

To: 2008 Grand Slam of Ultrarunning Entrants

From: Steve Baugh

First let me say that I know you are disappointed about the cancellation of Western States. I share with you that disappointment. You've all made a great commitment mentally, physically and financially toward completion of the Grand Slam.

Last night I was able to meet with the Grand Slam of Ultrarunning Committee. We had a long and thoughtful discussion on what to do with this year's Grand Slam Award. I feel like we have come up with a good alternative for you as outlined below.

Option # 1. We will allow a full refund to any 2008 slammer who requests one by July 16th, 2008 (Just prior to the Vermont 100). After that date there will be no refunds and we will assume you are planning to complete the slam. Refund requests should be in writing by mail (Grand Slam of Ultrarunning, 796 South 980 East, Pleasant Grove, Utah 84062 or email (stevebaugh@uajia.org) with an address where you would like the check sent. We will not accept a rollover for Slam entry to 2009. We would rather refund and start over next year. Anyone requesting a refund will no longer be eligible to receive the 2008 Grand Slam Award. Withdrawing from the Grand Slam will have no effect on your status with the other three Grand Slam races. You will need to check with each of those races individually should you desire to cancel your entries with them.

Option #2. We are pleased to offer an alternative run which would be the 4th leg of the Grand Slam for 2008. The Arkansas Traveller 100 will be the official alternative for the 2008 slam. It will be held on Oct 4th & 5th, four weeks after the Wasatch Front 100. The Arkansas Traveller is a quality 100-mile run with a rich tradition and history. 2008 will be their 18th running. You can print off an entry form by going to www.runarkansas.com. We are appreciative of Chrissy and Stan Ferguson, the AT 100 Race Directors, for their willingness to allow any slammers to continue with their quest to complete the 2008 Grand Slam. They will also allow us to have time at their awards ceremony to recognize successful Grand Slammers on their accomplishment.

This offer will be allowed only to the 37 runners who are currently entered into the Grand Slam.

As with any decision such as this, not everyone will be happy. We've considered all options and feel we have offered fair alternatives. Thanks for your patience and your interest in the Grand Slam of Ultrarunning.

Sincerely,

Steve Baugh
Grand Slam Coordinator