



## Event Date Change Announcement

Due to the continuing uncertainty around the Covid-19 pandemic, following discussions with the relevant authorities and feedback from runners, we have made the decision to re-arrange the dates for the 2021 Aldi Chester 10k and Essar Chester Half Marathon.

We're confident the extra time permitted by staging the events later in 2021 will allow cases to drop, the demand on the NHS to reduce and vaccines to be dispensed. This, combined with the measures we are planning to implement for our covid secure events, will provide the least overall disruption to each event in 2021 and offer further stability and certainty for you as runners.

The dates for our 2021 events will now be:

The Aldi Chester 10K – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July

The Essar Chester Half Marathon – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September

The MBNA Chester Marathon and Metric Marathon will remain unchanged on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October

The welfare of our runners, volunteers, staff, contractors, the local community and society as a whole remains our priority. We've been working with the local council and governing bodies to enable us to deliver our covid secure events as planned. Although smaller trial events were successful over the summer, the recent lockdowns and return to the tier system have made it clear that staging two events of our size in early 2021 would not be in the best interest of public health. The decision to change our race dates has not been easy. The decisions we make have many knock-on effects from you as runners, to those in the hospitality industry, other businesses in Chester and local and national charities, that all see the economic benefits from our events.

We are sorry for any inconvenience the changes of dates may cause you.

If you have entered into either event, you will have received an email with further details and the options available to you (these are also detailed below). Please check your junk mail if you haven't yet received your email.

### What does this mean for you?

**All runners currently entered into the 2021 Aldi Chester 10K and the Essar Chester Half Marathon have been automatically carried over to the new dates and you do not need to do anything.**

If you are unable to attend the new race date, you can select one of the three options below. To allow us to plan, please make your decision by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021:

### Run the race your way

Providing you retain a valid entry to the event, you may run the race your own way, by completing at least the race distance anytime between:

20<sup>th</sup> June and 15<sup>th</sup> August for the 10K

22<sup>nd</sup> August and 17<sup>th</sup> October for the Half Marathon

To run the race your way, log into your account on [niftyentries.com](https://niftyentries.com), find the race place you would like to defer, choose Transfer, select 'Transfer to another event' and then pick the Run Your Way event. Any additional add-ons you've purchased will be transferred automatically and will be sent out with your medal

and t shirt. We will start posting these around the time of the main event (when we have received the products) and after you have uploaded your evidence. If you ordered a photo package, this will be refunded.

### **Transfer your race place to another runner**

You are able to transfer your race place to another runner, free of charge. For insurance and medical reasons, all transfers must be completed using the official transfer process on [niftyentries.com](https://niftyentries.com).

### **Defer your entry to 2022**

You are able to defer your entry to the 2022 edition of the event you are deferring from, for no extra charge. The race dates, usually the second Sunday in March for the 10K and the third Sunday in May for the Half Marathon, will be confirmed at a later date. Your race place will be guaranteed. To defer your entry, log into your account on [niftyentries.com](https://niftyentries.com), find the race place you would like to defer, choose Transfer, select 'Transfer to another event' and then pick the 2022 event. Any additional add-ons you've purchased will be transferred automatically.

Although we are disappointed to not be welcoming you to our events as soon as we planned, as runners you now have more time to prepare and train for each event. It also allows you extra time to fundraise for any charity you may be running for.

Your messages of support over the last seven months have been inspirational for us and we thank you for that support. We would like to thank you for choosing to run with us and we look forward to welcoming you on our new 2021 race dates

Keep training, stay active, remain fit, healthy and most importantly stay safe.

Best Wishes,

***Chris, Andy, Callum  
and all the Active Leisure Events Team***