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WELCOME TO THE 2026 PUBLIX GASPARILLA DISTANCE CLASSIC RACE WEEKEND!

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The Gasparilla Distance Classic Association is excited to announce registration for the 2026 PGDC Race Weekend will open on Mon., March 10, at 9 a.m.

In 2026, the association will continue to offer its Event Cancellation Refund & Deferral Policy – one we hope will never be needed. Additionally, the opportunity to purchase Race Roster Enhanced Refund Protection Program will be available.

We hope you'll join us on Sat. & Sun., Feb. 21-22, for the 2026 Publix Gasparilla Distance Classic Race Weekend.

EVENT CANCELLATION BY THE GASPARILLA DISTANCE CLASSIC ASSOCIATION

If it is determined that the 2026 Publix Gasparilla Distance Classic Race Weekend cannot take place for reasons outside the control of the Gasparilla Distance Classic Association, there will be NO postponement, NOR will the events convert to a virtual experience. If the 2026 Publix Gasparilla Distance Classic Race Weekend Events are cancelled, 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 events to help cover expenses, to enhance the overall experience of our participants and, to support the association's Charitable Donations. 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 2026 PGDC registered participants are as follows:

- Receive a partial refund of 2026 PGDC entry; or
- Defer 2026 PGDC entry to the 2027 PGDC and receive a discount on their 2027 entry fee.

If the 2026 Publix Gasparilla Distance Classic Race Weekend is cancelled on or before Sept. 30, 2025 registered participants will be offered:

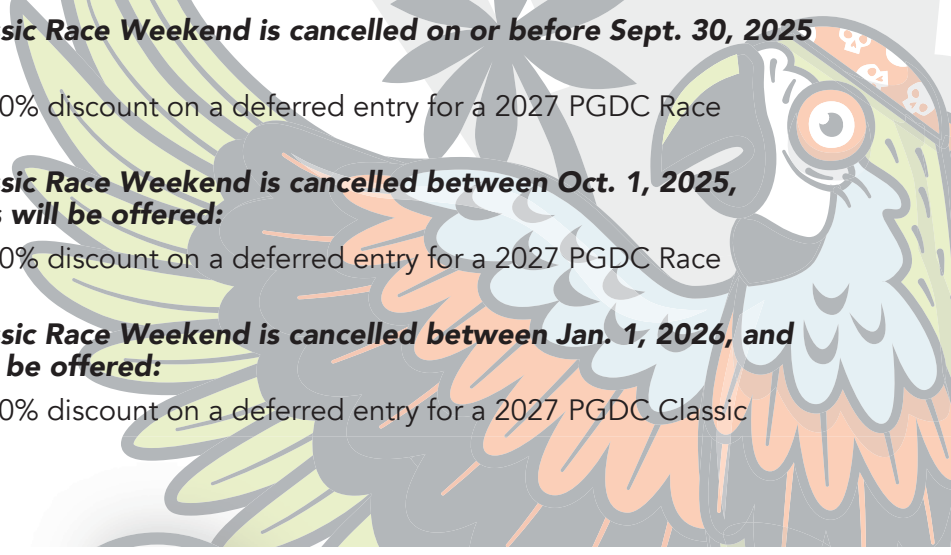
- A 40% refund of their 2026 entry fee or a 50% discount on a deferred entry for a 2027 PGDC Race Weekend Event.

If the 2026 Publix Gasparilla Distance Classic Race Weekend is cancelled between Oct. 1, 2025, and Dec. 31, 2025, registered participants will be offered:

- A 30% refund of their 2026 entry fee or a 40% discount on a deferred entry for a 2027 PGDC Race Weekend Event.

If the 2026 Publix Gasparilla Distance Classic Race Weekend is cancelled between Jan. 1, 2026, and Feb. 11, 2026, registered participants will be offered:

- A 10% refund of their 2026 entry fee or a 20% discount on a deferred entry for a 2027 PGDC Classic Race Weekend Event.



2026 PUBLIX GASPARILLA DISTANCE CLASSIC RACE WEEKEND FAQs

When is the 2026 Publix Gasparilla Distance Classic (PGDC) Race Weekend?

- Sat. & Sun., Feb. 21 -22, 2026

What is the anticipated field size for the 2026 PGDC Race Weekend Events?

- When 2026 PGDC Registration opens, the participation caps for each distance will be as follows:
 - PGDC 15K – 4,500
 - PGDC 5K Run – 8,000
 - PGDC Kashi 5K Walk – 1,700
 - PGDC Special K 5K Stroller Roll - 300
 - Publix Gasparilla Half Marathon – 4,500
 - Publix Gasparilla 8K – 3,500
 - Publix Cheez-It 8K Walk – 500
 - Michelob Ultra Challenge – 500
 - Michelob Ultra Pure Gold Challenge – 250
 - Michelob Ultra Infusion Challenge – 250
 - Michelob Ultra Organic Seltzer Challenge – 400
- In November, if increasing the participation caps are warranted, the association will review the numbers and increase accordingly.

In addition to the in-person 2026 PGDC Race Weekend events, will there be a virtual option?

- We are not planning to offer a virtual option at this time.

What if I am injured and/or cannot run the event (family commitment, work obligation, etc.)? Can I get a refund, donate my entry or transfer my entry to someone else?

- Sale and/or transfer of race entries/bib numbers is strictly prohibited and will result in the disqualification and/or banning of any individuals involved from future events. All entry fees are non-refundable. An entry fee donation to GDCA would be welcome.

Why does the event not allow participants to defer their place and entry fee?

- Our current policy in the event of a cancellation considers a participant's financial commitment to the event, as well as the cost and the resources required to stage the PGDC Race Weekend. Planning and financial commitment for each year's event begins well in advance of the registration window for the next event. Every dollar collected through registration fees is invested back into the events to help cover expenses, to enhance the overall experience of our participants and, to support the association's Charitable Donations.

What would prompt cancellation of the 2026 event?

- The 2026 PGDC Race Weekend could be cancelled for circumstances beyond the Gasparilla Distance Classic Association's reasonable control, including, without limitation, war, epidemic, civil or political unrest, terrorism or severe inclement weather conditions.

2026 RACE ROSTER ENHANCED REFUND PROTECTION PROGRAM

Individuals who are concerned they may not be able to participate in the 2026 Publix Gasparilla Distance Classic Race Weekend can purchase Race Roster's Enhanced Refund Protection Program 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.

Registration Refund Protection applies to many of the perils that can stop someone from attending an event. Race Roster's Registration Refund Protection covers, accidents, severe weather, family emergencies, and the common cold. Standard refund protection requires documentation when a refund is requested. However, Race Roster makes the refund request process as simple as possible. Users can quickly request a refund and conveniently upload their documentation.

Race Roster's Enhanced Refund Protection Program covers but is not limited to:

- Injury & illness
- COVID-19
- Severe weather
- Work travel conflict
- Layoffs/terminations
- Mechanical breakdowns

