EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

FOR ATHLETES & SPECTATORS

BANGEROUS WEATHER CONDITIONS& ON-COURSE EMERGENCIES

pose a unique challenge
to an event the size of a
Marathon or 1/2 Marathon.

SAFETY IS



The Nationwide Children's Hospital Columbus Marathon & 1/2 Marathon puts the safety of its participants, spectators, staff and volunteers first.

KNOW THE COURSE

ALERT LEVELS

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

	MODERATE
LOW	

Good

Be alert.

Enjoy the event!

Less than ideal

Slow down.

Be prepared for worsening conditions.

Potentially dangerous

HIGH

Slow down.
Observe course changes.
Follow official instructions.

Consider stopping.

EXTREME

Event cancelled/ extreme & dangerous

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.



DELAY the event

before start



PAUSE

the event and resume when conditions are safe



PAUSE

the event and cancel if conditions will not improve within a reasonable time



MODIFY

the course to shorten the event or avoid unsafe conditions



CANCEL

the event prior to the start

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 and enable
alerts to be
directly notified
of changes in
course conditions
and emergency
actions.

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