

Dear Shamrock'n Race Participants,

As many of you are aware, the COVID-19 situation is constantly evolving day-by-day, and during these trying times, everyone is doing their best to stay safe and healthy. TRY EVENTS has tried our very best to host all events as scheduled by implementing safety measures in order to reduce the risk of transmitting illnesses. The health and wellbeing of our runners and spectators is paramount, and we base our decisions on best public health practices.

As of today, all community events with more than 250 individuals has been banned in the Province of British Columbia, in order to slow the transmission of illness. With this in mind, it is with heavy hearts that we must inform you we are unable to gather together this Sunday, March 15, to hold our annual Shamrockin' Race at Burnaby Lake. **HOWEVER**, we know how hard you have trained, and we realize how much you want to race (and get those awesome socks and medal!); so we are excited to announce that the 2020 Shamrock n' Race will go on AS A VIRTUAL EVENT!

Package pickup will still be held at FitFirst in Burnaby tomorrow (Friday) 3-6pm and Saturday 11am-2pm as scheduled, with an additional session added on Sunday from 10am-noon to accommodate anyone who was planning to use race day package pickup (you can do your virtual race first then come pick up your package). At package pickup you will receive your race bib, socks, medal, and race snack pack - everything you need to make your race experience complete. We will also be incorporating our usual race day "random prize draw" into package pickup, and all prizing that would normally be presented at the winners' podium is now up for grabs; so you could WIN a \$20 FitFirst / LadySport gift certificate just for showing up! Everyone will also still receive 15% off regular-priced items at FitFirst all weekend by showing your race bib. And our TRY EVENTS podium and backdrop will be on location so you can still get your race photos!

On Sunday morning, participate in the virtual race however YOU feel comfortable: with your Run Club or a small group of friends, with your best fitness buddy, pushing a stroller, accompanied by your furry pal or even home alone on your treadmill if you prefer not to venture out. (Heck, if you'd rather stay at home and just SAY you did the run, just this once, we won't judge!) No matter how you participate, know that you will be joined in spirit by 400 other awesome people who are also Shamrock n' their own race at 9am this Sunday!

Once you do your race your way, visit us on social media to upload your pics and tell us all about your experience! Any post that really gets our attention may just win a prize. And there will be bonus points for anyone who still chooses to do their run in costume to celebrate St. Patrick's Day!!! #STILLSHAMROCKIN And you can also send your race time and picture to Sean@tryevents.ca and he will accumulate and post your Shamrock'n Virtual Race results on www.TRYEVENTS.ca

We realize this solution isn't perfect, and it is times like this when we are especially thankful that TRY EVENTS has the BEST race participants in the world because we know you are always going to encourage and support us as we continue our venture to raise funds for worthy charities and create local employment while hosting fun-filled AWESOME events!

THANK YOU for your understanding! Stay safe and healthy, and we look forward to being able to run with you in person again soon!