



The Giant Sportive at Doddington Hall – FAQs

What's a sportive?

A sportive is a non-competitive, mass participation challenge cycling event on a designated signed route, typically timed and can vary in distance from 30 up to approximately 100 miles. The events are designed to be a personal physical challenge where the distance and severity of climbing create the test for the rider.

What distances are available?

There are 4 distances available for 2019. These being:

- The Short route of 33 miles with 714ft of climbing
- Medium route of 54 miles with 1543ft of climbing
- Medium/Long route of 76.9 with 2,069ft of climbing
- or tackle the Long route at 105 miles with 3053ft of climbing

What bike can I ride?

You can ride any road worthy bike, ensuring the brakes are in full working order, it doesn't matter if your bike has traditional caliper or disc brakes.

Tri Bars – these are NOT allowed under British Cycling Sportive rules.

E-Bikes, Tandems or Trikes – Go for it!! As this is a non-competitive event, if you would like to use your e-bike to enable you to take part in the event please do. As above please just make sure it is in a roadworthy condition and if you're going to ride an e-bike make sure you've got it fully charged before you start!

Will there be toilets?

Yes – there will be toilets available in the Giant Store and the event village. There will also be toilets at the feed stations out on the medium, medium/long and long routes.

Will there be prizes?

As this is a non-competitive event there will not be any prizes.

How do I find the routes?

There are pdf and interactive maps of all routes available on the event web page which can be found on the Doddington Hall Web Site under events.

Will there be a pre-event pack?

There will be a pack that you will collect from registration on the morning of the event.



Are there shower facilities?

Sorry, there won't be any showering facilities at the event HQ.

What should I wear?

We'd recommend wearing cycling clothing that you feel comfortable in wearing. Layering is recommended, especially if the weather looks changeable.

Can I ride in fancy dress?

Yes, if you want to ride in fancy dress that is fine, we would suggest making sure that if you do wear fancy dress that your leggings don't get caught in your chain while you are riding.

Is the event on open roads?

Yes. All the roads that you will ride on will be open roads. You will need to adhere to the highway code at all times.

Do I need a helmet / what type of helmet?

Yes, you will need to wear an approved cycle helmet that meets the current British Standard. Without your helmet you will not be allowed to start the event. No Helmet = No Ride, this is for insurance purposes and your safety. Anybody involved in an accident that isn't wearing a helmet will not be deemed to be part of the event.

Can I change distances on the day?

Yes, you can, please make sure that you inform the registration team when you arrive at the event that you wish to change distances so that we know which route you will be following. This is for your safety, so we know how many people we have riding each route on the day.

Will there be a bag storage area?

No there won't be a bag storage area.

Are we allowed to draft?

Yes, you are allowed to draft. However, please be considerate to other road users. Please avoid riding more than 2 abreast, if you are riding in a group. If you are at the front of a group, please do ensure that you point out obstacles to the riders following behind you as you may obscure their view of parked cars or pot holes.

Can I ride with my friend?

Yes, you can. Approximately 20 people will set off at the same time after a short briefing, as long as you come to the start with your friends or as a group you will then be able to start together. Please don't come to the start line and say you want to wait there for your friend there as you will be started to stop you causing a blockage in the start area.

Will the course be signed?

Yes. All 4 routes will be signed. At the split points for the short, medium, medium/long and long routes please pay particular attention to the signage to ensure that you follow the correct route.



Will the event be timed / have a live tracker?

Yes, the event is timed. The primary reason for timing the event is to ensure that we know everybody that starts gets back safe to the event HQ.

Will there be feed stations?

There will be feed stations on the Medium, Medium/Long and Long routes.

There will be 1 feed station on the medium route and 3 on the long route.

All feed stations will be based in a village hall or similar venue on the route. All feed stations will be stocked with sweet and savory items as well as a supply of energy drinks to top up with.

Where will I park and how much will it cost?

Parking for the event will be on the Doddington Hall Estate. Please follow the signs into the estate off the main road through Doddington Village, where you will turn off into the estate past the front of the Giant Lincoln Shop.

Car Parking will be free

What is there for spectators to do?

As the event is based at Doddington Hall there is the opportunity to take a tour around the Hall and Gardens as well as having a bite to eat in the extremely popular Doddington Hall Café. There is also a selection of other shops to peruse including the Giant Lincoln store.

Can I wear my mum's mittens?

If you want to yes, but please ask first! We'd always recommend wearing mittens or gloves, especially if it is a little chilly as there is nothing worse than cold fingers on a bike ride!

What do I need to do in the event of an accident?

Please contact the event control. we will provide all riders with contact numbers for event control. Please ensure you know where you are based and a few brief details of the state of any casualties. This way we are able to send event medical to your location to provide assistance.

What should I bring on the day?

To be able to register on the day you will need to bring some photo id to collect your event number and timing chip.

