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The Wind Waker Randomizer

Hello, and welcome to the **Miniblins Tournament** for Wind Waker Randomizer. Every hero starts their journey somewhere, and this tournament aims to assist newcomer and less-experienced runners in leveling up from training against Miniblins to taking on the main boss, Ganondorf himself. That said, **runners of all skill levels and experience are encouraged to participate**. This document details everything you should know heading into this tournament. If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to ask in the WWR Racing Discord server or directly contact any tournament organizer (anyone with an Organizer role in the Discord server). There is also a [FAQ section](#) at the bottom of this document, which should contain answers to your questions.

Settings

The tournament is played on the **Miniblins 2025 build** of the randomizer, which is linked below. The settings we use are:

- Dungeons
- Required Bosses Mode: On
 - Number of Required Bosses: 2
- Puzzle Secret Caves
- Short Sidequests
- Free Gifts
- Mail
- Island Puzzles
- Miscellaneous
- Start with Hero's Sword
- Chest Type Matches Contents (CTMC)
- Logic Difficulty settings set to None
- Randomize Starting Island
- Start with six hearts; Double Magic; Hero's Shield; a Bomb Bag and Quiver Upgrade (capacity upgrades, but you still need to find Bombs/Hero's Bow to use them); both Din's and Nayru's Pearls; Telescope; and all Songs, Dungeon Maps, and Compasses
- Open DRC: Off
- Hints on King of Red Lions: 2 Path, 2 Barren, 4 Location
 - Prioritize Remote Location Hints: On
 - Hint Importance: On

However, the following locations are **excluded**:

- Horseshoe Island - Play Golf
- Outset Island - Jabun's Cave
- Tingle Island - Ankle - Reward for All Tingle Statues
- Windfall Island - Cafe Bar - Postman
- Windfall Island - Jail - Maze Chest
- Windfall Island - Jail - Tingle - First Gift
- Windfall Island - Jail - Tingle - Second Gift
- Windfall Island - Maggie - Delivery Reward
- Windfall Island - Zunari - Stock Exotic Flower in Zunari's Shop

Additionally, the following convenience tweaks are on:

- Swift Sail
- Instant Text Boxes
- Reveal Full Sea Chart
- Add Shortcut Warps Between Dungeons
- Skip Boss Rematches
- Remove Title and Ending Videos

You may turn on or off the following options and convenience tweaks at your preference:

- Randomize Enemy Palettes
- Invert Camera X-Axis
- Invert Sea Compass X-Axis

Here is an example permalink for these settings:

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Find the downloads for the build here:

<https://github.com/tanjo3/wwrando/releases/tag/miniblins-2025>

And a link for a tracker here: <https://www.wooferzfg.me/tww-rando-tracker/miniblins>

If you're familiar with last season's settings, here is a quick summary of the changes:

- We're using the Miniblins build.
- Dungeon Secrets and Great Fairies have been turned **off**.
- Short Sidequests have been turned **on**.
 - However, locations (in this category) behind Delivery Bag have been excluded.
- Island Puzzles have been turned **on**.

- However, *Horseshoe Island - Play Golf* and *Outset Island - Jabun's Cave* have been excluded because Leafless Golf and Jabun roll clip can be frustrating tricks to learn.
- *Tingle Island - Ankle - Reward for All Tingle Statues* has been turned **off**.
 - Consequently, we've also turned off all locations behind freeing Tingle to try to balance Windfall Island locations.
- DRC is **not** open. Refer to the [FAQ](#) for what this means.
 - For this reason, we've removed the Empty Bottle from the starting inventory.
- Hint Importance is turned **on**.

Tournament Structure

The tournament consists of a **qualifying stage** and a **main stage**.

Qualifying Stage

The qualifying stage consists of two weeks, during which three qualifier asyncs will be released, as well as three live qualifiers. You may complete these asyncs at any time and in any order during the qualifying stage. Each race/async will be worth a score, calculated based on the time compared to the top three times for that race/async. The **best two of your first four races/asyncs** will constitute your final score. Only runners who complete **a minimum of two races/asyncs** are eligible to qualify for the main stage. Note that a forfeit does not count as seed completion. If you do not wish to be eligible for the main stage, please get in touch with a tournament organizer as soon as possible.

