

Jesmond Joggers 20th Anniversary Relay Race

Cancellation Policy

Event time/date: 19:00, Tuesday 14 July 2026

Event location: Paddy Freeman's Park, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

Contact email: jjsrelayrace@gmail.com

Updates: <http://jesmondjoggers.co.uk/races/jesmond-joggers-20th-anniversary-relay-race>

1. Purpose of this policy

Jesmond Joggers aims to deliver a safe, enjoyable and well-organised relay race for runners, spectators, volunteers, officials and the wider public. However, there may be circumstances in which the race must be postponed, altered or cancelled.

The safety of participants, volunteers, officials, spectators and members of the public will always take priority. The Race Director, in consultation with the race organising committee and relevant officials or authorities where appropriate, may postpone, alter or cancel the event if it is not safe or practicable for the race to proceed.

2. Circumstances in which the race may be postponed, altered or cancelled

The Jesmond Joggers Relay Race may be postponed, altered or cancelled in circumstances including, but not limited to:

- **Heat:** where temperatures, humidity or heat-health warnings create an unacceptable risk to runners, volunteers and/or spectators.
- **High winds:** where wind conditions create hazards on the course, at Race HQ, around shelters, signage, trees, structures or other event infrastructure.
- **Significant rainfall:** where heavy or prolonged rain creates unsafe running conditions, flooding, poor visibility, dangerous surfaces or unsafe conditions for volunteers and spectators.
- **An impassable or unsafe course:** where the planned course cannot be used safely and no suitable alternative route is available.

- **Medical cover unavailable:** where the appointed medical services are unable to attend, or where the available medical provision is judged insufficient for the event to proceed safely.
- **Advice or instruction from the council or other relevant authority:** including, but not limited to, advice relating to the terror threat level, public disorder, protests, road or park access, public safety, emergency services requirements or other local authority concerns.
- **Any other circumstances outside the reasonable control of Jesmond Joggers** which, in the judgement of the Race Director, make it unsafe, inappropriate or impracticable for the race to go ahead.

Where possible, the organising committee will consider whether the race can safely proceed with modifications, such as changes to the route, start arrangements, timetable, race format or event infrastructure. If suitable modifications are not possible, the race may be postponed or cancelled.

3. Decision-making responsibility

The final decision to postpone, alter or cancel the race rests with the Race Director, acting in consultation where appropriate with:

- the race organising committee.
- race officials.
- medical services.
- the local authority/council.
- emergency services or other relevant authorities.

The Race Director's decision will be final.

4. Timing of postponement or cancellation announcement

Where possible, Jesmond Joggers will announce any postponement or cancellation at least 24 hours before the scheduled race start time.

However, some circumstances may arise or worsen close to the event, including on race day itself. Jesmond Joggers therefore reserves the right to postpone, alter or cancel the race at any time before or during the event if required for safety or operational reasons.

If the race is postponed or cancelled before the event, Jesmond Joggers will make reasonable efforts to inform clubs, teams, runners, officials, volunteers, suppliers and spectators as quickly as possible.

5. Race HQ presence if the event is postponed or cancelled

If the race is postponed or cancelled before race day, at least one member of the race organising committee will be present at the planned Race HQ from 18:30 to 19:00 on Tuesday 14 July 2026, in case any runners, spectators, volunteers or officials have not received the cancellation or postponement notice.

This presence is intended to help redirect and inform anyone who arrives at the venue. It does not mean that any part of the race or event programme will proceed.

6. Communication of postponement, alteration or cancellation

If the race is postponed, altered or cancelled, communication will be made by the Race Director or a nominated member of the race organising committee through the following channels:

- email to participating club committees and/or nominated team contacts.
- Jesmond Joggers social media channels.
- the Jesmond Joggers race website: <http://jesmondjoggers.co.uk/races/jesmond-joggers-20th-anniversary-relay-race>.
- direct communication to key event personnel and suppliers.

Event queries should be sent to: jjrelayrace@gmail.com.

The following will be informed directly by mobile message and/or email where contact details are available:

- race officials.
- medical services.
- portable toilet hire provider.
- other key suppliers, volunteers or event partners as required.

Team managers and club contacts are responsible for forwarding any relevant information to their entered runners, supporters and travelling party.

7. Refunds

Entry fees are used to meet the costs of organising and staging the race. These costs may include, but are not limited to, race administration, permits, venue or facility costs, medical cover, toilets, race numbers, prizes, equipment, communications, insurance-related costs and other supplier or event expenses.

Refunds will not be offered if:

- a team withdraws after entering.
- individual runners within a team become unavailable.
- a club is unable to field a team.
- the race is postponed.
- the race is cancelled due to circumstances outside the reasonable control of Jesmond Joggers.
- the race is altered, shortened or re-routed for safety or operational reasons.

8. Deferral to a reorganised event

If the race is postponed and reorganised for another date, existing team entries will be deferred to the reorganised event.

No additional entry fee will be charged for teams whose entries are deferred to the rearranged race, unless a team chooses to enter additional teams or categories, subject to availability.

If a team is unable to attend the reorganised event, no refund will be offered. However, team managers may amend their declared runners in line with the team-change rules for the reorganised event.

9. Team changes and substitutions

Because this is a relay event, Jesmond Joggers recognises that clubs may need to make changes to team composition, particularly if the race is postponed to a new date.

Team substitutions will be allowed, provided that:

- the replacement runner is eligible for the relevant race/category.
- the revised team complies with the event rules.
- the change is submitted by the deadline or process communicated by the Race Director.
- no runner competes under another runner's name or number without the change being officially recorded.

Unofficial substitutions are not permitted. Accurate runner information is important for results, category eligibility and, most importantly, medical and emergency purposes.

10. Alteration of course, distance, timetable or format

Jesmond Joggers may alter the course, distance, timetable, race format, start arrangements, finish arrangements, Race HQ arrangements or other event details if required for safety, operational or logistical reasons.

Where changes are made, Jesmond Joggers will aim to communicate them as clearly and promptly as possible. Such changes will not entitle teams or runners to a refund.

11. Cancellation after the race has started

If conditions deteriorate after the race has started, or if an incident arises during the event, the Race Director or race officials may suspend, shorten or stop the race.

In such circumstances:

- runners must follow instructions from marshals, officials and emergency personnel.
- teams may be asked to stop racing, leave the course, return to Race HQ or follow an alternative route.
- results may be adjusted, declared final at a particular point, or voided, depending on the circumstances.
- no refunds will be offered.

12. Responsibility of clubs, team managers and runners

Club contacts and team managers are responsible for:

- ensuring that all entered runners are aware of this policy.
- monitoring email, Jesmond Joggers social media and the Jesmond Joggers website before travelling.
- passing on any postponement, cancellation or event-change information to their runners and supporters.
- ensuring that any team changes are submitted through the official process.

Runners are responsible for ensuring they are fit to race and for following all instructions from marshals, officials, medical staff and the Race Director.

13. Acceptance of policy

By entering the Jesmond Joggers Relay Race, the club/team manager confirms that they have read and accepted this Cancellation and Postponement Policy on behalf of all runners included in their team entry.

14. Summary

Jesmond Joggers will make every reasonable effort to stage the Relay Race as planned. If this is not possible, the club will prioritise safety, communicate promptly, and, where practicable, defer entries to a reorganised race date.

Refunds will not be offered. Entries will be deferred if the race is reorganised.