



# Brisbane Road Runners Club

## Good Neighbour Policy:

### Noise Management

## In accordance with the Recreational Running COVID SAFE Plan

*as at 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020*

Queensland Marathon & Road Runners Club Incorporated, trading as Brisbane Road Runners Club (BRRC) is committed to minimising our disruption to our neighbours and West End community whilst providing first-rate racing services to our members and the broader running community. This policy outlines the Noise Management policy. There is an accompanying Complaint Management Policy which outlines our policy and procedures when complaints are made.

This policy is based on the guidelines of the Brisbane City Council Good Neighbours Guide, the Brisbane City Council Acceptable Noise and Complaints advice, the Queensland Environmental Protection Act 1994 and The Queensland Athletics, COVID SAFE Plan for Recreational Events up to 500 people as at 08 July 2020.

#### **NOISE MANAGEMENT**

BRRC recognises that our activities occur at a time of day when some of our neighbours are resting and work to reduce our noise footprint to be equivalent to the ambient noise of an inner-city suburb in an area that experiences high levels of throughput of cyclists, vehicles, water craft, walkers and runners not associated with our races. We do this in the following ways;

#### **Community Consultation Pre-Race Day**

The BRRC appointed Community Liaison Officer prepares a flyer to be distributed to the houses immediately adjacent to our route advising them that there will be a race event occurring. This indicates both the hours of operation but also provides an email address for concerns about the upcoming event. This should be distributed no less than 7 days prior to the race. This flyer is sent to the houses adjacent to our course on Hill End Terrace (shown in Annex A). This will be done for races where BRRC expects more than 300 competitors.

Further BRRC will, on request, send a representative to any community consultation undertaken by the South Brisbane Sailing Club (SBSC)

#### **Pre-Race Day Strategies**

All participants will have pre-registered for the event and have been instructed to arrive only immediately prior to race start and leave the area as soon as possible after finishing.

The pre-race reminders sent to all members by email contains a reminder to reduce pre-race noise.

#### **Race Day – Pre-Race Strategies**

On race days, BRRC arrives prior to the race to set out traffic cones that both mark the course along Hill End Terrace but also prevent competitors and spectators from parking outside of, or obstructing access to those homes closest to our Start/Finish line.

Signs are placed at the front of the Clubhouse reminding all that noise is to be kept to a minimum.

Timing equipment and other race equipment is placed by volunteers who have been instructed on noise reduction.

BRRC encourage our competitors to warm-up in both directions away from the Clubhouse and along the river as much as practicable.

The pre-race briefing is being delivered electronically prior to the event and only safety critical information will be given to competitors 5 minutes prior to the race start at the start line.

### **Race Strategies**

The greatest number of competitors is present immediately prior to the start for less than 5 minutes (typically 2-3 minutes) and have been pre-briefed to remain largely quiet as they wait for the starting signal. Within 2-3 minutes, the runners are then 300-600m from the start spread out along the start of the course. The noise impact at this point is minimal.

BRRC also supplies marshals at key points over the course to resolve traffic conflicts with other users of the shared path. These marshals are instructed to direct any concerns that they are unable to immediately address to the nominated Race Director.

### **After-Race Strategies**

As most BRRC races involve several different distances, not all competitors finish at the same time which reduces the numbers in the Clubhouse area at any one time. Competitors have also been instructed to leave the venue as soon as possible after finishing. There will be no presentations on-site while operating under the COVID SAFE Plan.

### **Complaints**

Any noise or complaints about disruption to the community or other road and path users should in the first instance be directed to the Race Director who will then act in accordance with the BRRC Good Neighbours – Complaints Handling Policy.

### **Policy Updates**

This Policy may change from time to time and is available on our website.

### **Privacy Policy Complaints and Enquiries**

If you have any queries or complaints about our Good Neighbours - Noise Reduction Policy please contact our Community Liaison Officer at:

Brisbane Road Runners Club  
PO Box 5959  
West End Qld 4101  
[run@brisbaneroadrunners.org](mailto:run@brisbaneroadrunners.org)

Disclaimer: BRRC reserves the right to alter this Policy at any time without notice.

## ANNEX A – Key Noise Stakeholders – Pre-race notification area

Mailout to house highlighted in yellow.

