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GENERAL INFORMATION

The magnitude and logistics of the Challenge Cup Relay require that ALL participants involved in this race, whether Runner, Support, or Spectator, conduct them selves in a safe and professional manner. It is imperative that everyone knows and follows the rules. The race rules and appeals procedures have been derived over years of experience. The continuation of this race, upon the roadways of California and Nevada, demand that our rules be vigorously enforced AND apply to all participants.

- ❖ California DOT, Local law enforcement, Race Officials, assigned officers, and volunteers will monitor the race. Citations, (Race and/or Official) will be issued to offenders.
- ❖ Warnings of infractions will be noted and corrected immediately.
- ❖ Non-compliance and certain other infractions will result in an immediate disqualification of the team and removal from the race course.
- ❖ Highway 127 from Baker through Shoshone to the Stateline will not be closed for the race. Local residents and vacationers will be using the highway in addition to our vehicles, so be careful! Remember, we are guests of the desert community, please respect the residents rights to a safe highway.
- ❖ Obey all race rules!
- ❖ Police all trash. Let's leave the desert better than we found it!

The Race is Officially over at **0900** hours. Teams Not Finished by that time will be declared Unofficial *** and times will NOT be entered.

- ❖ Runners may continue to run but the Team Support personnel shall assume ALL responsibility for following them to the Finish Line and rendering any required emergency aid.

ELIGIBILITY RULES

- 1) Organizations having over 300 personnel may have an organization wide team.
- 2) They shall not use personnel from subdivisions of that organization that have a team.
- 3) All new teams entering the race for the first time and who do not meet the existing rules for competition (i.e. 150, 99, etc.) will be placed in the Guest Category. Their competition status will be reviewed the following year.
- 4) A combination team may use up to a maximum of four (4) contiguous agencies if it is not possible for them to formulate a team on their own.
- 5) Teams entering the Invitational or Invit Mix all members must be full time employees except Line Reserves.
- 6) Each year following the race, the Rules Committee will review the top ten finishing teams to assure rules compliance for the next year.
- 7) Entrance into the 99, 150, 300 and 1000 categories is exclusive to agencies of those total personnel. All agencies with multiple teams may enter the Open, Mixed, 800 or Station categories.

PROTESTS

Protests or complaints of suspected infractions shall be written and turned into the OIC, at the next Exchange Point, or directly to a Race Official at the finish line prior to the official closing of the race at **0900** ***

- ❖ Any Team member that becomes aware of any infraction or violation of the rules should have their Team Captain submit a written protest.
 - If possible, try to prevent the violation from occurring by informing the offending party that their actions are in violation of the rules.
- ❖ A protest form is included in the Team Captains Forms booklet.
- ❖ Complaint submitted after closure of the Finish Line will NOT be accepted or considered.

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PENALTIES

The rules, as specified herein, will be strictly enforced. Violations will be assessed appropriate penalties as noted under the specific rule. The following table defines the penalty symbols used throughout this Rule Book. Refer to Rule Book Chapter 7 - PENALTY PROCEDURES.

TYPE	DESCRIPTION
<i>Pt(5)</i>	A Penalty of 5 Minutes will be added to the Team Finish Time
<i>Pt(UO)</i>	Team Un-Official. (Last Place) Individuals recognized for records.
<i>Pt(DQ)</i>	Team Disqualified. Team members not recognized for awards or records.
<i>Pt(DQI)</i>	Same as above with the Immediate Removal from the Race.

BASIC RULES

1. RUN PLAN & RACE DAY BRIEFING

Teams will be allowed only 20 runners and 10 alternates on their Team Run Plan. The Team *Preliminary Run Plan* shall be submitted to the committee using a copy of the Official form supplied in the *Team Captains Forms* handout. Refer to the handout for more detailed information.

- a) The Team Captains or Co-Captain shall check in with the Registration Officials at one of the Race Day Briefings to confirm their Final Run Plan. (Even if there are NO changes!)

Pt(UO) **For NOT checking in at one of the Race Day Briefings.**

- b) To permit reasonable last minute contingency changes, the Team Captain may make a maximum of 3 changes at the Final Race Briefings without penalty. {Refer: Rule 6.11}

Pt(30) **For making more than 3 changes.**

- c) *Preliminary Run Plans* must be registered by the announced cut-off date.

PT(UO) **For not registering before the cut-off date.**

2. START LINE RUNNER

The Race will start on time! Team Captains shall have their starting Runner report to the Start Line Registration Table and check in NO LATER than 30 minutes prior to Start Time. The runner shall stay in the vicinity of the Start Line and attend the Pre-Start Briefing and Baton Issue, 15 minutes prior to the start gun.

Pt(5) **For Late check in or for missing briefing.**

3. SWORN VOLUNTEER

Each team shall provide one sworn Officer/Civilian to assist the *Race Director*. The assigned person shall report to the assigned location at the stipulated time and perform the duties as assigned. They shall remain until released by the *Stage Director* or representative.

Pt(n) **Penalty for reporting late. A 5 Minute penalty will be assessed for each minute increment passed the stipulated reporting time.**

Pt(DQ) **For failure to provide, show up, or leaving without approval.**

Pt(UO) **For Failure to Sign In, Sign Out or unresponsive to OIC.**

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4. TEAM CATCHER

Each Team shall provide support personnel described as a "Team Catcher".

- a) The Catcher shall be responsible for assisting the incoming Runner to exit the handoff zone safely and expeditiously at each exchange point ! **Exception: Catcher is NOT required at Finish Line. ****

Pt(5) For NO Catcher or NOT assisting Runner at the Exchange Point.

- b) The Catcher shall wear a reflective vest with the Team Number displayed on front.

Pt(5) For NO vest.

5. ALCOHOL

The consumption and or open container of ANY alcoholic beverage in public view, or in a vehicle, by a Runner, Support Personnel, Spectators associated with a Team, or others attached to Team in any manner, is prohibited.

Pt(DQI) Cause for immediate disqualification. Team will NOT be invited back.

6. ALTERCATIONS

Verbal altercations or unbecoming conduct with any Official will not be tolerated

Pt(DQI) Immediate Disqualification.

7. OFFICIALS INSTRUCTIONS

Every person within the Stage Location area and the Race Course shall follow Race Official's instructions and directions in general. Warnings will be officially noted in writing and will be reviewed by the Race Rules Committee to determine repeat offenders and penalties.

Pt(5) to (DQI) Depending upon circumstances.

8. TRASH

The disposal of Trash on the desert or along the roadway is prohibited. Carry out all trash.

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

9. START LINE RUNNER DROP ZONE

A small marked area has been provided *South* of the Start Line for dropping off Runners. Drivers shall NOT remain in this area for more than 1 minute, and shall remain in the vehicle at all times.

Pt(5) For each infraction.

10. VEHICLE MARKINGS

All vehicles associated with this Race {Including spectators} shall be marked with their Team Number on the *front, rear and both sides* of the vehicle *with letters at least 6 inches high*. Suggest the use of removable White Shoe Polish.

Pt(10) For unmarked vehicles.

11. STAGE 20 INFORMATION

Special handout reference map

Pt(5) Failure to follow prescribed route

12. FINISH LINE CLOSURE

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13. AGENCY ROSTER

The names of all Runners and Alternates shall be listed on the Teams Agency Roster. Download the form from the Bakervegas.com web site [Forms] button. Fill it out, have it signed by department head and MAIL or FAX ..