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Dear NOTC Members,

With the fall and winter racing seasons approaching, the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Track Club and our Race Director are in the process of finalizing details for a number of upcoming events. Many of you will sign up to run / walk early in the registration process to take advantage of the lowest possible registration prices, and guarantee your spot on race day. The fact that you keep coming back to New Orleans Track Club events, often bringing along new participants, is a testament to the experiences our organization provides. Your loyalty and repeat patronage are something for which we are very grateful.

NOTC Leadership does want to address some of the changes that will affect races in which you have previously participated, including the Jackson Day Race. Most recently, changes have affected event locations and courses, and are as a direct result of forces that are outside the race director's or our control. These include rising cost of police protection, permits, road construction, and numerous other factors we must overcome when planning an event that is viable in today's road-racing environment. When tackling these challenges, we consider every option before voting on a decision. Only then are major changes made as a last resort.

Any alteration made to a long-standing club tradition has been, and always will be, taken into consideration with the greatest respect for those leaders that have preceded us in the NOTC community. However, we as a group firmly believe that the preservation and financial well-being of the club is top priority through all race production endeavors. Making concessions and assuming a financial loss to preserve tradition will not allow our organization to withstand the long-term.

Your continued dedication to the NOTC is greatly appreciated. We welcome feedback from members addressing concerns and voicing opinions about board decisions. We share your frustration, but change is sometimes necessary. Please know that the board that you elected will strive to guide the New Orleans Track Club to continued growth, success, sustainability, and security.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors
New Orleans Track Club