

## **Terms & Conditions of entry**

### **Walk of Life 2026**

#### **1. GENERAL**

- 1.1 These Terms & Conditions (**Terms**) apply to people participating in the Walk of Life 2026 canal walk (**The Event**).
- 1.2 The event is organised by RUHX/ Royal United Hospitals Charitable Fund (**The Charity**) – the official NHS charity for The Royal United Hospitals Bath, registered charity number 1058323.
- 1.3 For the purpose of the Terms any references to “you/your” mean the individual or team registering for the event. Any references to “we” refers to the charity/event organisers.
- 1.4 If you have any questions, please contact the Events Team at [fundraising@ruhx.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@ruhx.org.uk) / 01225 825823.
- 1.5 By registering either as an individual or as part of a team, you agree to comply with the terms set out below.
- 1.6 The charity reserves the right to update or amend the terms at any time to reflect necessary changes. Please check this page prior to event day to familiarise yourself with the latest updates, as all changes will be binding.
- 1.7 The charity reserves the right to ask participants to leave the event if they do not adhere to these terms, and no refunds shall be given in these circumstances.
- 1.8 The Walk of Life is a non-competitive walking event. It is not equipped for the speed of runners. If you choose to run GoodNess stops and other sites will not be set up in time for your arrival.
- 1.9 The distance/s advertised are approximate mileage only. It has been calculated using online GPS mapping technology (which calculates the most direct route) and by charity staff walking the route on foot. Your own tracking device recording may vary.

#### **2. PARTICIPANT ENTRY**

- 2.1 In order to participate, you must complete the registration form and pay the entry fee.
- 2.2 Registrations must be received prior to the event. Event entry will close when the maximum participant capacity is reached, or on the closing date of Thursday 21 May 2026, whichever occurs first.

- 2.3 On the day registrations will not be accepted.
- 2.4 Adult tickets are restricted to those aged 18 and over on event day. Child tickets are restricted to those under the age of 18 on event day.
- 2.5 Child tickets must be accompanied with the purchase of an adult ticket.
- 2.6 If you are under the age of 18, you must get permission from your legal parent or guardian before registering. By completing the registration form and paying the entry fee this constitutes that you have obtained permission.
- 2.7 Participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult for the duration of participation. The responsible adult is responsible for the child's safety at all times.
- 2.8 When choosing to take part with children, please consider the length of the walk and also be aware that there are limited facilities on route. We advise that you seek advice from a medical professional on the suitability of a long distance walk for your child.
- 2.9 Teams are welcome to participate in the event, in either the 26.2 mile, 16 mile and 10 mile walks. Please include the nominated team name in the relevant section on the registration form when asked, so that we can establish individual entries linked to the team. Alternatively, please email [fundraising@ruhx.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@ruhx.org.uk) with a list of team member's names.
- 2.10 If you plan to fundraise as a team via a single fundraising page, it is your responsibility to set up a team fundraising page using the guidance in your welcome email, and notify the Events team. Failure to do so will result in inaccurate certificates and thank you letters post-event.
- 2.11 A team must have 2 or more individuals. Each team member must pledge to raise the minimum sponsorship (see Section 3.1).
- 2.12 If you are registering someone on their behalf, you must provide all of **their** details (including address, contact details and medical information). By registering them, you also confirm that you have obtained their consent and that they agree to these terms.
- 2.13 Adult entry is £20 per person and child entry (under the age of 18 on event day) is £8. Registration fees are considered to be towards the administration costs of putting on the event to include, but not exhaustive of: t-shirt, medal, event hospitality and support.

- 2.14 For each registered participant, t-shirts will be provided and sent via second class post. T-shirts are adult and child unisex sizes. Stocks of t-shirts are limited, and in an event that the size requested is not available we will send an alternative based on availability.
- 2.15 The charity may choose to offer discounted rates as part of promotional offers and reserves the right to withdraw the offer at any time.
- 2.16 The charity will collect and hold contact and medical details for all participants prior to the event, in case of an emergency (see Section 8).
- 2.17 The charity reserves the right at any time (before or during the event) without liability, to refuse participation to you or any other participant with or without reason.

### **3. FUNDRAISING & DONATIONS**

- 3.1 Participants taking part in the event aim to raise a minimum sponsorship of £100. We ask that children try and aim to raise £50 if they can.
- 3.2 Sponsorship must be raised for RUHX/Royal United Hospitals Bath Charitable Fund only. Entry is not permitted to support another charity.
- 3.3 Additional fundraising activities in connection to the event are carried out at your own risk.
- 3.4 All participants have a legal responsibility to ensure that all sponsorship monies/donations received in connection to the event are paid to the charity. We ask that you do this within 4 weeks of the event taking place. You can:
  - a.) Set up an online fundraising page to collect sponsorship. Monies are transferred automatically to the charity.  
We recommend using JustGiving:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/walkoflife2026>
  - b.) Go to [www.ruhx.org.uk](http://www.ruhx.org.uk) and make an online payment with a credit or debit card. Please let a member of the Events team know if you are doing this.
  - c.) Call 01225 825691 and provide credit or debit card details over the phone.
  - d.) Send cheques payable to 'RUH Charitable Fund' with your sponsorship form to:

RUHX  
Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust  
Combe Park  
Bath

- 3.5 Please ensure any sponsorship forms used are completed in full and are returned to the above address to enable us to claim GiftAid where possible.
- 3.6 Unfortunately sponsorship money cannot be accepted on the day of the event as we do not have suitable cash handling facilities to fulfil this purpose.

