



EVENT ALERT SYSTEM

In order to ensure the safety of all runners, please be aware of our Event Alert System and familiarize yourself with our color codes prior to the race. The Event Alert System, or EAS, is a color-coded method of quickly communicating to participants the potential for adverse weather conditions that can affect the race event.

A series of color codes indicate the increasing severity of adverse conditions as outlined below:

Alert Level	Event Conditions	Recommended Actions
Black (Extreme)	Event Canceled, Extreme and Dangerous Conditions	Participation Stopped/Follow Event Official Instructions
Red (High)	Potentially Dangerous Conditions	Slow Down/Observe Course/Follow Official Instructions/Consider Stopping
Yellow (Intermediate)	Less than Ideal Conditions	Slow Down/Be Prepared for Worsening Conditions
Green (Low)	Good Conditions	Enjoy the Event/Be Alert

Conditions will be communicated throughout the course at our water stations and through volunteers.

- If we are at a green level, no signs will be posted – enjoy the event.
- If the alert level is yellow, red or black, signs will be held by select course marshals and on display at water stations.

Adverse conditions are typically related to heat stress. However, the system may also warn of other potentially dangerous situations, such as cold, storms, tornadoes or even non-weather situations like auto accidents or fires on or near the course.

Thorguard Lightning Detection System

In addition to the Event Alert Systems, the Park District uses a lightning detection system called Thorguard. When the ThorGuard system predicts lightning in the area, an eight-second warning horn will sound and a warning strobe-light will activate at the base and each satellite park in the zone.

Anyone who hears the horn or sees the strobe light should seek shelter immediately. All activities near the park should stop. The strobe light will continue to flash until the all clear signal is received. After the danger is reduced, an "all clear" signal of two short horn blasts will sound and the strobe light will turn off.

The Park District urges you to use common sense when recreating outdoors in inclement weather. We hope for the best weather, but would like to be prepared to ensure your safety.