



## **MARATHON RELAY INFORMATION**

### **PACKET PICKUP**

Your team's packet will be available at the packet pick-up location on the day before the race and at the Fairgrounds the day of the race. Only the captain or one team representative needs to attend packet pick-up. If you can't make Friday packet pick-up, be sure to allow your team enough time before the start of the race to pick it up. Please note that race day packet pick-up is not at the starting line – it will be located at the packet pick-up area near the main entrance of the Fairgrounds.

### **REGISTRATION POLICIES**

#### **Age Restrictions**

All runners under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian sign a waiver. Individuals under the age of 12 are not permitted to run in the State Fair Marathon Relay.

#### **Refunds**

Entry fees are non-refundable. The entry fee for this year's event will not transfer to next year's event.

#### **Disqualifications**

The State Fair Marathon Relay reserves the right to reject any entry and to disqualify and bar any individual or team from the race. This rejection/disqualification may be based on, but is not limited to, non-payment of race fees, competing with an unofficial number, competing with an official number assigned to another competitor without completing the proper forms, crossing the finish line without having completed the entire course, or providing false information on race entry forms. The State Fair Marathon Relay reserves the right to change the details of the race at any time.

Runner Substitutions or Additions: Team Captains and new runners will need to report to packet pick-up to fill out appropriate forms and waivers.

## **RULES CONCERNING RUNNERS**

### **Running Order**

Team members will run in a fixed order. Please see the Race Breakdown table at the end of these directions.

### **Official Race Bibs**

Runners must wear their official race bib numbers corresponding to their position on the team. Race numbers must be visible from the front. The last runner's bib will contain the timing chip to have an accurate mat to mat time. Relay runner in 1<sup>st</sup> position will be on gun time and will want to line up near the starting line. Please see below for details.

### **Injuries & Substitutions**

If for medical reason or an injury a runner cannot complete a section and the team decides to continue with the relay, another runner may take over. The substitute will finish remaining section for the injured runner. For mixed division teams, substitute runners must be the same gender as the injured runner. Stages may not be shared. Only one runner is allowed per Stage unless an injury occurs on that Stage.

### **Baton Exchange**

The "baton" must be passed from one runner to the next within the defined Exchange Zone at each Exchange Point. Runners must carry the "baton" so that it is visible to race officials while approaching and leaving the Exchange Zone. Batons will be "slap" bracelets and will be proved in the team packet.

### **Traffic Laws**

Unless a police officer instructs you differently, you need to obey all pedestrian traffic laws.

### **Team Finish Rule**

Within the final stage of the relay is the "Team Finish" where teammates can meet their final runner to cross the finish line as a team. This will be located at the intersection of Dodge and Vine Street. Teams may elect to finish the race as a team or they may choose to skip the Team Finish and allow their final runner to cross the finish line alone. Either way, final team finish times will be determined by the runner crossing the finish line with the timing chip.

- The timing chip will be with fourth runner and may not be passed to another runner.
- The ending time posted by the fourth runner will be the official time. The fourth runner must be the runner to wear the timing chip across the finish line regardless if the team decides to finish as a team or just with the fourth runner.
- Teams that pass their timing chip to a new runner for the Team Finish will be ineligible for any timed award.

## RULES CONCERNING VEHICLES

### Driving Directions

Team vehicles must follow the driving directions provided in the Race Day Guide. Directions have been designed to eliminate vehicle contact with runners and to provide the quickest route to the next Exchange Point. If a vehicle gets lost or takes a wrong turn and does not reach the next Exchange Point in time, the time is lost and will not be awarded back. Vehicles are not allowed to follow the Runner's Path if it differs from the Driver's Path unless in an emergency.

**Start of the Race:** For the start of the race it is highly recommended that relay vehicles park in the parking lot across from the State Fairgrounds in the strip mall where the Pizza Hut (1508 South Locust Street) is located. The first runner should walk to the starting line. The team can leave when the race starts (or before the race starts) to assure you make it to the first exchange zone and arrive before your runner arrives.

