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THE CHALLENGE CUP

The Challenge Cup Relay is the largest and most unique law enforcement race in the world. It is a 120-mile, 20 stage, foot race beginning at Baker, California and finishing at Las Vegas, Nevada. All law enforcement agencies are invited to participate, however; selection is at the sole discretion of the Race Committee. Refer to Chapter 411 for Application Information.

AWARD CATEGORIES		
	CATEGORY	DEFINITION
1	Open	Any Gender – Any Age
2	Mixed	A minimum of 5 Female Runners
3	Women Elite	Only Female Runners; pick from entire agency
4	1000	Agency with 1000 or less sworn personnel
5	800	Ages of Runners must total 800 years or more
6	300	Agency with 300 or less sworn personnel
7	150	Agency with 150 or less sworn personnel
8	99	Agency with 99 or less sworn personnel
9	Sta	Geographic Stations or Offices within selected agencies {LAPD, LASD, Federal agencies, cannot exceed 500 total personnel
10	Inv(*)	Invitational – Civilian & Sworn members of the Criminal Justice System
11	Inv Mix{*}	Same as 10 but with a minimum of 5 Females
12	Guest	An Invited Team with Unknown Ability
13	500Inv(*)	Agency with 500 or less – Civilian & Sworn members of Criminal Justice Sys.
{*} All categories EXCEPT these must be ALL Sworn fulltime Peace Officers		

RELAY HISTORY

The Challenge Cup Relay began in 1985 with 19 teams as a race for Police Officers to improve their physical fitness. Pulling together twenty runners per team, along with the necessary support personnel, is only the first step along the challenging path.

In **2008** the Twenty Fourth Annual Challenge Cup Relay accommodated **242** teams. **

Thousands of runners, hundreds of support personnel, countless volunteers, tens of thousands of dollars, and innumerable work hours culminated in the finest race possible.

This event is the "Super Bowl," of Law Enforcement and the Champions are the best the police world has to offer.

Refer to Chapter 411 for relay Winner Information.

THE PURPOSE

The purpose of this highly competitive event is to promote camaraderie, physical fitness, pride, and teamwork throughout a broad spectrum of law enforcement personnel.

The grueling, non-stop competition demonstrates the need for superior physical fitness and teamwork. It also presents a unique and more positive view of law enforcement to the public we serve.

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THE COURSE

The Challenge Cup starts *approximately 21* miles north of Baker, California on State Highway 127. ** It follows the highway north to the town of Shoshone, California where it branches east on State Highway 178. It then crosses into Nevada just south of Stage Ten, on Nevada State Route 372. After a few miles, the course passes through Pahrump Nevada where it turns to the right on Nevada State Route 160.

The race course is divided into 20 stages, each approximately six miles long.

The start line is at an altitude of about 700 feet.

The course follows rolling desert topography, climbing slowly to Ibex Pass (2,090 feet).

After a short downhill jaunt, the course again starts a series of rolling climbs until it tops out at Mountain Springs Summit at about 5,600 feet.

From this point, it is all downhill to the finish line.

Refer to Chapter 411 for Finish Line Location.

THE RULES COMMITTEE

The LAPRAAC Board has appointed Sgt Jim Katapodis to act as Race Director. It is his responsibility, in conjunction with the Rules Committee, to maintain equality in the team entry and selection process.

The Race Director retains exclusive authority for coordinating and directing the relay. He will appoint and designate race officials, monitors, and other volunteers, who shall be considered as Representatives of the Race Director. The Committee is responsible for developing and enforcing the rules in a manner to promote a safe and competitive race.

They may handicap teams by restricting their selection pool of runners, selective invitation, or denial of participation for specific reasons.

All decisions made by this committee will be made in the best interest of the communities, the relay, and the involved law enforcement officers.

Although all issues may not be specifically addressed within the rules, the committee retains the exclusive authority for coordinating, defining, interpreting, and judging the relay.

The Rules Committee will decide all exceptions, and or rules violations on an individual basis.

Refer to Chapter 411 for Rule Committee Members

RACE OFFICIALS

USA TRACK & FIELD OFFICIALS

These officials will authenticate the start and finish times of all participating teams.

STAGE Officer-in Charge (OIC)

Each Stage point has an appointed Stage OIC who is responsible for maintaining and enforcing the race rules. Specifically, they are to assure that all vehicles and pedestrians in, or about, the Stage comply with all of the rules.

Each Stage OIC will have a staff of volunteers, provided by each of the teams, to assist in the orderly operations of the Stage.

The Stage OIC will be responsible for interpreting and enforcing the rules and documenting all rule violations.

For situations not covered in specific written instructions, they will use their best judgment to assure a fair and safe race.

AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS (HAM's)

Each Stage has a group of Amateur Radio Operators appointed as Race Officials for the purpose of Emergency Communications, Early Warning, and Time Keeping.

The times are recorded by electronic chips. Communication officials are used to monitor the equipment and as back up timing to generate the final Challenge Cup Report depicting the individual runner and the team statistics.

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RV SUPPORT GROUP

These Officials set-up the Exchange Point including all equipment and logistical support, runner registration, issuing bib numbers & pins, verification that medical information is complete and for providing adequate space for the Radio Amateur Timing Officials to set-up and function.

These Officials will accumulate all records for their stage at the close of operations, and have these records ready for collection by a Race Committee representative, at the close of operations.

MEDICAL

Volunteer Doctors, Nurses, EMT's, and first aid trained personnel will be in attendance to provide emergency medical treatment for race personnel.

All stages will have a medic team available to respond to any emergency.

In addition to the assigned medics, a team of doctors and nurses will staff a first aid trailer located near stage # 3.

Ground ambulance and Air services will be provided for those who require transportation to a hospital.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Volunteer motor riders who enforce Baker to Vegas rules as they pertain to ALL vehicle driving. Their mobile ability has them policing all drivable aspects of the race course.

Their duties include citing violators, lead motor for the Start, follow any runners who may be in need and most importantly police the Highway 160 area of the course.

Over 50 motor officers will be staged along the course coordinated by their own communication system; their duty is to preserve safety.