

5 - TEAM VEHICLE RULES ~ 2012

GENERAL INFORMATION

All vehicle rules as stated in this Rule Book will be strictly enforced.

For purposes of the rules, all Support, Spectator and Personal Vehicles associated with any particular team will be considered Team Vehicles, whether or not they are actually designated as official team vehicles. The words "Follow Vehicle", "Support Vehicle", and "Transport Vehicle" infer and include the support personnel therein.

FOLLOW VEHICLE RULES

All Follow Vehicle Drivers, Alternate driver and follow vehicle support staff shall attend the special briefing as noted in Chapter 2 - RACE DAY BRIEFINGS.

1. FOLLOW VEHICLE INSPECTION

All New Teams Follow Vehicles shall be inspected at a time, date and place to be announced. Vehicles shall be equipped with approved Signs, FRS Band Radio, Lights, water and first aid equipment. Follow Vehicles shall pass this inspection before they may be used in support of the Race.

Pt(DQI) Shall Pass or Team NOT allowed to participate

2. RUNNER SIGNS

All Follow Vehicles shall display a "Caution Runner Ahead" sign at the rear of the vehicle. It shall be at least 30 inches by 12 inches with RED letters on WHITE background. The Team number shall be four (4) inch high made with white reflective tape placed in the upper right corner on the rear window. The sign must be clearly visible from the rear of the vehicle at all times.

Pt(DQ) Shall comply or will not be allowed to participate.

3. AMBER ROTATING/STROBE LIGHT

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. No Blue lights. It is advisable to carry a back up.

Pt(DQ) Shall conform or will not be allowed to participate.

4. FRS RADIOS REQUIRED

Follow Vehicles shall be equipped with an approved FRS Radio, set to the proper channel & PL. This radio is to have either AA or AAA batteries and shall NOT be run off of a rechargeable battery pack. The Follow Vehicle **Drivers** shall monitor the FRS Radio at all times for Traffic Control and communications with other Follow Vehicles and Officials.

a. Pt(DQ) For not having a FRS Radio.

b. Pt(5) For each occurrence of Not Responding to Radio Calls.

5. SOUND SYSTEMS

Follow Vehicles may be equipped with Sound Systems for the Runners.

1. The Sound shall be turned **OFF** for **200 yards** either side of the **Early Warning** point and for **200 yards** either side of the **Exchange Point**.
2. All sound systems shall be turned OFF prior to stage 11 and may resume after stage 12.
3. ALL sound systems shall be turned OFF approaching **Stage 18 Early Warning** and shall remain **OFF** for the rest of the race.
4. Runners shall not wear earphones, I-pods or any other sound equipment from stage 18 to the end of the race. It is imperative that the Runner be able to hear the Traffic Control Officers.

Pt(5) For each occurrence

6. DELETED

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7. FOLLOW VEHICLE CHECK IN

Follow Vehicles shall report to the Check In area (located SOUTH of the Start Line.) at least one hour prior to their scheduled Start Time. About 20 minutes prior to their Start Time, the Follow Vehicles will be conveyed to the Follow Vehicle Staging Area to await their first runner.

- ❖ If a teams Follow Vehicle fails to check in their runner will be prohibited from starting.

Pt(The Runner will be held at Start Line until their Follow Vehicle checks in. The delay time is the team penalty)

8. FOLLOW VEHICLE STAGING AREA

Follow Vehicles will be conveyed to the Staging Area where they shall park in accordance with the Staging Area Officials to await their first runner. The FRS radio must be turned on and someone must remain in the vehicle and monitor the radio. Staging Area Officials will announce Team Numbers as the runners approach the Staging Area. (***Refer to rule 5.4 ~ FRS Radios Required***)

9. FOLLOW VEHICLE FOLLOWING A RUNNER

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.
3. When practical, the vehicle shall straddle the pavement edge and the dirt shoulder to allow other vehicles to pass unimpeded.
 - a. Exception #1. For a ***very limited*** distance, the vehicle may be driven alongside of the Runner to render aid.
 - b. 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.

10. RUNNERS OVERTAKING A FOLLOW VEHICLE

1. When a Runner overtakes a leading Runner, the ***overtaking*** Follow Vehicle shall call the ***overtaken*** Follow Vehicle, using the FRS radio, and request that they move to the left. The ***overtaken*** Follow Vehicle shall move to the left so that the runner can pass on the fog line.
2. As soon as practical, the ***overtaken*** vehicle shall resume following both runners at the extreme right side of the roadway.
3. The ***overtaking*** Follow Vehicle shall remain behind the ***overtaken*** vehicle keeping to the extreme right side of the highway.
4. When there is sufficient space between Runners, the lead Follow Vehicle shall inform the ***overtaking*** Follow Vehicle that it is OK to move in.

