

# FV SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS ~ 2010

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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All follow vehicle personnel are required to read and abide by the rules as specified by Chapter 5 of the Rule Book. The following is a short form reminder to be read by ALL FV Crew members.

## **FOLLOW VEHICLE CHECKIN**

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All Follow Vehicles shall report to the Check-In area (2miles south of the Start Line) at least 1 hour before their team's scheduled start time. Your runner will NOT be allowed to start the race until your vehicle crew has checked in, inspected and have been given last minute instructions.

## **FOLLOW VEHICLE STAGING AREA**

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Follow Vehicles will be convoyed to the Staging Area where they shall await their first runner. Park as directed by Staging Area Officials. Someone must remain in the vehicle and monitor the FRS radio at all times. Staging Area Officials will announce Team Numbers as the runners approach the Staging Area so that you may prepare to merge with your runner.

## **AMBER ROTATING/STROBE LIGHT**

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All Follow Vehicles shall be equipped with an Amber Light {Rotating or Strobe} mounted on top of the vehicle so as to be visible for 360 degrees. It is advisable to carry a spare. If your light fails while on the course, replace it or use your 4 way flashers.

## **FRS RADIOS REQUIRED**

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It is mandatory that the Follow Vehicle **Driver** shall monitor (**Using Ear Buds**) the FRS Radio at all times. Race Motors, other Follow Vehicles and Race Officials may cite you for failure to respond to a call to your vehicle. It is mandatory that you have a set of spare batteries for your radio.

*5 Minute penalty for each occurrence of Not Responding to Radio Calls.*

## **SOUND SYSTEMS**

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### **VEHICLE SOUND SYSTEMS ARE ALLOWED ON THE COURSE!**

Runners may wear personal sound systems from the Start Line to Stage 18. Runners are prohibited from ANY sound device from Stage 18 to the Finish line. This is a safety issue and will be strictly enforced.

*15 minute penalty for each occurrence of sound systems violation*

## **VEHICLE CODE VIOLATIONS**

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Any team Vehicle violating the vehicle code will be issued citations by Nevada Highway Patrol, Nevada PD and CHP. In addition the Baker to Vegas motors and race officials have been instructed to issue their own observed race violations.

*A time penalty or disqualification in accordance with the violation.*

## **FOLLOW VEHICLE FOLLOWING A RUNNER**

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1. The Follow Vehicle shall follow in back of the Runner at a safe distance.
2. The Follow Vehicle shall stay to the **extreme right hand side** of the roadway, straddling the pavement edge when practical.
  - ❖ Exception #1. For a **very limited** distance, the vehicle may be driven alongside of the Runner to render aid.
  - ❖ Exception #2. When a runner overtakes a Follow Vehicle, the **overtaken** vehicle shall move to the left to allow the runner to pass on the right of the vehicle.

*Pt(5) to (DQ)                      Depending upon circumstances.*

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## **RUNNERS OVERTAKING A FOLLOW VEHICLE**

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1. When a Runner overtakes a leading Runner, their Follow Vehicle shall call the **LEAD** Follow Vehicle, **USING THE FRS RADIO**, and request that they move to the **left**. The **LEAD** Follow Vehicle shall move to the **left** so that the runner can pass on the **fog line or shoulder**.
2. As soon as practical, the **LEAD** vehicle shall resume following both runners at the extreme right side of the roadway.
3. The **overtaking** Follow Vehicle shall remain behind the **LEAD** vehicle keeping to the extreme right side of the highway. **DO NOT MOVE TO THE DRIVE LANE TO WATCH YOUR RUNNER!**
4. When there is sufficient space between Runners, the **LEAD** Follow Vehicle shall inform the **overtaking** Follow Vehicle, **BY FRS RADIO**, that it is OK to move to the drive lane and pass.  
*Pt(5) to (DQ)                      Depending upon circumstances.*

## **FOLLOW VEHICLES - ( HIGHWAY 160 SPECIAL RULES )**

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All Follow Vehicles and Runners traversing Highway 160 between Pahrump (Stage 12) and Fort Apache (Stage 18) shall remain on the paved shoulder of the Highway to the **RIGHT** of the fog line.

- ❖ Follow Vehicles shall **NOT** move to the **LEFT** of the fog line (into the traffic lanes) from Stage 12 to Fort Apache. (30-miles) This **INCLUDES** while rendering aid to the runner.

*Penalty depends upon the circumstances*

## **RUNNER PASSING FOLLOW VEHICLE (HWY 160)**

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When a Follow Vehicle is to be passed by a Runner, the overtaken Follow Vehicle shall move to the **LEFT** as far as possible, staying to the **RIGHT** of the fog line. Slow up to allow the runner to pass on the **RIGHT**.

## **FOLLOW VEHICLE PASSING ANOTHER FOLLOW VEHICLE (HWY 160)**

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When a **LEADING** Follow Vehicle is to be passed by another Follow Vehicle, the **LEAD** Follow Vehicle shall move to the **RIGHT** onto the dirt shoulder.

- ❖ Slow and/or Stop to allow the **OVERTAKING** Follow Vehicle to pass quickly.
- ❖ The passing Follow Vehicle shall stay to the **RIGHT** of the fog line unless there is absolutely no other way to pass.

*Pt(DQ)                      For any infraction*

## **PASSING VEHICLES – GENERAL RULES FOR ALL VEHICLES**

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1. **No Passing** zones: 100 feet **before** each Stage Entrance to 100 feet **after** each Stage entrance!
2. All Vehicles are prohibited from driving Side by Side except while in the process of passing.
3. An **overtaken** Vehicle shall pull to the **far right** of the roadway to assist the **Passing Vehicle**
4. The Passing Vehicle shall use the utmost caution in passing. Do not pass on Blind Spots or Curves.
5. Avoid using the south bound lane to pass congested areas unless you have a clear view of the oncoming traffic.

*Pt(5) to (DQ)                      Depending upon the infraction ~ 2010*

## **FOLLOW VEHICLE OBSERVER**

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The Team Captain will provide the Follow Vehicle Observer with an Official Log Sheet stamped "OFFICIAL" This sheet is to be used for recording changed runners, downed runners and to claim Official Delays. All information printed on the Official Log Sheet by the observer shall be in **PENCIL**. Time of day shall be recorded as **HH:MM:SS** (Wrist watch time ~ not stop watch time )

- a. Log sheets must be turned in at the Finish Line within 15 minutes of your finish
- b. When a downed runner is replaced, the observer shall indicate the replacement runners name above the downed runner and print the symbol **DR** to indicate a downed runner.