ed Clancy	Halfords-Bikehut
1981	Phil Thomas	Liverpool Mercury RC	2010	Joshua Edmonson	Motorpoint Marshalls Pasta
1982	Gary Sadler	GS Strada	2011	James Stewart	Team UK Youth
1983	Neil Mitchell	Kirkby CC	2012	Russell Downing	Endura Racing
1984	Dennis Lightfoot	Manchester Wheelers	2013	Ed Clancy	Rapha Condor JLT
1985	Eamonn Rooney	VC Slough	2014	Ian Wilkinson	Team Raleigh
1986	Karl Smith	Clayton Velo	2015	Peter Williams	One Pro Cycling
1987	Eamonn Rooney	Alpha CC	2016	Bertie Newey	Catford CC/Equipe-Banks
1988	Bernie Burns	Bradford Wheelers	2017	Ed Clancy	JLT Condor
1989	Pete Maxwell	Kirkby CC			
1990	Mark Gornall	Manchester Wheelers			



This event remembers two great names in Merseyside Cycling

Eddie Soens & Ken Matthews



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