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Ipswich Building Society Twilight Road Races 2021

Ipswich JAFFA Running Club have confirmed that the postponed Ipswich Twilight Road Races from 2020 will no longer take place in 2021 and have now been cancelled.

Despite the recent roadmap announcement, there is continuing uncertainty around what restrictions and social distancing measures will still be required later in the year. While a provisional date of June 21st has been touted by the Government for the end to legal limits on social contact, no guidance has yet been offered around what social distancing measures may still be required by this point. The official athletics governing bodies have also not yet released guidance for what the return of road competition will entail.

Both Twilight events take place on multi-lap courses, and this, combined with the number of participants involved and the available space in the start/finish areas, means that should social distancing restrictions still be in place, it would not be possible to ensure a Covid secure environment for both participants and volunteers.

In addition, as planning would usually be well underway for both the 5k event in May and the 10k event in July and the events would be beginning to incur costs accordingly, the organisers are unable to wait for further guidance and clarification before making a decision as to whether it would be viable to stage either or both races.

The organisers will be contacting participants in the coming weeks with further information about options for their entries.

Alison Beech, Chair of Ipswich JAFFA Running Club, commented: "Whilst we are very disappointed that we are unable to hold the Twilight events this year, the safety of participants, organisers, and our local community must take priority. The loss of income from 2020, combined with the implications of late cancellation of 2021, would present a significant financial risk to our club and the future viability of the event. We therefore support the decision to cancel the events in 2021 and very much look forward to welcoming you back in 2022."

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