

Dear participant,

In order to prevent further spread of coronavirus (Covid-19), the Dutch government announced on 12 March 2020 that all mass gatherings of more than 100 people must be cancelled (see: <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/actueel/nieuws/2020/03/12/nieuwe-maatregelen-tegen-verspreiding-coronavirus-in-nederland>). As the Weir Venloop attracts thousands of participants and visitors every year, the organisers of the Weir Venloop have been forced to cancel the entire event. All the participants have already been informed of this decision. All the other planned activities in the Venloop week have also been cancelled.

We understand that a number of participants have some questions about the registration fee that has already been paid. In short, this is a case of force majeure. In the event of force majeure, the organisers of Venloop are not obliged to refund registration fees (Article 2.9 of the General Terms and Conditions), or to reimburse any costs incurred by the participant (Article 2.8 of the General Terms and Conditions). Stichting Venloop cannot, unfortunately, refund registration fees or reimburse any other costs.

We understand that this is very disappointing news, however, we are working on a way of allocating participants in the Weir Venloop 2020 a guaranteed starting place for the 2021 edition, with the possibility of a discounted registration fee. We will inform all participants as soon as more information is available.

For your information, please note that the registration fees we have received have been used for the organisational aspects of the Weir Venloop. These include traffic arrangements, producing the start numbers, timing chips, medals, rental obligations and so on. These represent just a fraction of the costs. These costs have already been incurred and paid for.

We are sorry that we cannot inform you of more positive news. However, the organisers of the Weir Venloop also have to accept their responsibility in helping to prevent further spread of coronavirus and implement all measures imposed by the government in its organisation and the organisation of the Weir Venloop.

As Stichting Venloop, we hope that we can count on your understanding for these unavoidable measures and that you will show your solidarity with all other participants and sponsors.

We would like to welcome all participants again during the next Weir Venloop week from 24 to 28 March 2021!

With kind regards,

Erik Schnock
Chairman Stichting Venloop