

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

Despite us holding a very successful event three 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 with immediate effect. This is 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; the decision has been taken out of our hands.

We know that this raises lots of questions, and we are in the process of working through everything and contacting all of our suppliers and medical teams that were due on the day.

Sadly, this event for The Hedgehog Hospital was the only fundraising event that they would have had so far this year, and the loss of this event is of huge detriment to them. We would love it if you were able to continue supporting them, and we have (quickly) 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 long sleeved Curly's technical running top, a Curly's snood, Hedgehog medal and a cake bake :-) We will do this automatically, unless you follow one of the below options. This option also means that the Hedgehog Hospital will not lose out (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 Saturday at 9pm, that would be fantastic (it gives us the time to get everything ordered!)

On Sunday, we will be out doing our own virtual Hedgehog Half, and we would love it if you can tag us in, send us your pictures and results. You can submit your own results by following the below link:

<https://curlysathletes.co.uk/the-hedgehog-half#2e480872-14d7-4834-ba61-ad0ebccc1fd5>

Our approach, since UK Athletics allowed a return to running, was 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, in particular The Brigg 10K and Military Challenge. Please bear with us as we try to sort a solution out for this. We will update you as soon as we can, and we have suspended any further race entries for this event (other than virtual)

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

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