#### **4. CHANGES AND CANCELLATION**

- 4.1 Entry is personal to participants and cannot be transferred to anyone else.
- 4.2 You must choose your walking distance as part of the registration process. You can only transfer to another distance with our permission and you must notify us if you wish to change. There are strict capacity limits for each distance and it is important for the safety of all participants, volunteers, staff and the local community that the event does not exceed this. Please contact us directly using the details listed in Section 1.4 to arrange this.
- 4.3 If you arrive late or early you must abide by the instructions of the Event representatives in attendance at the event. For health and safety reasons, it is possible that latecomers will not be permitted to take part. Starting before official start times is not permitted.
- 4.4 If you need to withdraw from the event for any reason, we ask that you notify us as soon as possible.
- 4.5 RUHX reserves the right without liability, or prior notice, to:
  - a.) reduce or alter event routes to accommodate unexpected circumstances
  - b.) change the event venue, time and/or date
  - c.) cancel the event in full
- 4.6 Where possible, significant changes will be communicated to all participants with as much notice as possible via the contact email address and/or telephone number given at registration.
- 4.7 Entry fees are non-refundable and non-transferrable, unless:
  - a.) we cancel the event in full and we are unable to re-arrange a new date
  - b.) we need to reschedule the date of the event and you are not able to attend
  - c.) you have a medical reason for withdrawing (including self-isolation due to COVID-19)

## 5. CONDUCT

- 5.1 All participants must abide by the terms and any rules, instructions or regulations displayed or given on the day of the event by the charity, event representatives and/or the police.
- 5.2 Participants are responsible for their own safety during the event and should carry a mobile phone that can be used in case of emergency. You will also be provided with a unique participant barcode (as part of your participant final information pack) which must be brought with you to the event and produced at the check-in points.
- 5.3 Participants are responsible for their own actions and conduct whilst taking part in the event. The charity will not accept responsibility for your actions, nor the consequences for such actions.
- 5.4 Aggressive and/or abusive language and behaviour will not be tolerated.
- 5.5 You must remain vigilant, not make excessive noise and respect other canal towpath users, cyclists, local residents, participants, event representatives, volunteers and the general public.
- 5.6 We respectfully ask that you refrain from drinking alcohol and/or behaving in a way which may cause injury or harm to yourself and others, or which may cause offence or damage the reputation of the charity.
- 5.7 We encourage all participants to raise any concerns immediately with the Events Team, who will investigate and act upon accordingly. The Event Manager has a duty to report safeguarding incidents or concerns to the Canal & River Trust and the Police.
- 5.8 Participants are required to arrive at your allocated start times selected at registration, unless informed otherwise.
- 5.9 You will be provided with a route map and key points will be marshalled by volunteers, however participants are responsible for navigating themselves from start to finish.
- 5.10 Refreshment stops will be highlighted on your walker map. Water will be provided and it is your responsibility to make sure you have enough water on you between stops to keep you hydrated and healthy.

- 5.11 Participants must complete the route before the designated event closure time, which is 8pm.
- 5.12 All participants must use the litter and recycling facilities available within the start and finish areas and at the refreshment points. Please do not drop litter but carry it with you until you are able to dispose of it correctly.
- 5.13 Well-behaved dogs are permitted at the event but must be kept on a lead at all times, especially in Victory Field. You will need to bring your own dog bowl (water is available at our refreshment stops) and kit to care for your furry friend. You must clean up after your dog at all times. Please consider whether the distance you are taking part in is suitable for the abilities of your dog. We recommend consulting your veterinarian.
- 5.14 We reserve the right to end a participant's involvement in the event with immediate effect if they breach or do not adhere to these terms, and no refunds shall be given in these circumstances.

## **6. HEALTH, SAFETY & MEDICAL**

- 6.1 Participants understand that the 26.2 mile, 16 mile and 10 mile walks are strenuous, physical challenges and training in advance is strongly advised. A training guide is provided but it is your responsibility to train sufficiently for this challenge.
- 6.2 You must be confident that you are physically and mentally capable of participating in the event. If you are unsure about this, you should seek medical advice before taking part.
- 6.3 Any pre-existing medical conditions that may affect participation must be declared to the charity by means of the registration form.
- 6.4 First aid facilities will be provided at the event. By taking part you consent to receiving medical treatment administered by St John Ambulance in the event of a medical emergency, or if you request medical assistance.
- 6.5 The medical cover is 8am until 8pm on Saturday 23 May 2026. Before or after this time, all participants agree and understand that said medical cover will cease to be provided and will therefore either be required to end their participation in the event, or continue at their own risk.
- 6.6 If a participant becomes unwell during the event and needs assistance, they (or an accompanying participant) must call the event medical control centre (details provided with your participant final information pack). This line is operated by St John Ambulance solely for the purposes of delivering the event medical cover. In the event of a medical emergency, this number must be called first as the event medical team have full details of route access points and will be able to respond immediately. If the control centre cannot be contacted, you must dial 999.

