



Garmin Olathe Marathon postponed

The Garmin Olathe Marathon is more than just a race. It's an event. The allure of the annual Wizard of Oz themed race isn't about the distance our participants run. It's really how they run, with whom they run, how they interact with the other runners, and, most of all, it's the celebratory nature of our finish-line festival. With restrictions in place on how we would need to stagger the start to spread out the runners and no finish-line activities, moving forward with our April 17 event would not be to the standards that we have set through the first 17 years of this awesome event.

It is with great disappointment that we announce the postponement of the 2021 Garmin Olathe Marathon.

As always, we want to be sure to provide the best possible experience for every runner. Trying to put together a worthwhile event for everyone involved with all the obstacles in our way, just became too much. The safety and health of our runners is our #1 priority. For that reason, we're postponing the race until Nov. 6.

We sincerely apologize for an inconvenience this may cause for anyone who registered or began training with the hopes of participating in our annual event. This is really the best option at this point.

To be clear, we're not cancelling the event, simply postponing it until Nov. 6. We know this may not work within everyone's schedules and for that we're sorry, but we also realize that a new fall date may allow some who were still reluctant a chance to run.

While we said from the outset that there would be no refunds this year, we have decided to change that and give runners who have already registered three options, if the new fall date doesn't work for you:

- Option 1 – Deferral to the 2022 Garmin Olathe Marathon
- Option 2 – Switching to the virtual race option in 2021
- Option 3 – A refund of your registration fee (excluding a small administrative fee)*

If you can join us this fall for the event, you won't need to do anything.

Please reach out to us at marathon@olathe.org if you have any questions. We know this isn't the news you wanted to hear, but we're certain this will be an amazing event on Nov. 6, and we can't wait for you to join us.

* Refund requests are only approved for registrants who paid for the 2021 Garmin Olathe Marathon from August 2020 until March 11. When requesting a refund, please provide your first and last name, along with your transaction number.