



Princess Run Festival

Race Day Cancellation, Event Alteration and Weather Policy

It is the primary goal of the Princess Run Festival to provide and ensure a safe event for participants, volunteers and community people alike. We will be diligent in not exposing the participants, the volunteers or the community at large to any undue risk in the production and/or execution of the event. We understand the commitment the participants have made in entering the race, however, the decisions regarding race cancellations and/or alterations will be based on the larger community safety as well as the participants. Moreover, if community resources are threatened, we will act to protect them from unnecessary stress.

When weather conditions or other physical conditions present a danger to the participants as a whole, the Princess Run Festival officials maintain the right to cancel the race. Less threatening conditions could cause alteration of the race and/or the race course or length of the race to further ensure participant, volunteer and community safety. The conditions fall under the "Act of God" – and will not result in refunding of any race entry fee or future race credits. The staging of an event of this magnitude places large financial burden on the Princess Run Festival organization prior to the event date. Thus, in the event of a forced race cancellation or alteration, it is probable that the financial impact on race would not be any different than if the race was held without compromise.

The Princess Run Festival officials, along with city officials will make decisions regarding the cancellation or alteration of the race. Prior to the race, the Princess Run Festival officials will apprise the participants of the weather conditions and how the on-course flag system designation works. Princess Run Festival officials will describe any changes that may be decided as a result of weather or other unsafe conditions. In the case of a course evacuation, Princess Run Festival officials and city police and other city officials will communicate throughout the race course; and will direct participants to safe shelters to await transportation back to the start and/or finish area.

Hydration

The Princess Run Festival will have water and/or cooler fluids available before the start of the race and water/fluids at the finish. With the event distance being short 2K (1.2 miles) and 1K (0.6 miles) there will not be water on the course. We encourage parents to make sure that children have hydrated and are prepared.



Weather

In regards to weather specifically, The Princess Run Festival has adopted the WBGT (wet-bulb globe temperature) index as its standard. High heat and humidity, as measured in accordance with the American College of Sports Medicine recommendations for participation in endurance events could result in cancellation of the event. WBGT is considered ‘the most practical heat stress index characterizing the effect of a heat stress environment on the individual.’ The color will indicate the safety conditions based on the WBGT readings. They are as follows:

Alert Level	Event Conditions	Recommended Actions
EXTREME	Event Cancelled/ Extreme and Dangerous Conditions	Participation Stopped – Follow official’s Instructions
HIGH	Potentially Dangerous Conditions	Slow down – observe course changes/follow official’s Instructions/consider stopping
MEDIUM	Less than Ideal Conditions	Slow Down – Be Prepared for Worsening Conditions
LOW	Low Risk Good Conditions	Enjoy The Event – Be Alert
GOOD	No Risk	Enjoy The Event

At the starting line there will be an announcement regarding event conditions.

Extreme conditions that are high risk already place a burden on community healthcare systems, including emergency medical transportation, as well as hospital emergency room capacity. This burden encroaches on overall community safety and will be recognized as unnecessary and ill-advised scenario of which the Princess Run Festival officials will not knowingly place the community in any such position.

The Princess Run Festival asserts that each participant assumes responsibility when entering an event with the potential risks that running event presents. All runners should be discerning of their own fitness level in their decision to enter the run and associated events. Furthermore, it strongly advises all participants to cooperate with directives given by Princess Run Festival officials and to assist in ensuring the safety of their fellow participants, particularly when conditions are less than ideal.

The Princess Run Festival is committed to the safety of all of our participants, our volunteers and the community at large.