

# 3 - GENERAL RULES ~ 2022

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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The magnitude and logistics of the Challenge Cup Relay require that ALL participants involved in this race, whether Runner, Support, or Spectator, conduct them 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/Nevada 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 Sunday. Teams Not Finished by that time will be declared Unofficial and times will NOT be entered.

- ❖ **Teams must clear Stage # 18 by no later than 0700 hours Sunday or they will be Disqualified and removed from the Race Course.**

## **ELIGIBILITY RULES**

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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.

All members of Teams must be **full time employees of the police agency**. The only exception to this rule is that Retired Sworn and Non-Sworn former members of a department are eligible to run. Teams running in Invitational categories must have a minimum of (2) non-sworn runners. Line Reserves are considered Non-Sworn and are eligible to run in the Invitational categories.

Entrance into the 99, 150, 300 and 500 categories is exclusive to agencies of those total Sworn personnel. If a runner is assigned to a unit that does not have a team, they are eligible to run for their last assignment. Each year following the race, the Rules Committee will review the top ten finishing teams to assure rule compliance for the next year.

## **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 hours**.

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

## BASIC RULES

### 1. RUN PLAN & RACE DAY BRIEFING

Teams are required to have 20 runners and may have up to 10 alternates on their Team Run Plan. The Team *Preliminary Run Plan* shall be submitted on-line using the Official web site <http://registration.bakervegas.net> registration procedures.

- a. **Preliminary Run Plan** must be registered by the announced deadline.
  - *Pt(UO)*      **For NOT Registering before the deadline.**
- b. The Team Captain or Co-Captain shall check in with the Registration Officials at the schedule time in Las Vegas, at The Rio All-Suites Hotel and Casino. The team captain or co-captain shall attend the team captain briefing.
  - *Pt(UO)*      **For NOT checking in at one of the registration location.**

### 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(10)*      **For Late check in or for missing briefing.**

### 3. SWORN VOLUNTEER

Each team shall provide one sworn Officer/Civilian, assigned to the agency, to assist the *Race Coordinator*. The assigned person shall report to the designated location at the stipulated time and perform the duties as assigned. They shall remain until released by the *Stage Officer-in-Charge* 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 a Volunteer, Volunteer fails to show up, or they leave without approval.**
- *Pt(UO)*      **For Failure to Sign In, Sign Out or unresponsive to OIC.**

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## 4. TEAM CATCHER

Each Team will be issued (10) **Green bib numbers** and 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 at each exchange point!
  - **Pt(10)**      ***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(10) 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(10) to (DQ)**      ***Depending upon circumstances.***

## 9. STAGE SPEED LIMITS ~ NO PASSING ZONE

The speed limit 500 feet prior to and 500 feet after the Start Line and Stages 2 through 9 is 10 mph and will be strictly enforced by Stage Officials. This also a NO Passing Zone. Be extremely cautious as Runners and team vehicles are re-entering the flow of traffic.

- **Pt(20)** ***For each occurrence.***

## 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 4 inches high*. Suggest the use of **Vinyl** (preferred) or removable White or Yellow markings.

- **Pt(10)**      ***For unmarked vehicles.***

## 11. STAGE 20 INFORMATION

Refer to Stage 20 map on the web site.

- **Pt(5)**      ***Failure to follow prescribed route***

## 12. FINISH LINE CLOSURE

The Race is OFFICIALLY over at **0900** Teams NOT FINISHED by that time will be disqualified and must remove themselves from the race course.

## 13. USE OF DRONES

The use of drones during the hours of the race is **Strictly** forbidden. This would include drone use over the actual path of any runner, any vehicle, and the areas surrounding and encompassing Medical Support Flight and ground paths, Med Base and all stages of the race.

The reported use of any drone will result in the team being *disqualified* and up to a 3-year ban from race participation, subject to reinstatement by the LAPRAAC Board of Directors.