Hazlemere Runners

Adverse Weather - Run / Race Cancellation Policy

Version History

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V0.1	Previous version as adopted by 2026 Committee	18/07/26	Previous Committees	Previous Committees
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1. Where there are exceptionally adverse weather conditions the following procedure will be adopted.

2. The Run Leaders / Race Director (in conjunction with sub-committee) will assess the conditions and make a decision based on ensuring the safety of club members / race runners.

3. Where the Run Leaders are equally split in the decision to run or cancel, the Senior Run Leader will make the final decision. The walking group may decide to proceed given the reduced risk to health.

4. Where a club running night has not been cancelled, but a Run Leader is unable to attend due to those weather conditions, groups may be merged with one another. The distance and pace of the merged groups will be set by the relevant Run Leader.

5. Every effort will be made to communicate the cancellation of the Club Run / Race to members/ runners by lunchtime on the day it is due to take place – e.g. by 1:00 pm on the Monday club night.

6. Notice of club run cancellations will be provided via email to members and for races to all relevant parties via existing communication channels.

7. The following is to be used as a message template for cancellation of club runs:

Due to severe weather, the Run Leaders have decided to cancel all of today's / tonight's club running groups. If you decide to run, this is your own personal decision and at your own risk. Please stay safe, and see you at the next club run.

8. The Club reserves the right to cancel right up to the start of the club run / race if the conditions worsen. This will again be communicated by using our social media and email accounts.

9. There is no club phone number to call so please use the media available to you.

10. We should stress that we will only cancel a club run in extreme weather conditions and that we will endeavour to lay on a run - but the safety of all club members is our priority.

    For Club nights 30 degrees will normally be the threshold for cancellation, subject to local conditions at the time – taken from a range of forecasts, including the Met Office, BBC and Weather and Radar. This is higher than the race threshold of 28 degrees given the ability to alter routes to run in the shade, take regular hydration breaks and run at slower speeds.

11. Where it is safe to do so, a run leader will wait at the club house (or other relevant location) to inform those who didn't get the message that club runs are cancelled.

12. There are to be no 'unofficial' club runs *formally* led by Run Leader.

Individual Choice

13. Whilst the club may cancel a club night, you may still personally choose to run. In this case, running is at your own risk. The Club will not provide a Run Leader for your run.

14. Any Run Leaders or committee members who chose to run with others are to emphasise that the activity is not a club run, and that it is at individual risk.