- 6.7 Certain parts of the event may not be suitable if you have restricted mobility, due to the nature of the terrain. For more detailed information on the Kennet & Avon Canal towpath accessibility, please visit: <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/enjoy-the-waterways/walking/accessibility-map>
- 6.8 Occasionally the event route crosses busy and open roads and the canal towpath will remain open to the public throughout. It is the responsibility of participants to keep safe along the route and to be aware of traffic and respectful to other users at all times.
- 6.9 The charity takes no responsibility for the condition of the route. The route has been checked prior to launching to ensure the map and directions are accurate.
- 6.10 The charity reserves the right to refuse entry to the event at our absolute discretion, if for whatever reason we consider a person unfit to take part. We may also ask you to withdraw during the event if we have concerns about your ability to complete it due to fitness, injury or otherwise. If you choose to continue, you do so with the understanding that you are no longer considered an official participant of the event and that you absolve us of all and any responsibility, and progress entirely at your own risk.
- 6.11 The Walk of Life is a non-competitive walk. The route has been thoroughly risk assessed for walking activity only, and to participate by running, cycling, or another means is not accommodated. If you do decide to do another activity at the event which is not walking, then you will not be considered an official participant of the event, and as such you will not be eligible to use any event resources. Refreshment stops will not be set up in time for any runners.
- 6.12 You are responsible for ensuring that you wear appropriate clothing and footwear and carry your own water when participating in the event, taking into account the nature of the event, the weather forecast and the terrain of the route.
- 6.13 All participants enter the Walk of Life at their own risk. In no event shall RUHX be liable for any injuries, loss or damages whatsoever, including indirect, punitive, special, incidental or consequential losses connected with any aspect of the event.

## **7 USE OF PERSONAL DATA**

- 7.1 By providing personal data when you register for the event, you confirm that you consent to such data being used by the charity for the purposes of organising, administering and staging the event.

- 7.2 You agree that the charity can use the details that you have provided to discuss your fundraising activity and follow up on your progress. If you provide personal data on behalf of additional entrants, you also confirm that you have obtained their consent for such data to be used for the same purposes.
- 7.3 If you are treated by St John Ambulance at the event, you understand that your details may be passed on solely for health and safety purposes and to fulfil legal obligations (including those under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013). In case of an emergency, we may also pass personal details provided by you (from your registration details) to the emergency services or health care professionals, and use them for the purposes of contacting your emergency contact. No other personal data will be shared with any other organisation.
- 7.4 Your personal information may also be used for the purposes of sending communications to you, where you have consented to receiving information about the charity's work when registering for the event.
- 7.5 All personal data held by us will be handled in accordance with applicable privacy and data laws. See RUHX's privacy statement here: [ruhx.org.uk/privacy-policy/](http://ruhx.org.uk/privacy-policy/)

## **8 FILMING & PHOTOGRAPHY**

- 8.1 The charity and our authorised photographers/videographers will be filming and photographing the event and may use photographs or footage of you, your family or team for charitable purposes.
- 8.2 All authorised photographers/videographers have been instructed to ask for permission before taking an individual photos/filming of children at the event. This cannot be guaranteed in shots where children are incidentally included e.g. of starting lines, photos on the canal.
- 8.3 By taking part or attending the event, you confirm you are happy for any photographs, video footage or stills taken during the event to be used by the charity to publicise the event and/or other fundraising purposes including but not limited to, social media, advertising, publications, marketing material and any other documents that may be made available to the public.
- 8.4 The charity will not identify anyone by name in publicity without their prior agreement.
- 8.5 No personal details of a participant under the age of 18 will be used in any publicity materials without consent of their parent or legal guardian, but we may use images where children are incidentally included.



8.6 If you provide photographs or videos taken during the event to the charity, or post or tag on RUHX's social media accounts, you agree that these may be used for charitable purposes. By sending such photographs or videos to us, you are also confirming that anyone featuring prominently in any such photograph has consented to their image being used in this way.

8.7 If you do not want your image to be used please email [fundraising@ruhx.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@ruhx.org.uk)

## **9 LIABILITY**

9.1 All participants, volunteers and spectators attend the Walk of Life entirely at your own risk.

9.2 RUHX shall not be liable for any injury, damage or loss to participants or their property that might occur as a result of their participation or attendance at the event, other than in respect of any injury or loss arising as a result of our negligence. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this clause shall exclude or limit our liability for any liability that cannot be excluded or limited by law.