



Grinnell Games Cancellation Plan & Policy

While we realize that each of the participants has made a tremendous commitment through training, travel, etc., the primary goal of Grinnell Games is to ensure a safe event for everyone. Therefore, the race staff, along with emergency personnel, will make decisions about the race cancellations, including any modifications, based on the safety of all that are involved, including participants, volunteers and spectators.

The race staff reserves the right to cancel or modify the race at any time for safety reasons, including but not limited to severe weather conditions. Because expenses will be incurred regardless of cancellation or modification of said events, participants will not be refunded their race entry fee nor have a credit toward any future race.

Severe weather conditions may include, but not be limited to, the following: thunderstorm watches or warnings, lightning, extreme heat and/or humidity, high winds, heavy rains, flooding, tornado watches and/or warnings.

Please be mindful of this policy and be aware of your surroundings whilst participating and/or volunteering. We want to ensure a great event for everyone, but need to be cognizant of the weather when doing so. If you have any questions, please talk with event staff.

Before the Event

If severe weather conditions exist or threaten prior to the event, please listen to KGRN AM 1410. In addition, cancellation or modification information will be posted on the Grinnell Games facebook page: www.facebook.com/grinnellgames as well as the Grinnell Games website: www.grinnellgames.com. Volunteers should check these sources as well.

During the Event

Since the weather can change during the course of the event, a flag system will be used to communicate weather status. These flags will be placed at the water stations along the course route(s).

Green Flag: Low Risk Conditions

Fair weather through light/moderate precipitation

Yellow Flag: Moderate Risk, proceed with caution and stay alert for changes

Excessive heat, strong winds, heavy precipitation – potential for making significant portions of the course hazardous.

Examples:

- Forecast or observed thunderstorm, lightning or hail 6 to 20 miles from course or forecast to move within 12 miles in next 45 minutes
- Forecast or observed winds 35-45 mph
- Thunderstorm watch issued for Poweshiek and/or eastern Jasper Counties
- Tornado watch issued for Poweshiek and/or eastern Jasper Counties

Red Flag: High Risk, Course Closed

Extreme weather conditions – may make exercise dangerous.

Examples:

- Forecast or observed thunderstorm, lightning or hail within 6 miles of course or forecast to move within 6 miles in next 30 minutes
- Thunderstorm warning issued for Poweshiek and/or eastern Jasper Counties
- Tornado warning issued for Grinnell

Participants, volunteers and spectators should seek shelter immediately in the nearest shelter. No times will be recorded or published from a race in these conditions.