



Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Dear Runners,

It is with much sadness that I announce the cancellation of the Auburn Classic Half Marathon & 10K scheduled for Saturday, March 5th 2016.

This is not a decision that was made lightly. In the past 24 hours, after a thorough discussion with the Auburn Opelika Running and Track Association Board, Campus Event Planning and with Auburn Public Safety, the decision was made to cancel. Due to procedural changes and new event limits with Campus Event Planning, our annual race was denied a permit to hold the event on campus on our intended date. Other on-campus events scheduled at the same time conflicted with our race routes and would have also compromised the safety of our runners. This was the reason our permit was denied. An option to change the date was offered, but the venue, timing company and other key businesses needed to host the event were unavailable on the alternate dates.

My priority as race director has always been runner safety. Secondly, I expect top-notch services for our runners. Doing anything half way or in a rushed manner is not the package I want to present to the running community. If I am successful in these areas, our designated charity, East Alabama Medical Center Foundation-Cancer Center, will also reap the rewards of this work.

I am certain that many of you are very disappointed and I share that disappointment with you. Timing is never perfect in situations such as this. Canceling the event now keeps further costs from being incurred for you and for us. That being said, all registered participants have one of two options:

1. Full refund of registration fees (less RunSignUp fees)
2. Transfer of registration (equal value) to any other AORTA sponsored Event. Ex: Tough Ten/Tough Two scheduled for October 2016

I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused in training plans, travel plans or holiday commitments and remain hopeful that this event can be held in the coming years.

Please Reply to this email with your choice of one of the two options by Friday, December 18th, 2015. If I don't hear from you, we will automatically process a refund of your registration fees.

Sincerely
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