

HEALTHY KIDS RUNNING SERIES

WEATHER POLICY

I. Purpose:

- a. Keeping with our core values, the purpose of this policy is to prioritize the safety and well being of our participants, families, volunteers and Community Coordinators.
- b. This policy sets an expectation about how Healthy Kids Running Series will handle series specific severe weather and how decisions about cancelled races will be handled.

II. Definitions

- a. Full Series Cancellation: In some instances, an entire five-week Series will be canceled, which is the cancellation of all races scheduled for the series.
 - i. Example: Severe weather acts, such as a hurricane causing severe damages beyond repair to a community or the race facility are reason for Series Cancellation
- b. Single Race Postponement: When a race is postponed, it means one of the races during the series is postponed to a later date.
 - i. Example: When possible, HKRS may be able to secure a 'potential rain makeup date' from the facility for use in the event of a cancelled race. In this instance, HKRS will announce the race as postponed with a makeup date.
- c. Single Race Cancellation: A race cancellation means one of the races during the series is cancelled and will not be made up.
 - i. Example: In the event HKRS is unable to secure a rain date, there are conflicts at the facility, or the Coordinator is unable to provide a rain date for a single-race day, the race will be cancelled.

III. Decision Making

a. Guidelines to Run or Not to Run:

- i. HKRS abides by facility guidelines regarding field use and weather policy and shall always remain compliant with facility use guidelines.
- ii. HKRS does not run if there is thunder, lightning or what is deemed to be severe weather by the Community Coordinator.
 1. In the event of thunder and/or lightning during the race, Community Coordinators are to instruct families to head to their cars and remain

there for 30 minutes from the most recent sound of thunder or lightning strike.

2. Races will be delayed for up to no longer than an hour total. If the weather does not subside within an hour, the race day will automatically be deemed postponed or cancelled.
- iii. HKRS may run with light rain or misty conditions. However sometimes light rain and misty conditions combined with extreme temperatures may lead to postponement or cancellation.
- iv. HKRS does not run if the course is covered in snow, underwater or deemed unsafe by the Community Coordinator.

b. Decision Making:

- i. The Community Coordinator makes the final decision to run, postpone or cancel.
- ii. To Postpone or Cancel:
 1. Races are postponed if the Community Coordinator has a rain date previously granted, or is able, within a reasonable time, to secure from the facility a future rain date.
 2. Races are cancelled if there is no available rain date possible or there is a conflict with holidays, community scheduling, personal Community Coordinator events, etc.

c. Process:

- i. On the day of the race, Community Coordinators are to decide no less than one-hour prior to the race start time if they plan to run, postpone or cancel.
- ii. Community Coordinators are to communicate a decision to postpone or cancel by making a multi-channel announcement on the following platforms:
 1. Email to their registration database
 2. Sent Text Alert to those opted into the text alert software
 3. Post decision on town's Facebook page.
- iii. Races are not to be cancelled more than 24 hours prior to the race start time.
 1. Exceptions:
 - a. state or federally mandated evacuation,
 - b. emergency warning or public state of emergency
 - c. natural disaster or extreme severe weather

IV. Refunds

- a. Single Race Postponement: HKRS does not issue partial or full refunds.
- b. Single Race Cancellation: HKRS does not issue partial or full refunds.
- c. Full Series Cancellations: HKRS will issue full refunds within 90 days of the Series Cancellation.

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