**Dear Parents and Carers** 

## East Midlands Children's Series Race – Grantham

With regards to the results from the event, I understand the frustrations that are being expressed, due to the delay in issuing the results, however things sometime don't go to plan and this is one such time. Fast FWD Sporting Events have stated it is hoped that the results will be available later today.

It is important to remember that the guys who put on the event along with the timing company involved, did not set out to delay the results etc. they set out with the best of intentions to put on a great race for our children.

From comments relayed to me, from those Committee Members who were there yesterday, the clear majority of you understand that these things happen and are outside of anyone's control. However, I am disturbed by a small number of parents who acted in a manner which went beyond what you and I would consider acceptable.

Please remember that marshals, technical officials and East Midlands Committee Members are all volunteers and we do this for the love of sport - without these people you would not have a race series and our sport would be the worse for it.

For the very, very small number of parents who feel it is appropriate to act in an unacceptable manner, either in person or via the anonymity of the internet, (and in one case reported, to me to leave a volunteer feeling threatened by an encounter with a parent) please be aware that we will take all appropriate action to ensure the safety of ALL concerned and that where an individual's behaviour fails to be acceptable then be aware that sanctions will be imposed on them and their child(ren).

Please remember, that whilst it is competition it is also supposed to be fun for all concerned, the triathlon family is in my experience is welcoming, friendly and inclusive and we all have a responsibility to ensure that it stays this way.

If you have any questions or would like to support the work of the East Midlands Committee then feel free to email me at <u>Jamie.gordon@triathlonengland.org</u>.

Yours in sport



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