



SwimGrafham 2023 Cancellation & Adverse conditions policy.

Event safety being compromised.

SwimGrafham takes place on a spectacular course. This also means it's exposed and heavily influenced by things such as, but not limited to, the weather and water quality.

When signing up to participate in SwimGrafham 2023 you are accepting that many things are out of the organisers hands. You acknowledge that changes to the event outline may need to take place in the interest of group safety. Individual competence cannot be considered in mass participation events as collective safety is key.

Please Note:

Outlined within is what we will likely do in the event of a situation leading to safety being compromised.

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

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

SwimGrafham 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 option is at the swimmer's discretion and as a result no financial reimbursement from SwimRutland Ltd 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.

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

Shortened course.

In some situations, the weather might allow SwimGrafham 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 SwimGrafham course.

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. We will notify swimmers as soon as possible.

The decision will be made in conjunction with SwimRutland Ltd, 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 a more sheltered area of the lake. When possible we will have set up a 1km looped course. 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 SwimGrafham Distance. 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.

In the event of SwimGrafham taking place on a sheltered swim course 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 SwimGrafham 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 transfer into SwimGrafham 2024 will be given to those choosing not to take part.

You must have turned up and registered on the morning of SwimGrafham to claim your transfer.

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 2024 or a credit to be used against any of our other events.

Covid-19

If the event is cancelled due to covid-19 each entrant will be automatically transferred into the following years event.

We will go ahead with the event as long as the law, local authorities and land owners allow us to do so. In the interest of safety, we reserve the right to cancel without notice or consent. There will be no refunds in the event of a Covid-19 cancellation.