Async Qualifiers

To receive an async seed, fill out the appropriate async form. You will then **have 10 minutes to start playing**. You must record your run locally! Streaming the async is optional, but **please put "MINIBLINS ASYNC #X" in your stream title**, where X is the number of that async. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit for that async. Naturally, discussion of any of the asyncs during the qualifying stage or playing any of the asyncs with foreknowledge of the seed is not allowed.

After you have completed an async seed, please fill out the appropriate submission sheet **within 15 minutes**. The submission form will ask you for your Discord username, racetime.gg username, Twitch username, async time, and a link to the recording (such as a Twitch Highlight or YouTube video). Any submissions without a link to the recording or received after the qualifying stage will be considered a forfeit. Additionally, if a submission is received after 15 minutes of seed completion, it will incur a time penalty proportional to the excess time to submit. Submissions received after 35 minutes of seed completion will be **disqualified**.

Async 1 Request Form: <https://forms.gle/AfpK5K6cbJX2d9ob8>

Async 1 Submission Form: <https://forms.gle/3eADpLWLuYvxm1kM9>

Async 1 Permalink:

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Async 2 Request Form: <https://forms.gle/cW7vDYsKr5LxR3Z16>

Async 2 Submission Form: <https://forms.gle/TQtTDQrc7aE6DZms7>

Async 2 Permalink:

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cWoY3+FnPZGVgm6S9haFACADX8DzQ=

Async 3 Request Form: <https://forms.gle/dLMmTRKQ1Ua47rfZ7>

Async 3 Submission Form: <https://forms.gle/ZLoEdmudyKmuRCGY9>

Async 3 Permalink:

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8GBxahj f4Wc9kZWCbpL2FoUAIAb3ESwA==

Live Qualifiers

There will also be three live qualifiers over the course of those 2 weeks, and the times for those are below (all times in Eastern Time Zone):

- Saturday, March 8th, 2025 at 2:00 P.M.
- Sunday, March 9th, 2025 at 11:00 A.M.
- Friday, March 14th, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

Main Stage

All runners participating in the qualifying stage can move on to the main stage. Runners will be divided into groups. Groups will be determined by seeding, and group sizes will be determined by tournament organizers based on ensuring the level and competitiveness of a playing field are as high as possible for all runners. The names of the groups and number of groups will be determined once the qualifying stage is complete. Each group will follow a seeded, best-of-one, double-elimination bracket. The Grand Finals of each group will employ a bracket reset, where a second match will be played if the runner from the LB wins the first game. Each group's winners will be crowned as the Miniblins Tournament 2025 winners.

Scheduling

We ask the runners to schedule their matches promptly after learning of their next opponent. Please schedule your matches in the #miniblins-scheduling-2025 channel in the WWR Racing

Discord server. To assist in scheduling, we recommend using [Discord timestamps](#) to ensure no confusion with time zones. Once both runners have agreed on a time and date, please have one runner submit the scheduling form (refer to announcements once the main stage has begun). If a race is not completed before the deadline, the runner who puts less effort into attempting to schedule the race must forfeit at the tournament organizers' discretion. If a scheduling issue arises, please inform one of the organizers immediately.

racetime.gg

All matches in the main stage must be played through racetime.gg and streamed on Twitch. As a result, we ask that all qualified runners ensure they have an account on the racetime.gg website, have connected their Twitch account, and can stream on Twitch. Either runner in the match, or the restreamer, in the case of a restream, should open a race room at least 30 minutes before the race starts. You may also ping a tournament organizer to open the race room. Race rooms should be opened in the "Miniblins" category with the following settings:

- Streaming required: 
- Auto-start: 
- Allow comments: 
- Hide comments: 
- Allow pre-race chat: 
- Allow mid-race chat: 
- Allow non-entrant chat: 

The Race Info should include "Miniblins Tournament", the round, and the runners. For example, "Miniblins S3 - WB Round 1 - TreZc0_ vs. wooferzfg". A race monitor should roll the seed approximately 15 minutes before the race starts by typing `!miniblins`. Once both runners are ready, the race monitor should start the race at the scheduled time.

