



Greetings Friends,

What an unprecedented time in our world and nation. This will definitely go down as a “where were you when” time period in history. We hope this message finds you healthy, aware, safe and with a positive outlook.

As registrants, fans, and volunteers of runningnerds, LLC events you are receiving this notice with updates in response to worldwide precautions being taken in response to the spread of COVID-19:

**Topgolf 5K** scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2020 has officially been cancelled for 2020. All remaining registered 2020 participants will be deferred to the Topgolf 2021 event. Tentative Date will be March 27, 2021.

**The REI ATL Relay, 10K & 20K** scheduled for Saturday, August 29th, 2020 has officially been cancelled for 2020. All registered 2020 participants will be deferred to the The REI ATL Relay, 10K, & 20K 2021 event. Tentative Date will be August 28, 2021.

**The West End Mile** scheduled for Sunday, September 13, 2020 has officially been cancelled for 2020. All registered 2020 participants will be deferred to the The West End Mile 2021 event. Tentative Date TBD.

**The Monday Night Brewing Westside 10Miler & 10K scheduled for Saturday, December 12, 2020 has NOT officially been cancelled.** We will make a determination on the status of the MNBW10 by November 1<sup>st</sup>. In the event that the event is forced to be cancelled, all registered 2020 participants will be deferred to the Monday Night Brewing Westside 10 2021 event. Tentative Date December 11, 2021.

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**Porsche Race Around the Track** scheduled for Sunday, May 3, 2020 has been cancelled..All registered participants have been notified via email with their options to proceed. Emails came from [runningnerds@gmail.com](mailto:runningnerds@gmail.com) on 4/27/2020.

**West Midtown Run Club**, Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm.. Please check in weekly on the group facebook page for updates on weekly meetings.

**UrbanTree Cidery 5K** scheduled for May 25<sup>th</sup> & **The Monday Nighter 5K/10K** scheduled for June 22<sup>nd</sup> were combined and converted to the Run Social Distancing Monday Nighter Virtual Running Challenge and took place May 25<sup>th</sup>- June 22<sup>nd</sup>!

**Big Ol' Group Run** cancelled for 2020

**The Race 2020 Half Marathon & 5K Pivot Edition** will take place on October 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> and is open for registration. Visit [www.theraceuc.com](http://www.theraceuc.com) for more information.

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The health and safety of our participants, volunteers, partners, spectators, staff and community is always our top priority. Keeping that priority in mind, we encourage everyone to remain diligent with practicing [common preventative actions](#) and following appropriate health guidelines, as recommended by the [CDC.gov](http://CDC.gov).

Going forward, we will continue to monitor this rapidly changing situation with the direction of our local and state officials. Any updates to our events will be posted on [runsociaatlanta.com/events](http://runsociaatlanta.com/events) and communicated via all channels possible.

[Answers to questions you may have:](#)

### **How do I know if I am registered for an event?**

All registered participants will have an email confirmation of their registration. If you registered on site at the ATL Race Signing Day event, your confirmation would have been received between 1/5 - 1/12. If you registered online, your confirmation would have been received immediately after you registered.

### **How will the deferral work?**

If you are currently registered for one of the cancelled 2020 Run Social Race Series events listed above, your registration will be deferred to the 2021 version of that event. You will receive an email invite and a comp code to register for that same event once registration opens.

### **I would like to request a partial refund for my registration(s).**

Partial refund request are available for Topgolf 5K, The ATL Relay 10K & 20K, West End Mile, and Monday Night Brewing Westside 10. (Refund requests for all other events are no longer available.)

Partial refunds will include 80% of the registration fee you paid the event. Please note that active.com processing and credit card fees are non-refundable. Also note that a partial refund will result in a cancellation of the event, forfeiting a deferral or access to any discounts on future registrations.

Please email [runningnerds@gmail.com](mailto:runningnerds@gmail.com) with following information to request a partial refund:

Event Name

Name as it appears on your registration confirmation

Full Address with City, State, Zip

Venmo Handle or Paypal Handle

**I have read this entire document and I still have questions that have not been addressed!**

Please send a kind message to [runningnerds@gmail.com](mailto:runningnerds@gmail.com).

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Message from runningnerds Founder and Race Director Tes Sobomehin Marshall:

*runningnerds encourages you to BE KIND TO YOUR RACES! I am an active running community member. All of my upcoming race events were cancelled (bummed). I lead a group run each week where there are genuine concerns over whether we should or should not meet each week. I ran a world major last year and COULD NOT IMAGINE how disappointing or life altering it would have been for it to be cancelled or postponed.*

*At the same time, I am an event & race organizer. runningnerds, LLC is my small business of which I am the only employee and dozens of businesses and part time staff rely on our participant interest for their livelihood. Yes, this is the business I chose fully understanding the risks involved with being an entrepreneur & business owner. Honestly, most days, I pinch myself that this is what I get to do "for a living" and am constantly grateful and humble for the opportunity.*

*With that said....I ask each and every runner/walker/volunteer reading this statement to BE KIND TO YOUR RACES!*

- Remember, everyone is in a tough position. These are unprecedented times and NO ONE would have every imagined this scenario.*
- Respect the no refund policy if that is what you agreed to during registration.*
- You love the sport, so take a long-term view of your role in ensuring the financial survival of your community-owned events.*
- Please do not harm your race of choice by doing charge backs and demanding a refund if the race has a no refund policy. This hurts the long-term survival of an event you hope to run one day.*
- Keep in mind local events are just like small businesses in your community, your support will be critical to their survival.*
- If you are absolutely not able to forgo your race registration fee, give the event organizer an opportunity to handle your situation on a case by case basis. Email them directly, be kind, be patient on a reply, and I believe most event directors will be sensitive to extenuating circumstances as we hope you are sensitive to ours. At least, I know I would (with the above points sincerely considered ;)*

*Thank you all for reading and I hope the runningnerdnation (that's you) will be an example of KINDNESS in this interesting time!*