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First, we want to thank you for your patience over the past few days. For many of you, this was going to be your first race at a new distance. For others, this was going to be an opportunity to set a new personal best. Whatever your reason for lining up this past Sunday, the race cancellation was very disappointing and emotional for you and your supporters. Your disappointment in not being able to participate and celebrate your training journey is understandable. We wish to express our shared disappointment on behalf of the Pamakid Runners, race sponsors, staff, and volunteers.

To support the hard work and training you have completed, we are offering a virtual race. Your entry has been converted for you. You are encouraged to complete your selected distance virtually and submit your time. Participants will have 30 days to complete the run and enter results. The virtual race begins Tuesday, February 6 and the submission period will end Wednesday, March 6. For instructions on how to upload your results, view the virtual results submission guide.

[Virtual Results Submission Guide](#)

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We will contact you on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM PST with next steps on receiving your finisher gear, as well as future race and partner discount offerings. We appreciate your understanding, patience, and support as we navigate this unprecedented situation.

The decision to cancel the event was made collaboratively by race organizers, local authorities, title sponsor Kaiser Permanente, and weather experts monitoring the evolving situation. Earlier decisions to re-route the race away from falling trees and debris in Golden Gate Park proved insufficient once we experienced the increasingly severe winds on race morning. To ensure the safety of our runners, staff, volunteers, and the community at large, we determined that cancelling the race was our only responsible option. We deeply apologize for the disruption.

As you acknowledged in the registration process, we are unable to issue refunds or deferrals in the event of cancellation. In the many months of planning before event day, Pamakids incurred significant expenses to present the event. Medals, shirts, and race bibs are some of the expenses paid out before event day, even if the event is cancelled.

The Pamakid Runners is a 501c3 non-profit organization and our race proceeds are given as charitable donations to local organizations. In the past 10 years alone, over \$1 million has been donated back into the local Bay Area community. Your entry fee goes directly to many worthy causes that the Pamakid Runners support, including our major race beneficiaries for 2024—Running for a Better Oakland, Bay Area Girls on the Run, and Support for Families of Children with Disabilities.

We sincerely appreciate your understanding and support during this challenging time.



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