Ackworth Road Runners

Race Number Swapping Policy

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The Club is aware that when members are unable to compete in a race they have entered for whatever reason, numbers have sometimes been offered for sale or transfer on social media.

Running a race using somebody else's number without informing the organiser is strictly prohibited. Members should only swap numbers with the prior consent of the race organiser.

While some events allow transfers, many expressly prohibit them. There have been examples of event organisers identifying swapped numbers via social media sites and making subsequent disqualifications.

Running in somebody else's name, apart from being against the rules, damages the integrity of the results, can affect team results and age category winners and have health and safety implications in the event of an accident. If a runner collapsed wearing someone else's number, the organisers would not be able to identify that runner and contact their next of kin.

Any member known to run in another runner's number may be subject to race sanctions. You could also be banned from taking part in other races. If you are in breach of the laws relating to number swapping or indeed any other in the rulebook, the race organiser can report you to England Athletics.

Athletes who run in transferred numbers in licensed road races without permission can be disqualified. Both they and those who pass on the number can be subject to disciplinary action via the appropriate national organisation.

If you have entered an event but can't compete for whatever reason:

- **Check with the race organisers to see if they will legally transfer your number to another athlete (some may charge a small administrative cost).**

- **If the event prohibits transfers, then members should abide by the rules and not offer their numbers for sale or transfer.**

The page administrators will remove any post on the ARR Facebook page or Member's Area offering numbers for sale or transfer for events where this is not permitted.