In addition, the obvious one is to remember all of your cycling kit including, bike, shoes, drinks bottles and helmet. You will, however, be registering for the event at the Giant store, so if you do forget anything, or just fancy a new water bottle on the day, you can purchase those items before setting off.

Will there be mechanics on the course?

We will have support vehicles out on the course to provide mechanical assistance with the objective of helping to get you going so you are able to complete the event. Please bear in mind that due to the length of the routes it may take some time for assistance to reach you.



We would recommend that you carry spares with you and know how to change an inner tube, so you can sort minor issues yourself.

All labour you receive by the roadside to get you going will be free, however, should you require parts, these will be charged for.

Will there be photographers on the course?

Yes, there will be event photographers based out on the course and also at the finish to get that all important finish line photo, so don't forget to smile when you get back to Doddington Hall at the end of your ride!

What's free?

All riders will receive an event goody bag when they register which will include a number of items from event sponsors along with your event number and timing chip. All riders will be able to sit down to some food at the end of their ride, no matter which route you have completed. In addition, all ride finishers will receive an event medal.

Is there a cut off?

No, we understand that the routes are long, and we don't want people to feel under pressure to finish the event by a particular time. If you are expecting that you will be out for a long time we would recommend starting as early as possible within the specified start times.

Start Times?

So that all riders have the maximum amount of time to complete their ride we will have staggered start time windows for each route. You must start your ride between these times. Our expected start times for the event will be approximately:

The Long Route: Start between 0745 – 0810

The Medium Route: Start between 0812 – 0925

The Medium/Long Route: Start 0930 - 0950

The Short Route: Start between 0950 – 1015

What time can I register?

Event registration will be open between 0700 until 0940. If you have not registered between these times you will not be able to start your ride.

Can we sign up on the day?

You will be able to register on the day, assuming that the event has not sold out prior to event day. For anybody that does register on the day this will incur an additional charge of £5 on top of the entry fee. We would encourage you to enter prior to the event closing for entries on the 28th May 2019.

What do I do if I need to stop?

If you are in need of assistance you need to contact event control on one of the numbers you have been provided with. We would recommend if possible that you get to one of the feed stations and speak to the Volunteers that will be manning these. We will then formulate a plan of getting you back to the event HQ.



If you are stopping because you need medical assistance, please contact event control straight away.

Can I hire a bike?

Yes, you can. The Giant Lincoln store has a small hire fleet of 30 bikes across a range of models and sizes, including E-bikes and a tandem. If you would like to hire a bike for the event we would suggest that you book this well in advance to avoid disappointment. Charges for bike hire can be found on the Giant Lincoln website by [clicking here](#).

Can I withdraw / How do I go about it?

You can withdraw from the event and you will receive a credit as outlined in the T&C's which can be found on the event webpage. To withdraw from the event you need to email mark@giant-lincoln.co.uk and we will then be able to process your withdrawal. We cannot take instructions to action your withdrawal via social media.



Terms and Conditions

The following Terms and Conditions relate to the Giant Sportive at Doddington Hall 2019 only, organised and promoted by Doddington Farms LLP (Giant Lincoln).

Terms: The above named organisation from this point forward will be referred to as 'The Promoter'. All applicants both prospective and successful from this point forward will be referred to as 'The Applicant'. From the moment that the above Promoter starts to organise an event, there is a considerable amount of work, expense and risk. Each event takes many hundreds of hours of forward planning, thousands of pounds of expense, as well as financial risk. As with all companies incurring overheads such as premises, staff, marketing, equipment, insurance, websites, etc, financial planning is an integral part of event management and promotion. As such we endeavor to ensure that we can cover unexpected 'on costs' so as to provide a secure footing for all events promoted. The following 'Terms & Conditions' are set in place to ensure that we continue to provide applicants with safe and enjoyable events, year on year.

1: Conditions of Entry: By entering any events made available on the www.doddingtonhall.com website, be it through the online entry system or paper-based system, applicants are agreeing to abide by the following Terms & Conditions' as outlined below.

2: Confirmation of Entry: Cashing of an applicant's cheque or satisfactory completion of a transaction through the online payment system confirms the applicant's place in the event.

3: Sportive Information: All necessary information pertaining to event is published on www.doddingtonhall.com. Please note that details of the event are provisional; event information and FAQ's are subject to change. Updated details of any alterations to Provisional Event Information initially issued will be made available on the website no later than 5 days prior to the event date. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure they have accessed the relevant information relating to their event.

4: Completion of Entry Form: When utilising the paper-based system, it is vital for applicants to complete the entry form fully and neatly. In the case where applicants do not complete sections properly or fully, a 'default' entry for that section will be allocated as outlined below: - If applicants do not complete the 'date of birth' section, they will be allocated a 'default' age of 100. Whilst the promoter will endeavour to solve any problems that arise through incorrectly completed entry forms, if it is not possible to read any section of the entry form, the form may be returned to the applicant, with a request for it to be completed again without the securing of a confirmed place in the event.