Timeline

The qualifying stage will begin **on March 2nd**. All qualifier asyncs will be available then at noon ET (Eastern Time Zone). As a reminder, you have the entire two-week period of the qualifying stage to request and submit any of the released qualifier asyncs. The deadline for submission of any qualifier async is **March 15th, at 11:59 p.m. ET**.

There will be a week between the qualifying and main stages where tournament organizers will verify all submitted runs. All runners who qualify for the main stage will be given a role for which group they have qualified. The main stage begins **on March 22nd**. Assuming groups of 8 (what we've done in previous seasons), the start date and deadline for each main stage round are as follows. If the groups end up being different sizes, the timeline will be adjusted accordingly.

Round Name	Start Date	Deadline (11:59 ET)
WB Round 1	March 22nd	March 29th
WB Semis	March 30th	April 5th
LB Round 1	March 30th	April 5th
WB Finals	April 6th	April 19th
LB Round 2	April 6th	April 12th
LB Semis	April 13th	April 19th
LB Finals	April 20th	April 26th
Grand Finals	April 27th	May 3rd

Rules

You agree to abide by the following rules when participating in the tournament. Failure to do so can result in penalties, disqualification, or other disciplinary actions.

Randomizer Setup Rules

- Both console and the Dolphin emulator are allowed.
 - We recommend that you use the latest Dolphin release.
- It is recommended that you unlock disc read speed.
 - For Dolphin:
 - Dolphin 5.0-18639 and newer: Disable "Emulate Disc Speed".
 - Older than Dolphin 5.0-18639: Enable "Speed up Disc Transfer Rate". (Note that you must set this to a check mark, not a black box.)
 - To find this setting, right-click the ISO file in Dolphin and click Properties. Once you have set it once, it should be set for all instances of WWR seeds.
 - For Console:
 - Nintendont: Enable "Unlock Read Speed".
 - Don't forget to enable "Memcard Emulation" to save without needing a memory card.
- All custom player models in the [official model pack](#) are allowed.
 - In addition, the following models from GameBanana are also allowed:
 - [Toad](#)
 - [Among Us Crewmate](#)

- [Skyward Ascent \(Skyward Sword Link\)](#)
 - [Twilight Princess Link](#)
- Swapping item models with other allowed models is permitted with the permission of the model author(s).
- Any other custom player model is only allowed if the tournament organizers approve it.
- All hacks and cheats (such as AR or Gecko codes) are banned.
- Graphical game modifications (e.g., HD texture packs, widescreen, upscaling/upscalers) are allowed, except "Disable Fog" in Dolphin must be left **unchecked**.
 - **However, in Dolphin, the internal resolution must be set to Native (640x528).**
- Save states, modified emulation speeds, and TAS inputs are not allowed.

Racing Rules

- All runners must only use the provided seed in a tournament qualifier async or match. The use of other save files or game ISOs is not allowed. Runners are responsible for ensuring that the seed they are using is correct.
- For main-stage matches, streaming to Twitch **with VOD recording** is required. The stream must have game audio, and there must be no overlays or text covering gameplay. Local recording is highly recommended as a backup if there are stream issues.
- While streaming any tournament seed, reading your Twitch chat is not allowed. In addition, watching, lurking, or any other interactions with your opponent's or the restream's channels while the race is in progress is grounds for disqualification.
- Receiving any help or voice chatting during the race is not allowed. However, you may look up strats or review your own VOD **on your own**.
- It is not permitted to send a message in the racetime.gg chat after the race has started and before the race outcome has been decided.
- Runners are encouraged to enable notifications in the racetime.gg chat and occasionally check the race room or Discord throughout the race if a tournament organizer needs to contact them.
- Using a tracker operated manually is permitted. Any automated tools are not allowed.
- Tardiness of more than 15 minutes past the scheduled start time of a race results in a forfeit unless both runners agree to reschedule the race.
- If both runners forfeit the race, the runners will be required to schedule a rematch that will be played on a different seed.
- If the runners finish within 5 seconds of each other, tournament organizers will retime the race to determine the outcome. If the outcome cannot be determined, the race is considered a tie, and the runners must schedule a rematch to be played on a different seed.

