



COLUMBUS 10K RACE DAY CANCELLATION / MODIFICATION POLICY

While we realize that each of the participants has made a tremendous commitment, the primary goal of the Columbus 10K is to ensure a safe event for everyone. Therefore, the race staff will make decisions about the race cancellations/modifications based on the safety of all that are involved - this includes the participants, the volunteers, the spectators and the host communities.

Specifically, the race staff reserves the right to cancel or to modify the race if deemed necessary to protect the participants, the volunteers, the spectators or the host community. These conditions will be recognized as unforeseeable acts. Since the staging of the race results in substantial up-front expenses regardless of whether or not the race is completed, cancellation or modification of the race will not result in the refunding of race entry fees or future race credits.

Severe weather conditions include:

- Thunderstorms or lightning
- Extreme heat & humidity
- High winds
- Extreme cold temperature
- Heavy rain, sleet or snow

Before the Event

If severe weather conditions exist prior to the event, information will be posted on the Columbus 10K website (<http://www.columbus10k.com>) and on our Facebook and Twitter pages (/columbus10k)

During the Event

Since the weather can change during the course of the event a color status system will be used internally to communicate weather status.

Green Status – low risk conditions - Fair weather through light/moderate precipitation

Examples:

- Forecast or observed thunderstorm or lightning greater than 30 miles from course
- Light to moderate rain or drizzle

- Temperatures above 32°F
- Sleet or snow not forecast to create slippery conditions

Yellow Status –risky conditions – proceed with caution - Severe cold or excessive heat. Strong winds, heavy precipitation – potential for making significant portions of course hazardous

Examples:

- Forecast or observed thunderstorm, lightning or hail within 12 to 30 miles of course or forecast to move within 12 miles within 45 minutes
- Forecast or observed winds from 35-45 mph or Fog or reduced visibility below ¼ mile
- Temperatures below 32°F or wind chill below 10°F
- Sleet or snow forecast to create slippery conditions over a significant portion of the course
- Heat index at or above 90°F

Participants may continue with the event, but should be aware of potential for deteriorating weather conditions and check the alert condition at the next aid station.

Red Status – dangerous conditions – stop racing Extreme weather conditions – make exercise dangerous.

Examples:

- Forecast or observed thunderstorm, lightning or hail within 12 miles of course or forecast to move within 12 miles within 30 minutes
- Forecast or observed winds greater than 45 mph or Wind chill below -10°F
- Heat index at or above 105°F

All non-elite runners should stop running and follow the instructions of the race volunteers on seeking shelter. We will be timing the race, but no age group awards will be presented.

Black Status – extremely dangerous conditions – all runners including elite runners must stop & seek shelter.

Severe weather warnings issued by the National Weather Service including imminent thunderstorm, flooding, and tornados. In general any life-threatening condition will initiate a black status alert.

Examples:

- Forecast or observed thunderstorm, lightning or hail within 12 miles of course or forecast to move within 12 miles within 30 minutes
- Wind chill below -10°F
- Heat index at or above 105°F

Participants, volunteers, and spectators should seek shelter immediately in the nearest shelter. No times will be recorded or published from a race in these conditions.

WHAT HAPPENS IF EXTREME WEATHER HAPPENS DURING THE EVENT?

If extreme weather or an emergency situation becomes an issue, the Command Group will meet and determine the status/future of the event. Depending on the situation the event may be delayed or cancelled. Information will be relayed to the Race committee via cell phones/radios. Participants will be notified along the course by course monitors and race officials. Participants will be required to use their best judgment, based on the situation, as to the next best course of action.

Guidelines for Race Director Announcements

Yellow Status Conditions The race director will issue the following statement:

The course is now under yellow status. Runners should proceed with caution and be alert for changing weather conditions.

Red Status Conditions - The race director will issue the following statement:

The course is now under red status. The course is considered closed (to all non-elite runners). Proceeding along the course is considered unsafe at this time. Runners who proceed do so at their own risk. Please follow the directions of the course volunteers. If the severe weather subsides and we are able to continue the event, it will be completed as an untimed "fun run" (for non-elite runners).

Black Status Conditions - The race director will issue the following statement:

The course is now under black status. Runners are advised to seek shelter. Proceeding along the course is considered unsafe at this time. Runners who proceed do so at their own risk and will be unsupported since race volunteers are being sent to safety. All timing will stop and no results will be recorded for any runners. If the severe weather subsides and we are able to continue the event, it will be completed as an untimed "fun run."