TOO COOL FOR PULE 2026

RACE BRIEF · SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2026

Thank you for entering Too Cool for Pule! We're looking forward to welcoming you to Marsden for 5.8 miles of proper Pennine fell running. Whether you're racing for a PB, tackling the course for the first time or just coming along for the hills and the mud, everything you need for race day is below.

RACE DAY DETAILS

Date	Saturday 21 November 2026		
Race HQ	Marsden Cricket Club, Mount Road, Huddersfield HD7 6NN		
Registration	10:00 – 10:45am	**Race start**	11:00am
Tea & coffee	From 10:00am	**Bar**	From 11:00am
Pies	From 11:15am		

Please arrive in plenty of time to register, collect your race number and get yourself ready.

THE COURSE

5.8 miles (9.3 km) with around **1,026 ft** (313 m) of climbing. View the route on Plotaroute

Expect a bit of everything: Pennine Way slabs, reservoir paths, hills, fantastic views and, of course, some good old-fashioned Marsden mud.

The route is flagged and marshalled, but there are **no checkpoints or water stations** on the course. Flags can be moved or blown away, so please familiarise yourself with the route before the day, follow the course markings and listen to the marshals at all times.

> **The Tunnel**
> A firm favourite with previous entrants. We'll light it as best we can, but your feet **will** get wet! If you'd rather skip it for any reason, tell the marshal at the fence and **60 seconds** will be added to your time. Course record attempts must include the tunnel and every other section.

Take extra care at:

- **The wooden access road after Black Moss Reservoir.** This section is marshalled, with a mat in place.
- **Two road crossings near the end of the course.** Watch for traffic and follow the marshals.

WEATHER & SAFETY

Come prepared for changeable Pennine weather. Conditions on the tops can be very different from those down in the village. We have bad weather diversions on standby if conditions deteriorate.

If you get into difficulty, it could take up to **30 minutes** for help to reach you, so make sure you'd stay warm enough while you wait.

MANDATORY KIT

All runners must bring:

Trail running shoes	**Waterproof jacket**	**Base layer**	**Foil blanket**

We reserve the right to carry out kit checks, so please make sure you have everything.

PARKING

There's parking at the Cricket Club, but it's limited. Once it's full, please park on Mount Road and be considerate of local residents:

- Park on the **left-hand side** of the road going up the hill.
- Don't park on both sides of the road, so traffic can keep moving.
- Keep clear of the **bus turning circle**, driveways and access points.

Car sharing really helps, so please do it where you can.

AFTER THE RACE

Once you've conquered the hills, stick around! The bar will be open at Marsden Cricket Club, with food, tea and coffee available to buy. It's a great chance to catch up with fellow runners, swap stories from the course and enjoy a well-earned drink.

Want to make sure there's a pie waiting for you? Pre-order yours from the kitchen next to registration before you run.

PRIZES & PRESENTATION

The presentation will take place about **30 minutes after the first male and female finishers** cross the line.

Team prizes	Male and Female Team Prize (top 3 from each team)
Age categories	Senior, V40, V50, V60, V70

A FEW FINAL REMINDERS

Please listen to the marshals, look out for your fellow runners and respect the beautiful countryside we're lucky enough to race through. A huge amount of work goes into putting on this event, and we couldn't do it without our fantastic volunteers, so please give them a smile and a thank you as you go past!

Questions? Email Richard at hello@marsdenracers.co.uk. Full race information is at marsdenracers.co.uk/too-cool-for-pule

SEE YOU ON THE START LINE!

The Marsden Racers Team