- If a runner wishes to force a rematch of a race that they otherwise would have won, they must notify tournament organizers within 24 hours after the end of the race. A rematch requires approval from tournament organizers.
- A runner may cancel and reschedule a race if the race is canceled at least 12 hours before the scheduled time. If less than 12 hours remain, the runner who canceled the race must forfeit unless both runners agree to reschedule.

In-Game Rules

- Timing starts upon hitting End on the Name Entry screen and ends as Link deals the final attack on Ganondorf.
- All glitches and tricks are allowed except:
 - [Barrier Skip](#)
 - [Puppet Ganon Skip](#)
 - [Salvage Item Manipulation](#)
 - [Fairy Item Duplication](#)
 - [Back in Time \(BiT\)](#)
 - [Stone Tablet Item Duplication](#)
 - These glitches and tricks are challenging or realistically impossible to pull off and are here mainly for completeness. Practically speaking, all glitches and tricks are allowed.
- Using the Tingle Tuner is banned. If no Game Boy Advance is connected, you may still use the Tingle Tuner item.
- Using the Sploosh Kaboom solver/tool is forbidden.

Restreams

For live races, runners must stream to Twitch during the race. No stream delays are required.

Every tournament race has a chance to be restreamed by ZeldaSpeedRuns. However, this is not a requirement and is subject to the availability of restreamers, volunteers, and Twitch channels. To increase the chance of a restream, we ask that runners schedule their races at least 24 hours in advance during the main stage.

To make restreams possible, please avoid streaming at a resolution/frame rate/bitrate that is too high. You can use the following resolution/frame rate/bitrate combinations:

- 480p+30fps and 1000-1500 Kbps
- 720p+30fps and 2200-2500 Kbps
- 720p+60fps and 3200-3500 Kbps
- 1080p+30fps and 3000-3300 Kbps

While these combinations are recommended, if a restreamer asks you to lower your resolution, frame rate, or bitrate, please follow their directions to make the restream process smoother.

Please only stream at 1080p+60fps if viewers can choose the stream quality on your stream. This ability to select stream quality is only guaranteed if you are a Twitch Partner.

The Wind Waker's native resolution and frame rate is 480p at 30fps. Streaming at higher qualities does nothing for a game feed visually. It may actively hurt the restream and volunteers if it exceeds the recommended suggestions.

The default OBS settings are much higher than these provided values, so please check them before you do your first race.

If you want to avoid ZeldaSpeedRuns choosing you for a restream, please notify a tournament organizer once you have scheduled your match. All matches in the (WB and LB) Semis, Finals, and Grand Finals rounds cannot decline to be restreamed on ZeldaSpeedRuns. Restreamed matches will require that at least one of the runners have clean audio; that is, only game audio on their stream.

ZeldaSpeedRuns Twitch channels:

- twitch.tv/zeldaspeedruns
- twitch.tv/zeldaspeedruns2
- twitch.tv/zeldaspeedruns_3
- twitch.tv/zeldaspeedruns_4

Resources

- WWR Miniblinks build: <https://github.com/tanjo3/wwrando/releases/tag/miniblinks-2025>
- WWR Miniblinks tracker: <https://www.wooferzfg.me/tww-rando-tracker/miniblinks>
- Miniblinks S1 Guide by Advocate (S5/S6 Champion): <https://zsr.link/7Jow->
- WWR Wiki (still work-in-progress): https://twwrando.com/index.php/Main_Page
- CTMC Primer and List of Peeks:
https://twwrando.com/index.php/Chest_Type_Matches_Contents
- Hints Primer: <https://twwrando.com/index.php/Hints>
- Storage Tutorials: [Basic Concepts](#) and [Advanced Wind Waker Dives](#)
- Playlist of Useful Strats: [TWWR Strats by wooferzfg](#)
- Dungeon Route Primers:
 - [Dungeon Routes Playlist by Kwalla](#)
 - [DRC, FW, TOTG, FF, WT by Claireeon](#)

- [ET by ofc2000alex](#)
- WWR Category on racetime.gg: <https://racetime.gg/twwr>

FAQ

Q: Do I need a stream delay on tournament races/qualifiers?

A: No stream delay is needed for tournament races/qualifiers.

Q: I have an unreliable internet connection, and I am worried I won't be able to upload my VOD to YouTube in the 15-minute buffer time after finishing the seed. What should I do?

