

SPAR 

CRAICIOK

ST PATRICK'S DAY 2026 BELFAST



Everything You Need to Know

AISLING-EVENTS.COM

Race Partners



Community Partners



Vendor Partners



Media Partner



Healthcare Partner



Charity Partner





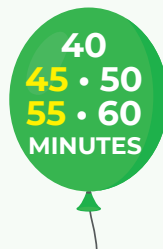
Start Time: 9am City Hall, Belfast

ROAD SAFETY

Competitors should note this is a truly urban course and as such you should expect to encounter several hazards not normally associated with a road 10K. **Runners will be asked to STOP in the case of any emergency services needing access.** If you're planning to walk the route you need to be aware of your own safety on the roads. We will have marshals at most junctions but participants who participate at a slower pace are strongly advised to remain on footpaths. Where possible, avoid being next to the kerb. If you have to step onto the road, look both ways first. Always show due care and consideration for others. Please listen to our marshals they are there for your safety! All our Marshals will be stood down at 11am.

PACERS

We'll have experienced pacers guiding you to your desired finish times! Look out for pacers with BIG BALLOONS for easy identification. **Pacing Times: 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60 minutes.** Follow the balloons, stick with your pacer, and achieve your goal! Let the balloons lead the way to your success on race day.



START LINE

To enhance your race experience and avoid congestion, the start line will be zoned according to finishing times:

Starting Zones:

35 minutes: Zone 1 40 minutes: Zone 2

45 minutes: Zone 3 50 minutes: Zone 4

Arrive early to allow ample time to get into the correct starting zone. **ONLY** participants with a 2026 SPAR Craic 10k bib will be permitted into their designated zone. Zoning ensures a smoother run for everyone and helps you finish strong! Plan accordingly, follow the instructions, and enjoy a fantastic race day experience.



WATER STATIONS

The first water station will be hosted by Grosvenor Community outside the SPAR on the Grosvenor Road.

The second water station will be hosted by LORAG outside McClay Library at the entrance to Botanic Park. There will also be complementary bottles of water at the finish line.

LORAG
LOWER ORMEAU RESIDENT'S ACTION GROUP



PARKING

On-street parking is available but charges apply from 8:00am. For a more reliable spot, use multi-storeys like Victoria Square or CastleCourt. The Ormeau Park is NOT available for parking to facilitate the finish line.

BAG DROP

Cancer Fund for Children are providing a 'bag-drop' service on the morning of the 10k from 8:15am-8:45am. Runners can leave their belongings in their van, which will be outside City Hall's front gates on the cobbled area. Cancer Fund for Children will transport these to the finish line. Bags will be available for collection directly across the road from the main Ozone gate. **Please come prepared with your belongings in a tied bag with your race number clearly marked on the outside.** Please take responsibility for your own belongings. They cannot be left at the start line. They have a suggested donation of £2.



cancer fund
for children

START LINE FACILITIES

We will have a pop-up information desk in the Visit Belfast Offices from 8.am-8.45am on the day of the race. These offices are located on Donegal Square North.

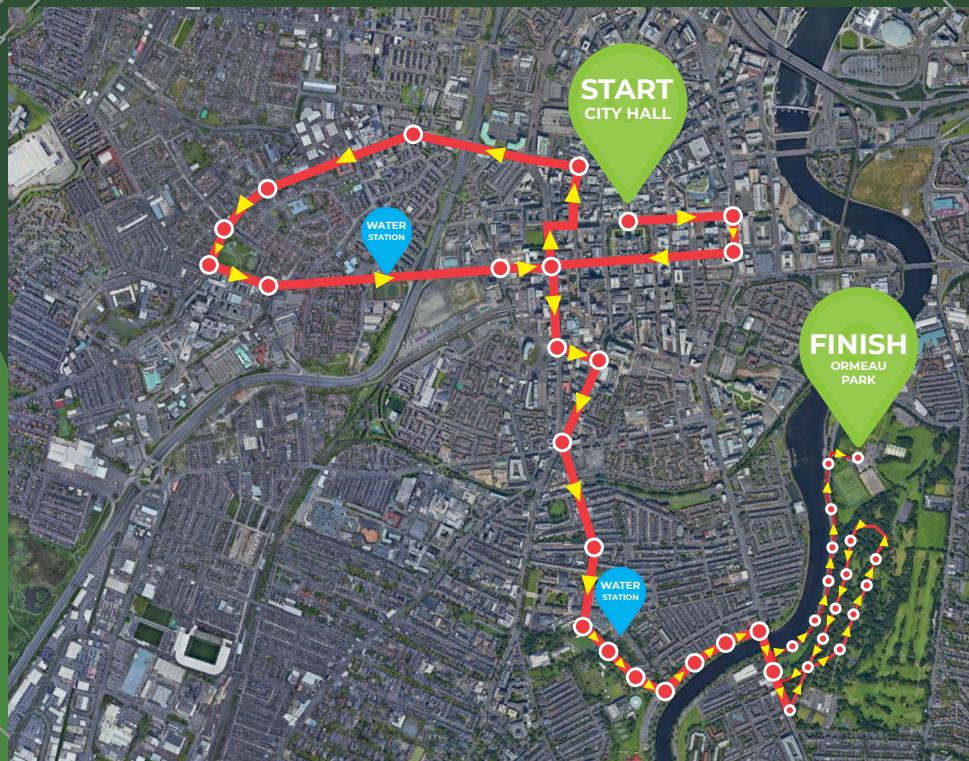
There will be portaloos on the grounds of City Hall for runners. Be mindful of toilet queues and plan for potential waiting times. We are anticipating high demand at the toilets, we urge you to plan ahead for a seamless race day experience! City Hall will be open for runners to use their toilet facilities as well.

FINISH LINE

We will have complementary water, bananas and protein milk available for all runners. Coffee vendors will also be at the finish line. Runners are welcome to use the toilet and showering facilities in the Ozone Complex in Ormeau. There are no parking spaces at the finish line as the main carpark will be used to facilitate the finishers.

aisling-events.com

Start Time: 9am City Hall, Belfast



SPAR Craic 10k 2026 Route street by street

Donegal Square North
Chichester St
Victoria Street
May Street
Donegal Square South
Howard Street
Fisherwick Place
Wellington Place
Queen Street

Castle St
Divis St
Falls Road
Crosvenor Road
Great Victoria St
Bruce St
Dublin Rd
Shaftesbury Square
Botanic Ave

Botanic Gardens
Queens PEC
Stranmillis Embankment
Ormeau Bridge
Ormeau Rd
Ormeau Park Ormeau
Embankment
Finish at Ozone entrance