



Dear Runner

It is with a heavy disappointment to cancel the 2018 Richmond Half Marathon, 10km and Mini Mile.

This morning we carried out a full assessment of predicted weather conditions, infrastructure build, staffing/volunteer welfare and the safety of you, the runners, on a course that has extra requirements from an accessibility perspective.

The latest Met Office report has raised the weather warning from Yellow to Amber, with a very high possibility of snow and ice with a wind chill of -9 and gusts of 38mph.

The raising of this warning has heightened my duty of care towards you and also to the 100 volunteers and contracted staff out on the course. The wind chill prediction is not the norm for this time of year.

These decisions are not taken lightly. I take advice from several associates who have been involved in events for many years. I have never had to cancel an event due to weather conditions.

I hope my decision, although unfortunate, has been timely for you not to incur further travel costs and expenses.

As you know, I run a small independent business and have put much effort into my events. Richmond has always been a favourite event of mine and I am bitterly disappointed to not be able to deliver Richmond Half & 10km for you this year.

I will be in touch with you again once I fully understand the economic impact on the business.

Race Day T-shirts can be collected on Sunday 9-12pm from Old Deer Park (Big White Van) or from Up and Running East Sheen and Surbiton branches from Monday onwards on display of entry.

2000 Bananas will be going to good use at local foodbanks and other local providers.

Best Regards,

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