A: Don't worry! When you start uploading a video of your VOD to YouTube, a link to your video becomes instantly available, even if the video is not uploaded. The link will be acceptable even if the video still needs to finish processing when you submit the form.

Q: Am I allowed to read chat during a tournament race or an async qualifier?

A: You cannot read chat, even in Emote-Only mode, during a tournament race or async qualifier.

Q: How do I change my resolution, Frames Per Second (FPS) (frame rate), or bitrate?

*A: To change your resolution and Frame Rate settings in OBS, click on File, Settings, then Video in the sidebar. Then, click the dropdown box on the Output (Scaled) Resolution and select your desired resolution. To change your Frame Rate, go to the Common FPS Values box in the same menu, select the dropdown, and choose your desired frame rate. To change your bitrate settings in OBS, click on File, Settings, then Output in the sidebar. Then, under Encoder Settings, modify the Bitrate as appropriate. **Make sure you save your changes in OBS using the Apply button in the menu once you select your desired resolution, frame rate, or bitrate.** See the [Restreams section of this document](#) for more information about suggested resolution, frame rate, and bitrate combinations.*

Q: Do I need to ask an organizer to open a race room on racetime.gg?

A: You can open a race room yourself if you know how to set it up, as detailed above in [this document's racetime.gg section](#). If you need help with this, you can ping an organizer using (@Organizer) in your match scheduling thread on Discord, and one of them will set it up for you.

Q: Do I need a Twitch account and racetime.gg account to participate in the tournament?

A: To participate in the live qualifiers and the main stage of the tournament, you will need a [racetime.gg](https://www.racetime.gg) account and a Twitch account linked to that [racetime.gg](https://www.racetime.gg) account.

Q: When is the deadline for the Miniblins async qualifiers?

A: The deadline for the Miniblins async qualifiers is March 15th at 11:59 p.m. ET.

Q: My opponent and I won't be able to schedule a time to race that works for both of us before the end of the round's deadline. What should we do?

A: If you can't find a time when both runners can race the seed, the tournament organizers can extend the deadline or have both runners perform the race asynchronously. Please ping an organizer (@Organizer) in your match scheduling thread as soon as you realize you won't be able to race before the deadline so that we can determine what to do.

Q: The settings start with a Bomb Bag and a Quiver, but when I get into the seed, I don't see a bow or bombs in my menu. Did I do something wrong?

A: No, in the Wind Waker Randomizer, the Bomb Bag and Quiver items are capacity upgrades that do not give you the Bombs and Bow, respectively. To use the Bombs and Bow, you will need to find the Bombs and Hero's Bow items from your checks to be able to use them.

Q: What does *Hint Importance: On* mean?

A: Hint Importance: On is a setting that makes all location hints indicate whether the item is required (i.e., a path item), possibly required (i.e., the item may be used to access progression, but another path is possible to access that progression), or not required (i.e., there is no progression behind this item).

Q: What does *Open DRC: Off* mean?

A: The Open DRC: Off setting means that there is now a boulder that needs to be removed to raise the water in front of Dragon Roost Cavern to access the entrance to the dungeon. You can accomplish this using a Bottle (to water the withered Bomb Flowers), Bombs, or Power Bracelets. Alternatively, you can fly over using the Deku Leaf.

Appendix A

Location Hints

Location hints point to a specific location in the game and tell you exactly what item that location has. Only locations in logic can be hintable as a location hint. For instance, *Windfall Island - Mrs. Marie - Give 40 Joy Pendants* can not be hinted at in Miniblins settings since Spoils Trading is off. Additionally, locations in unrequired bosses' dungeons are also not hintable. For example, suppose your two required bosses' dungeons are Dragon Roost Cavern and Forbidden Woods. In that case, *Forsaken Fortress - Phantom Ganon* is not a hintable location for that seed.