5: Competitor Withdrawal / Credit Policy: If for any reason the applicant who has already successfully entered the event find themselves unable to participate and wishes to withdraw from the event, the applicant must inform 'The Promoter' in writing. This should be done initially via e-mail to mark@Giant-Lincoln.co.uk. Please note you can NOT withdraw via social media. Applicants should receive a confirmation of their withdrawal within 5 working days. If this confirmation is not received within 5 days, the applicant should contact Giant Lincoln by phone to verify receipt of their request to withdraw. Alternatively, postal withdrawals can be made in writing to: The Manager, Giant Lincoln, Doddington Hall, Doddington, LN6 4RU. Please include an email address so your withdrawal can be acknowledged. Please note the promoters cannot be held responsible for loss or delay in post.



Applicants who inform the Manager in writing of their wish to withdraw before the withdrawal date of 26th May 2019, will receive an event credit to the value of 50% of the original entry fee. The event office will hold your event credit details for up to 12 months, once you know which event you wish to use your credit for contact the office who will issue you with an electronic discount code linked to your chosen event. Please note that credits are not transferable between applicants.

6: Attempted Swapping of Entries: Please note that the swapping of entries between applicants is strictly forbidden as it invalidates insurances undertaken by the Promoter to cover the event. Attempting such an undertaking by any applicant jeopardises the continuation of all events. Hence any applicant found to have passed their entry to another applicant and any applicant found to have taken up that entry will both be banned for life from all future events organised by the Promoter.

7: Transfer of Entry and Deferral: Under no circumstances are applicants permitted to transfer their entry to either another event, to another individual or defer their entry to the following season. Applicants are instead requested to follow the guidelines as outlined in the Competitor Withdrawal and Credit Policy section as outlined above, using the event Credit supplied where applicable to re-apply for another event.

8: Registration: Details of the event registration times will be posted on confirmed event information. All applicants are required to attend registration within the times specified. Applicants who do not attend registration within these times will not be allowed to participate and will lose their right to a place in the event.

9: Photography: The promoters maintain the right to use images and photographs taken by their contracted photographers and employees at the event without informing the applicant. These images can be used for promotional purposes as undertaken by the promoters and their partners, which will cover a range of possible uses including advertising, press and media, printed information items, editorial coverage and any other promotion directly related to the promoters or their sponsors. By entering the event, you are granting permission for your Name, Surname and club/team stated during the entry process to be displayed on the Entries to date tab of the web site.

10: Late Entries: If there are still places available after the closing date, applicants must include an additional fee to cover additional administration work as outlined on the entry system/form. If applicants do not include the late entry fee, then the application will be returned.

11: Event Changes: The above-named Promoter has the right to change any event for the reason of safety without prior notice.

12: Event Cancellation: If for reasons beyond the control of the Promoter, including unavoidable natural disaster or occurrence, or an 'act of God', the event is cancelled or postponed, the Promoters will issue a full Event Credit to the value of the original entry fee or transfer the applicant's entry to another event where possible. Alternatively, if an event is cancelled at the Promoter's discretion for reasons that do not qualify as stated above, the Promoters will offer a full refund.

13: Right of Refusal for Entry: The Promoter maintains the right to refuse or revoke entry to any applicant, where they believe that accepting the entry could negatively affect the event, the promoting organisation, their sponsors, associates or staff. This right of refusal extends to include applications where acceptance is considered by the promoters to be likely to infringe upon the enjoyment of any persons connected with the event, including staff, marshals, volunteers & other competitors.

14: Risk of Damage, Injury or Death: The Promoter will ensure that all routes have been checked and road conditions have been clearly communicated to the applicant prior to the event. The Promoter will also ensure that medical assistance is on standby and can be deployed as quickly as possible. However, the applicant accepts all risks normally associated with cycling



on open, public Roads. The Promoter does not accept liability for damage to equipment (including that of a third party), injury or death, as a result of incident or accident on public roads.

15: Mechanical Support: The Promoter will provide mobile mechanical support units for the duration of the event. However, due to the limited equipment and resources that can be carried with them and the large distances they may be required to cover to reach an incident, the Promoter is under no obligation to guarantee either the speed of response or the degree of assistance that can be offered.

16: British Cycling Rider Terms and Conditions: Advance bookings for this event can only be made through the British Cycling website and in so doing the applicant is obliged to accept British Cycling's Rider Terms. Any 'on the day' applicant must also accept these terms. British Cycling's Rider Terms are in addition to the terms and conditions listed above and do not supersede or replace them. British Cycling's Rider Terms can be found here: <https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/search/article/Rider-Ts-and-Cs-0>