

The Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & 1/2 Marathon puts the safety of its participants, spectators, staff and volunteers first. Dangerous weather conditions pose a unique challenge to an event this size. Therefore, we have adopted the following:

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Weather forecasts will be monitored prior to the event, with special attention placed on the possibility of heavy rain, thunder and lightning, high winds and extreme temperatures. If necessary, athletes will be made aware of these conditions and possible dangers which could result on the Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon website (www.columbusmarathon.com), as well as by other means of communications such as e-mail, X (formerly known as Twitter), Facebook, Instagram and the Real-Time Race Tracking app and public address announcements.

The Race Director and Medical Director, in consultation with law enforcement, fire/EMS and other officials, will monitor the weather and make a decision if any action will be taken to modify the race. Possible changes include: Altering the start time or in extreme situations, cancellation of the event. Visible lightning will cause the race to be postponed for a minimum of 30 minutes. Additional sightings will continue to delay the race in 30-minute increments.

If extremely high heat and humidity is predicted, extra water will be provided to the athletes, both prior to, during and after the event. The medical team will be alerted that athletes may require additional medical attention during and after the event due to these conditions. If it is felt that it is unsafe for participants to start the race due to severe temperatures and humidity, the race may be canceled.

Race personnel reserve the right to delay, cancel, or suspend the race due to inclement weather. Participants must abandon the race if ordered to do so by the race personnel, medical staff, fire or police personnel.



STAY SAFE!

As in past years, you should also sign up Race Week for **RTRT.me Mobile App** and enable alerts to be directly notified of changes in course conditions and emergency actions.

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

FOR ATHLETES & SPECTATORS

DANGEROUS WEATHER CONDITIONS & ON-COURSE EMERGENCIES pose a unique challenge to an event the size of a Marathon or 1/2 Marathon.

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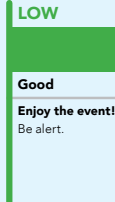
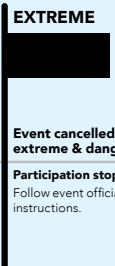
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ALERT LEVELS

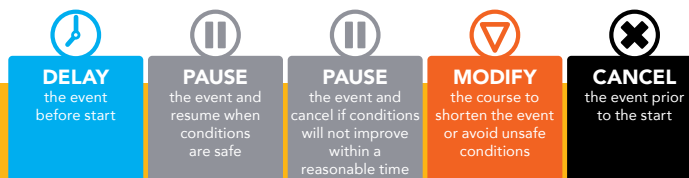
THE FLAG SYSTEM at each aid station will advise you of course conditions ahead.

LOW	MODERATE	HIGH	EXTREME
			
Good	Less than ideal	Potentially dangerous	Event cancelled/ extreme & dangerous
Enjoy the event! Be alert.	Slow down. Be prepared for worsening conditions.	Slow down. Observe course changes. Follow official instructions. Consider stopping.	Participation stopped. Follow event official instructions.

KNOW THE POSSIBLE

RESPONSES

ONE OF FIVE possible options in response to unsafe conditions on the course will be determined by race officials, in consultation with law enforcement, fire/EMS and other officials and communicated promptly with athletes, spectators and volunteers.

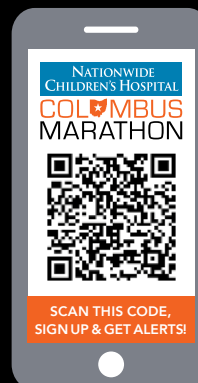


SEEK SHELTER



In the event of dangerous weather, adverse conditions or race cancellation, please seek shelter immediately.

All Police and Fire Personnel, as well as Water Stop and Course officials, can direct you to the nearest shelter and emergency transportation pick-up zones.



STAY INFORMED

Sign up for RT/RT.me Mobile App to receive special messaging in case of any weather or safety concerns.

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