With that in mind, below is a list of all the locations that are hintable as a location hint in Miniblins:

- Outset Island - Dig up Black Soil
- Windfall Island - Mila - Follow the Thief
- Windfall Island - Pompie and Vera - Secret Meeting Photo
- Windfall Island - Minenco - Miss Windfall Photo
- Dragon Roost Island - Fly Across Platforms Around Island
- Forest Haven - On Tree Branch
- Forest Haven - Small Island Chest
- The Great Sea - Cyclos
- The Great Sea - Ghost Ship
- Needle Rock Isle - Chest
- Needle Rock Isle - Cave
- Angular Isles - Cave
- Islet of Steel - Interior
- Bird's Peak Rock - Cave
- Pawprint Isle - Chuchu Cave - Scale the Wall
- Bomb Island - Cave
- Dragon Roost Cavern - Miniboss
- Dragon Roost Cavern - Under Rope Bridge
- Dragon Roost Cavern - Big Key Chest
- Forbidden Woods - Mothula Miniboss Room
- Forbidden Woods - Chest in Locked Tree Trunk
- Forbidden Woods - Big Key Chest
- Mailbox - Letter from Orca
- Tower of the Gods - Hop Across Floating Boxes
- Tower of the Gods - First Chest Guarded by Armos Knights
- Tower of the Gods - Darknut Miniboss Room

- Forsaken Fortress - Phantom Ganon
- Mailbox - Letter from Aryll
- Earth Temple - Stalfos Miniboss Room
- Earth Temple - Kill All Floormasters in Foggy Room
- Earth Temple - Stalfos Crypt Room
- Earth Temple - Big Key Chest
- Mailbox - Letter from Baito
- Wind Temple - Big Key Chest
- Wind Temple - Wizzrobe Miniboss Room
- Wind Temple - Chest Behind Seven Armos
- Wind Temple - Kill All Enemies in Tall Basement Room

There's also a particular type of location called a "remote location". In Miniblins, the only remote location is *Ganon's Tower - Maze Chest*. In every seed, you will get a location hint for this location. Please refer to the hint primer under [Resources](#) for a complete description of how hints work.

Appendix B

Creating/Using a racetime.gg Account

For live qualifiers and main stage races, a racetime.gg account is required. In this section, we'll learn how to create one and link it to your Twitch account. We assume you already have a Twitch account and can stream the game. Note that only the game feed and audio are required for your stream. Streaming on YouTube or other platforms is not supported by racetime.gg. We'll also go through the steps to start and participate in races.

To create a racetime.gg account, please follow these steps:

1. Visit <https://racetime.gg/account/auth>.
2. Under "Start New", enter your email, desired username, and password. Confirm your password and complete the CAPTCHA, then press the "Create Account" button.
3. Click the "Settings" button at the top right. Under "Profile & settings", you can upload an avatar, select your pronouns, and update your account bio.

4. Navigate to the "Twitch & connections" tab. Click the "Connect your Twitch.tv account" button. You will be prompted to authorize racetime.gg with your Twitch account. Do so by clicking "Authorize".
5. If you'd like, return to the main page by clicking racetime.gg in the top-left. Then, click on "The Wind Waker Randomizer" under "Race categories". This will show you all current and past races for Wind Waker Randomizer. Press the star underneath "The Wind Waker Randomizer" to favorite the category. This causes the category to appear at the top of the main page.

To start a race, visit the category page for The Wind Waker Randomizer. Click the "+ Start new race" button. For Miniblins, use the "Miniblins" goal. If streaming is not required (such as for a casual VC race), uncheck "Streaming required". Otherwise, the default values for the rest of the field are OK. If streaming is not required, please put "[DO NOT RECORD]" in the race info field. Races that do not require streaming cannot be recorded for leaderboard purposes.

Click the "Join" button on the race room's page to join a race. This will enter you in the race. If you are rolling the seed for the race, you can do so by typing **!miniblins** in the race room chat. The bot will automatically roll the seed and update the race info. Set up the seed on your end and go live on Twitch. If you connected your account successfully, the Twitch icon next to your name in the race room should light up after a while.

Before a race begins, you should enter your name in the Name Entry screen in the game and wait there. Once you're ready, press the "Ready" button in the race room. Note that you will only be able to ready up once racetime.gg detects that you've started your stream (except in race rooms where streaming is not required). Once all runners are ready, a countdown will automatically begin. When the countdown hits 0, you may press END in the game and start playing. Once the sword is in Ganondorf's head, press "Done" to finish the race. If you'd like to forfeit a race in progress, you can press "Forfeit". Once all runners are done, the race will be complete, and comments will be unhidden. Congrats on completing your first race!