

# 2018 Halloween Candy Run

## Inclement Weather Action Plan for October 28, 2018

The National Weather Service has issued a Wind Advisory for Sunday, October 28, 2018, from 1 p.m.-7 p.m. Winds are expected from West at 15-20 mph with gusts up to 45-50 mph. Rain is also expected with a chance of scattered thunderstorms. In light of this weather report, and in consultation with our medical and safety professionals, we are going to implement a revised race plan. We want to ensure the safety of all racers, and we feel this revised plan will help keep you safe on race day in the event of an emergency or bad weather.

## The Race is On as Scheduled

### Race Adjustments in the Case of Inclement Weather

- Please note that we will ONLY cancel the race as a last resort, and we intend to run the event as scheduled.
- In the case of lightning on course, we will delay the start of any given race, 30 min after the last lightning strike.
- In the case of extended periods of lightning and storms, we will delay the event until the storms pass.
- If we only get a small window of storm-free running, we may shorten the length of a given race to ensure we can get in a race.

### On Course Race Decorations, Tents and Inflatables Are Cancelled Due to High Winds

- For the safety of all racers, we will NOT be putting decorations on course.
- Aid stations will still have water, HEED, candy and gels. They will not have decorations or music.
- We will also not be using any tents on course or our inflatable start / finish line.
- We will not have a lead biker on course for the safety of racers and our lead biker.

### Updated Race Schedule

- 12:45pm: Registration and Packet Pick-up at Old Scratch Pizza
- 1:15pm: Costume Contest at Old Scratch (moved from Start / Finish Line)
- 2:00pm: 1-Mile Start
- 2:20am: 5k Start
- 3:00am: 10k Start
- 4:30pm Timing Ends & Runners must have Completed the Course

### The Race Course Adjustments

- The course will remain an out and back on the bike path. Due to winds and potential thunderstorms, and in consultation with our safety professionals we are making the following course adjustments:
  - The 1-mile and 5k course will remain the same.
  - The 10k course will be a 2 lap run on the 5k course. We want to ensure that people are closer to the Start/Finish Line in case of any emergencies or weather-related issues.
- The updated course map can be seen here: <https://www.mapmyrun.com/routes/view/2299922275>

### Participants Changing Races

1. Any athlete can move down to a shorter race if they desire. All race changes can be made on race day at registration.
2. If you choose not to race, you can still pick up your packet in person and enjoy the post-race party.

**In the Event of An Emergency or Bad Weather** - If a storm occurs we recommend the following:

- Stop, seek immediate shelter. There is limited shelter on the bike path. Head for the nearest bridge on course if you need to seek shelter. You may also have someone pick you up at an aid station. There is road access at the aid stations. In the event of a storm we will do our best to shuttle people back to the start line from the aid stations in our staff vehicles. If you can make it to an aid station, we will come and get you.
- You are welcome to continue racing. We will keep the timing equipment on as long as it is safe to do so. In the event of a severe storm, we may need to shut down our timing equipment. We will do our best to get you a finish time. We cannot guarantee a finish time in the event of a severe storm. Please keep your own time just in case, take a photo of your watch, send it to us, and we can honor that time if we do not have a time for you.
- You may stop racing and resume racing once the weather clears. We cannot adjust final times in the event of extreme weather, so please keep your own time for your records.

## Lightning

Proximity of lightning will be determined by a lightning detector or by the flash-to-bang method. Using the flash-to-bang method, distance of lightning is determined by counting the seconds between the flash of lightning and when the thunder is heard. That number is then divided by five (5) to calculate the distance in miles the lightning is occurring. (Ex: 30 seconds is counted between the flash of lightning and bang of thunder, 30 divided by 5 = 6 miles way)

- Flash-to-bang count that is at 30 or less (6 miles) there is inherent danger and race should be suspended and situation should be monitored.
- Flash-to-bang count at 15 or less (3 miles) there is immediate danger, seek shelter immediately
- All athletes should be moved to their cars, find shelter in the closest building or shelter facility. If unable to reach shelter, assume a crouched position with head down and arms hugging around your knees (avoid trees and other tall structures)
- 30 minutes will be allowed from the last lightning flash seen or the last flash-to-bang count greater than 30 before the race will be permitted to continue
- If inclement weather approaches during the course of the race, all emergency contacts will be notified to help assist athletes to safety

**Heavy Winds:** In the event of heavy winds, the Race Director should make certain no race apparatus or equipment being used will topple and cause injury to anyone in the area. This includes tents, speakers, finish/start lines, bike racks, banners, etc.

**Tornado:** In the event of a tornado, the Race Director should communicate with all athletes, volunteers, and other personnel that a tornado warning has been issued. All parties at the race site should be instructed to move to a safe location and take shelter, in the closest building or shelter facility. If it is during the course of the race and shelter is unavailable, all should be instructed to lie flat in a ditch or depression and cover their head with their hands.

**Heavy Rains:** While rain itself is not a danger to athletes and volunteers, rain slicked roadways, standing water and poor visibility are all dangers that may result from heavy rainfall. The Race Director will communicate with local law enforcement to determine the condition of the roadways and running trails.

**No Refunds:** We cannot offer refunds under any circumstances. We have paid in advance for the swag, food, facilities, and all of the race items, so we cannot refund your entry. We are sorry for any inconvenience. You are welcome to come and pick up your swag and enjoy the post-race party even if you choose not to race.