

Marathon Course Error

It has come to our attention that a large part of the full marathon field has cut the course short in the 2019 event. This happened in the eastern 10k loop that only Full Marathoners used, whereby runners turned into Waratah St a block too early, cutting the course short by approx. 280m.

In regard to results and times, we do not believe anyone was competitively disadvantaged by this error.

In practical terms it meant the times for anyone who made this error are between 1min and 2min faster than they should have been, depending on their average pace.

We do not think this has affected placings and/or awards at all. We have decided that any race records that were broken by more than 60 seconds will still be allowed.

While participants in any race have a responsibility to be familiar with the course, **we accept the end blame** because it has become evident that the coning and marshalling at this point were confusing. Furthermore, we accept that this 10k section of the course is very complex.

We have this as top of our agenda for the event debrief and have already identified ways to make this 10k section simpler in the future.

This issue is obviously very embarrassing for the event, but we felt the need to be up-front about it and we apologise to Full Marathoners. We hope it does not spoil what was otherwise a very successful day where in challenging conditions you were able to push your limits.

Your sincerely,

Chris Cox
Race Director

