

The 2021 Publix Gasparilla Distance Classic (PGDC) Race Weekend has come and gone. Although it may not have been the traditional race weekend experience, it was an exciting two days and, for those who were able to join us to run virtually on Bayshore, thousands of memories were made. We are grateful for your support and that we were able to come together in the way we did.

The Gasparilla Distance Classic Association is excited to announce registration for the 2022 PGDC Race Weekend will open on Saturday, June 5, at 11:00 a.m. As a result of your emails and social media posts, the Association is introducing a new Event Cancellation Refund & Deferral Policy that we hope will never be needed. Additionally, we will again offer the opportunity for you to purchase RegShield Entry Fee Coverage Protection.

We share in your excitement of returning to an in-person event and hope you'll join us Saturday & Sunday, February 26-27, for the 2022 Publix Gasparilla Distance Classic Race Weekend!

## 2022 REGSHIELD ENTRY FEE PROTECTION COVERAGE

Individuals who are concerned they may not be able to participate in the 2022 Publix Gasparilla Distance Classic Race Weekend can purchase RegShield Entry Fee Protection Coverage for an additional service fee, excluding event processing fees.

Those who purchase coverage and are unable to participate in the race, for one of the wide range of perils covered, will receive a 100% refund of their entry fee and products purchased during the registration process, excluding official PGDC Branded Apparel/Accessories, within 30 days of claim submission. \*\*

#### PLEASE NOTE RegShield Entry Fee Protection Coverage DOES NOT cover the following:

- If the participant does not attend the event because they are concerned about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) or are self-isolating without a positive COVID-19 test or other non-COVID-19 communicable diseases leading to quarantines or travel restrictions
- Actual or perceived: war, hostilities, civil commotion, etc.
- If event organizers cancel the race
- Processing fees associated with items (entry fee, ancillary products, etc.) purchased during the application process

For RegShield's latest COVID 19-Coverage Updates, please Click Here.

For additional coverage details and prior to purchasing RegShield's Coverage during 2022 PGDC Online Registration, please Click Here.

\*\* If a participant purchases the RegShi<mark>eld Cove</mark>rage and is unable to participate, they must submit a claim in order to be eligible for a refund. The claims for<mark>m will re</mark>main open for 6<mark>0 days after the</mark> event. Claims are generally processed within 30 days of the submission. The claims process will be administered by Protecht.





# EVENT CANCELLATION BY THE GASPARILLA DISTANCE CLASSIC ASSOCIATION

If it is determined, for reasons outside the control of the Gasparilla Distance Classic Association, that the 2022 Publix Gasparilla Distance Classic Race Weekend cannot take place, there will be NO postponement, NOR will the events convert to a virtual experience.

If the 2022 Publix Gasparilla Distance Classic Race Weekend Events are canceled, registered participants can choose from two recovery options that consider a participant's financial commitment to the event, as well as the cost and resources required to stage the Publix Gasparilla Distance Classic Race Weekend.

Every dollar collected through registration fees is invested back into the event to help cover these expenses and to enhance the overall experience for our participants. Planning and financial commitment for each year's event begin well in advance of the registration window for the next event.

The recovery options for 2022 PGDC registered participants are as follows:

- Receive a partial refund of 2022 PGDC entry; or
- Defer 2022 PGDC entry to the 2023 Publix Gasparilla Distance Classic and receive a discount on their 2023 entry fee.

If the 2022 Publix Gasparilla Distance Classic Race Weekend is canceled on or before <u>September 30, 2021</u>, registered participants will be offered:

• A 40% refund of their 2022 entry fee or a 50% discount on a deferred entry for a 2023 Publix Gasparilla Distance Classic Race Weekend Event.

If the 2022 Publix Gasparilla Distance Classic Race Weekend is canceled between October 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021, registered participants will be offered:

 A 30% refund of their 2022 entry fee or a 40% discount on a deferred entry for a 2023 Publix Gasparilla Distance Classic Race Weekend Event.

If the 2022 Publix Gasparilla Distance Classic Race Weekend is canceled between <u>January 1, 2022</u>, and <u>February 15, 2022</u>, registered participants will be offered:

 A 10% refund of their 2022 entry fee or a 20% discount on a deferred entry for a 2023 Publix Gasparilla Distance Classic Race Weekend Event.





## 2022 PUBLIX GASPARILLA DISTANCE CLASSIC RACE WEEKEND FAQS

#### When is the 2022 Publix Gasparilla Distance Classic (PGDC) Race Weekend?

• The Gasparilla Distance Classic Association intends to return to Downtown Tampa, Bayshore Boulevard and the Channel District on Saturday & Sunday, February 26-27, 2022.

#### What is the anticipated field size for the 2022 PGDC Race Weekend Events?

- When 2022 PGDC Registration opens, the participation caps for each distance will be as follows:
  - PGDC 15K 4,000
  - PGDC 5K Run 4,000
  - PGDC 5K Walk & Stroller Roll 1,000
  - Publix Gasparilla Half Marathon 4,000
  - Publix Gasparilla 8K 4,000

- Michelob Ultra Challenge 500
- Bud Light Seltzer Challenge 500
- Stella Solstice Challenge 500
- Michelob Ultra Pure Gold Challenge 500

• Under guidance from our public health officials and the Tampa General Hospital Infectious Disease Team, if we're able to safely move forward with increasing the event caps, we'll be prepared to do so in the Fall.

### In addition to the in-person 2022 PGDC Race Weekend events, will there be a virtual option?

• We are not planning to offer a virtual option at this time. Our intent and focus are on safely returning the event back to the streets of Tampa in February 2022.

### When will you share more details about what event attendees can expect for the 2022 PGDC Race Weekend (requirements, mitigation efforts, operational changes, etc.)?

• We recognize participants and members of the Tampa Bay community are eager to understand what the event will look like in February 2022.

While we're committed to sharing our plans, we want to do so in a measured way to ensure we're sharing updates that reflect what you will see race weekend. We are working to provide high-level updates in early November and will continue to share more specific guidelines throughout December, January and early February.

#### Other than a pandemic, what would prompt race organizers to cancel the 2022 event?

The 2022 PGDC Race Weekend could be canceled for circumstances beyond the Event's reasonable control, including, without limitation, war, epidemic, civil or political unrest, terrorism or severe inclement weather conditions.

It took the extreme circumstances of a pandemic to impact the 2021 PGDC Race Weekend. Prior to 2021 – for 43-years, the events have taken place as scheduled.