

We are so sorry to announce that we have been informed, that the Public Health Team at North Lincolnshire Council, are cancelling all major events for the next eight weeks

We had anticipated some restrictions, and as a result, we looked into all possible options, including 'emergency' private venues close to Brigg. We investigated alternative routes out of the town, just incase any change in rules meant we couldn't go into residential areas. We had extensive back up plans in place, but despite us holding a very successful event just a few weeks ago, with extensive Covid 19 measures in place (that was attended by event organisers from across the country and shared nationally as best practice) we have been advised that we need to cancel, due to the current "R" number (reproduction infection rate) within the district.



We are obviously extremely disappointed and know that you will all be too. We know that this will raise lots of questions, and we will do our very best to answer them. Sadly, for the Royal British Legion, this is a key fundraising event, and the loss of this is of huge detriment to them. We would love it if you were able to continue supporting them, and we have worked out ways that we could continue to do this:

- 1) Opt for your race place to become virtual. We will post you out a bespoke event running beanie hat (perfect for the coming cold!), the event medal and a cake :-) We will do this automatically, unless you follow one of the below options. This option also means that the Royal British Legion will not lose out completely. Our number of entries are still at 50%, so feel free to nudge your friends to join us! (we will still have a virtual event day with prizes and results.)
- 2) Defer your place to next year. You can do this by doing the following:
 - Log onto www.etchrock.com
 - Go to my orders
 - Click on the 'order details' containing your ticket
 - Click 'defer ticket'
 - Select the ticket you wish to defer
 - Click confirm
 - You will then see a 'deferred' badge on the ticket which has been deferred, click on 'claim ticket'
 - You will be able to select from a list of events available
 - Once you have selected the event we will then show you a dropdown list of available tickets
 - You will then be able to complete the order, and EtchRock will email your new ticket
- 3) Request a transfer to another one of our 2021 events, or a refund (minus a booking fee, which is run by a third party) by emailing us at contact@curlysathletes.co.uk

If you can follow one of the above actions by midnight the 16th of October, that would be fantastic (it gives us the time to get everything ordered!)

On October the 25th, we will be out doing our own virtual Brigg 10k, and we would love it if you can tag us in from wherever you are running and send us your pictures and results.

Find out all about the virtual event here: <https://curlysathletes.co.uk/brigg-10k-poppy-race#075cbf75-bedc-494e-8eef-994bc5a4dd08>

Our approach, since UK Athletics allowed a return to running, has been to work hard to make events happen (where we were confident we could make them safe and fun.) We cancelled those events where we felt this wasn't possible and worked hard on the ones we knew we could enforce safety measures.

We are passionate runners ourselves and understand your disappointment. As a small business, with a big emphasis on charitable support, we have been impacted badly by this decision so close to an event. The eight-week rule is also going to have a knock-on effect on our other races, as we are seeing a varying approach by local authorities. Please bear with us as we continue to try to bring events back in a safe and fun way 😊

In the meantime, keep on running and smiling. We will all get through this together :-)

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