

Heights Half Marathon:

The Heights Half Marathon planning committee would like to take this time to explain what has been decided moving forward during this COVID-19 quarantine time and our upcoming race on May 30th. With the ever-changing status of our country and the rules and regulations in place to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, our committee has been working very hard to come up with the best solution at this current time. Unfortunately, we do not have a solution to every question you may have but ask for patience and understanding at this time.

Due to the uncertainty of what the next few weeks hold, our committee has decided to give our runners three different options for the Heights Half Marathon and 5K races. We ask that all participants who have signed up to make a decision by May 15, 2020 so we are able to best accommodate you during this time. Please contact Heather Hogge at hhogge@daytonymca.org for your race decision and any other questions you may have pertaining to the change of the Heights Half Marathon.

For those of you who have registered for the Kids Color Run, we are postponing that run until October 3, 2020. If you are unable to attend the Kids Color Run on that date, you do have the option to donate your admission to the YMCA of Greater Dayton or defer until next year.

1. Virtual Race

Instead of meeting into a large gathering and running together, we are offering a virtual option of running the Heights Half Marathon or 5K. The virtual race offers you the opportunity to run on a day that works for you and a course of your choosing. For the virtual option, you will be contacted by our race director for specific instructions in logging your race. You will have from May 15-August 30, 2020 to complete your race distance. Once you have logged your race, you will be awarded a medal and shirt that can be picked up at the Huber Heights YMCA in August. Virtual race participants will also receive a coupon for \$15 off next year's race admission to the Heights Half Marathon and 5K to be used in 2021. Registration for the virtual race option will remain open until August 30, 2020.

2. Donation

The YMCA of Greater Dayton puts on many races and other events throughout the year to help our community and offer scholarships to the members of our community who are not able to afford a full membership to the YMCA through the Annual Campaign. This year, our annual campaign has afforded us the ability to turn many of our YMCA's into pandemic childcares. These pandemic childcares allow the essential personnel in the Greater Dayton area to work serving our community during this difficult time. All those participants who are able to donate their admission to the YMCA of Greater Dayton will allow our pandemic childcares to remain open as long as they are needed and continue to help fund scholarships to families in our area once our YMCA's are up and running again in the community. All those who have kindly decided to donate their admission will receive a \$15 coupon good towards the Heights Half Marathon and 5K to be used in 2021.

3. Deferral

If you are not comfortable completing our virtual race this year, you are able to defer your race to next year. The Heights Half Marathon, 5K and Kids Color Run will be held Saturday, May 22, 2021.