



SwimRutland 2020

Cancellation & Adverse conditions policy.

SwimRutland takes place on a spectacular course. This also means it's exposed and heavily influenced by the weather.

When signing up to participate in SwimRutland 2020 you are accepting that many things are out of the organisers hands. We can make almost all the event arrangements, with the exception of the weather we experience on the day.

Here is what we will likely do in the event of adverse weather or a situation leading to safety being compromised.

(weather being the most likely cause of changes, but the following policy applies to all manner of issues we may encounter including water quality)

Please Note:

Alternative opportunities may arise on the day of the event. We have outlined the likely solutions, but will consider any number of options.

SwimRutland reserve the right to make changes in the interest of participant safety without consultation.

Acknowledging the nature of the venue where we swim, we want to be clear with everyone about the likely changes they'll encounter should we experience unacceptable conditions.

Offer a distance change.

If the weather makes the event more challenging than expected, (we expect it not to be completely calm, but not unreasonably challenging) we endeavour to increase capacity in the shorter distances. This might include an extra boat trip for the 2km swimmers where possible.

This option is at the swimmer's discretion and as a result no financial reimbursement from SwimRutland will be given to anyone switching into a cheaper distance option.

If the weather is good, we cannot always offer this under typical conditions. There is a certain capacity in each distance and we cannot always move people just because they've changed their mind.

Under normal conditions people can swap, only if there is space available in a certain distance. If the distance option is full and conditions are acceptable you will not be able to change. If there are spaces, it's absolutely not a problem.

The cut off for acceptable vs challenging conditions is decided by SwimRutland.

Shortened course.

In some situations, the weather might allow SwimRutland to take place on a shorter course. This might include but isn't restricted to the following.

A short course across part of the current SwimRutland course.

We might be restricted to the North or South arm only. We will require swimmers to swim additional loops on the shortened course in order to complete the distance.

A change in direction. We may be able to swim, just on a different part of the lake. Leaving from Whitwell. An option might be to swim up the North arm of the lake or in Whitwell creek.

We will let everyone know as soon as possible. The decision will be made in conjunction with SwimRutland, Anglian Water, Safety teams and medics.

By entering you are acknowledging that the course might be shortened in the interest of safety for all participants. Some swimmers might feel that they can handle the conditions but the decision will be taken on the basis of collective safety.

No refund will be given to swimmers in the event of a shortened swim course.

Sheltered Swim

If the main course is simply too dangerous to allow a mass participation swim event to go ahead. We may be able to offer you a Swim in the more sheltered area of Whitwell creek. It's not ideal, everyone came to swim across the lake, but here's what we can offer.

We will have set up a 1km looped course leaving from the shoreline adjacent to the Rutland Belle. You can swim as many loops as you like within the time limit. It is your responsibility to count loops, although you will need to exit each lap so that we can record a lap time. We will still award a medal for each SwimRutland Distance. Mini, 2km, 4km, 8km. We will also still issue trophies and prizes for the winners in each competition.

You will be ranked in the closest full distance event that you complete. For example, if you swim 3km you will be listed in the 2km event.

In the event of SwimRutland taking place on a sheltered swim course in Whitwell creek we will offer a partial refund to each swimmer. Either as a credit to be used against next years event. Or as a cash refund directly to the account used to purchase the SwimRutland entry. The partial refund amount will be your entry fee minus £15 for the new swim.

You are under no obligation to accept this option. We just want to offer the chance to swim rather than completely wasting everyone's journey. A full refund will be given to those choosing not to take part.

You must have turned up and registered on the morning of SwimRutland to claim your refund.

We will not process requests from people who did not turn up to the event.

The new format will run from 8:00am to 10:00am

We will implement a rolling start where swimmers time will start as they cross the timing mat on the shoreline.

Full Cancellation

If the only option is to completely cancel the event, we will offer a transfer into SwimRutland 2021, A credit to be used against any of our other events, or a full refund to the account used to enter the event.