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

11. LEG 20 INFORMATION

Please refer to the special handout for detail information on the final leg and the finish line procedure.

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12. FOLLOW VEHICLES - HIGHWAY 160 SPECIAL RULES

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.

~ ~ ~ **USE YOUR FRS RADIO TO ASSIST IN PASSING** ~ ~ ~

1. Follow Vehicles shall NOT move to the left of the fog line (into the traffic lanes) from Stage 13 to Fort Apache. (37.2 miles) This INCLUDES while rendering aid to their runner

RUNNER PASSING FOLLOW VEHICLE

When a Follow Vehicle is to be passed by a Runner:

2. The overtaken Follow Vehicle shall move to the LEFT as far as possible. Staying to the RIGHT of the fog line.
3. Slow up and allow the runner to pass on the RIGHT.

FOLLOW VEHICLE PASSING ANOTHER FOLLOW VEHICLE

When an OVERTAKEN Follow Vehicle is to be passed by another Follow Vehicle:

4. The overtaken Follow Vehicle shall move to the RIGHT onto the dirt shoulder.
5. Slow and/or Stop and allow the overtaking Follow Vehicle to quickly pass.
6. The passing Follow Vehicle should stay to the RIGHT of the fog line unless there is no other way to pass.

Pt(DQ)

For any infraction of Rule 13 et al.

13. FOLLOW VEHICLE OBSERVER

The Team Captain will provide the Follow Vehicle Observer with an Official Log Sheet stamped "OFFICIAL" The Official Log Sheet is the ONLY form that can be used for recording changed runners, downed runners and to claim Official Delays. All information written on the Official Log Sheet by the observer shall be in **PENCIL**

Log sheets must be turned in at the Finish Line within 15 minutes of your finish

- a. 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.

a. Pt(UO) Failure to turn in or not using Official Log Sheets.

b. Pt(10) Failure to note DR or not indicating a replacement Runners Name

RULES FOR ALL VEHICLES

14. VEHICLE CODE VIOLATIONS

Team Vehicles violating any vehicle code shall be given a GREENIE or a Citation by the Nevada or California Highway Patrol. The team will be penalized accordingly.

Pt(Min or DQ) In accordance with the violation.

15. PASSING VEHICLES – GENERAL

1. **No Passing** zones: 100 feet **before** each Stage Entrance to 100 feet **after** each Stage entrance!
2. All Vehicles are prohibited from driving abreast { Side by Side } except while in the process of passing. { See Special Rule # 13 for Hwy 160 }
3. The Passing Vehicle shall NOT impede traffic to take pictures.
4. An Overtaken Vehicle shall pull to the **far right** of the roadway to assist the Passing Vehicle
5. The Passing Vehicle shall use the utmost caution in passing. Do not pass on Blind Spots or Curves.
6. 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

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16. START LINE TO STAGING AREA - NO PARKING ZONE

NO One shall be allowed to stop or park along the road between the Start Line and the FV Staging area. All vehicles stopped or parked in this area will be penalized.

- ❖ Exception : Authorized Official Vehicles are excepted from this rule.

Pt(UO)

Infraction for Unauthorized parking in No Parking Zone.

17. START LINE PARKING

Parking at the Start Line is limited to Official Vehicles ONLY. All vehicles will pull off the roadway into a designated area. No parking on the roadway.

Pt(10)

For each infraction.

18. ALL STAGES - NO PARKING ZONES

- There shall be NO Parking or Stopping within *1 mile prior to or 100 feet after* the Exchange Points. *{Officials Vehicles excepted}*.
- Vehicles parked past the exchange point must be completely to the right of the fog line so as not to impede the runners.

Pt(10)

For each infraction.

19. SHOULDER PARKING

All parking shall be done safely. Vehicles parked on **the runner's side of the highway, must be completely to the right of the fog line.** No vehicle shall be stopped or parked on or about the roadway or shoulder in any manner that may impede traffic or runners.

Pt(5)

For each infraction.

20. UNAUTHORIZED FOLLOW VEHICLES

Only officially designated Follow Vehicles with required Lights and Signs will follow the Runner. All other vehicles, including transport vehicles, and spectators, must proceed safely and expeditiously along the roadway.

Pt(5)

For each infraction.

21. MOTOR HOME PARKING

Motor homes will not be permitted to park or wait alongside of the highways of the race course. Parking on the desert, completely off of the highway **and the shoulder**, is done at the complete discretion of the driver. Be aware, tow service may take hours to obtain! {Chapter 2 - Motor Homes}

Pt(DQ)

For Unauthorized parking.

22. MOTOR HOME USAGE

Motor Homes shall NOT be used to shuttle to or from a relay point and shall NOT be used as a Follow Vehicle. See Chapter 2 - MOTOR HOMES for further explanations of these restrictions and exceptions

Pt(DQ)

For Unauthorized usage.