- 1. Exchange Zone 1: Hall County Park**—The exchange zone will be located near the main entrance of the park.  
**Leg 1:** 4.9 miles (4.88)  
**Parking:** Tri City Cycle Works – 3234 W Schimmer Drive  
**Driving Directions:** Exit parking lot through south exit turning left (south) onto Eddy Street. Take Eddy Street to Delta to Lincoln to Gamma to Sylvan then right on Stolley Park and they go WEST to Hwy 281. Turn left at Highway 281 (south) to West Schimmer Dr. Turn left onto West Schimmer Dr. and take an immediate left into the Tri City Cycle Works parking lot. Walk on the north side of West Schimmer Drive in the grass easement to the entrance of Hall County Park.
- 2. Exchange Zone 2: Pier Park**—The exchange zone will be located on the east side of the park near the intersection of the trail and Oak Street  
**Leg 2:** 6.5 miles (6.49)  
**Parking:** Pier Park Wading Pool Parking Lot – 500 S Oak Street  
**Driving Directions:** Exit Tri City Cycle Works and turn right (west) and turn immediately right onto Highway 281 (north)—stay in the right lane. Take Highway 281 to the East Highway 30 exit. Veer right at the exit onto East Highway 30 and continue east. Highway 30 will become West 2nd Street. Continue on and follow the curve as 2nd Street turns onto West 1st Street (one-way heading east). Merge into the right lane. Continue on First Street until South Oak Street. Turn right onto Oak Street (south) until you pass East Ashton Ave. The parking lot is on the west side of the street by the wading pool.
- 3. Exchange Zone 3: Saddle Club** – The exchange zone will be located near the Saddle Club's parking lot. Runners will make an entire loop of the Kuester's Lake area, the exchange will occur before exiting the Kuester's Lake area.  
**Leg 3:** 7.5 miles  
**Parking:** Saddle Club West Parking Lot – 1 Kuester Lake  
**Driving Directions:** Leave parking areas and head NORTH on Oak Street (again please do NOT go south on Oak Street because of runners on the trail). Turn right (east) on Highway 30 and stay in the left lane. Runners will be running the south curbside lane of Highway 30. Turn right onto North Shady Bend Rd. Turn left (east) onto Bismark Rd. Turn left into the Kuester Lake Area which is the entrance to this residential area. Runners will also be entering and exiting Kuester Lake Area from the westbound lane of Bismark. The westbound lane of Bismark will be closed to traffic from Gunbarrel to Kuester's Lake. Proceed to the parking lot of the Saddle Club.
- 4. Last Runner to finish line: Leg 4: 7.3 miles (7.33) run to finish line**  
**Driving Directions:** Exit Kuester Lake area by turning right onto Bismark Rd. (west). Turn left onto Stuhr Rd. (south) to Fonner Park Rd. Turn right (west) on Fonner Park Rd. and proceed to the north side of the fairgrounds. You can park anywhere along Oak Street or any of the side streets. Please avoid Vine Street as all runners will be coming in on Vine Street to the finish line.

\*\*Mileage for each leg is approximate based on mapping from US Track & Field.\*\*

## **Laws**

Team vehicles **MUST** obey all speed limits, traffic signs, and other traffic laws.

## **Runner Safety**

Team vehicles must drive at a normal rate of speed. Vehicles may not block or interfere with other vehicles and must yield the right of way to runners at all times.

## **Parking & Runner Drop Off**

At the Exchange Points team vehicles must park in designated areas only and follow volunteer instructions. Vehicles may not stop within the Exchange Zone. Do not discharge runners from the vehicle prior to parking at the official Exchange Point parking area. This can be dangerous and can cause congestion and traffic delays. **Parking areas will be included with the driving directions.**

## **Respect Private Property, Residents & Local Communities**

The continued success of the State Fair Marathon Relay depends on the relationships we build with local residents and businesses in the community. We want residents to be proud that the race course travels through their community and continue to support this event and the YMCA. Please do not park or otherwise trespass on private property. Do not block driveways or access to businesses. Please do not flash bright lights, play loud music or honk your horn unnecessarily in the morning hours.

## **RULES CONCERNING ALL PARTICIPANTS**

### **NO LITTERING**

Trash receptacles are available at every aid station and relay exchange zone. Please do not leave any trash on the course.

### **NO PUBLIC URINATION**

Participants should only use the bathroom facilities provided. No public urination or other public relief is allowed.

### **NO CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL**

Consumption of alcohol is not allowed at any time while participating in the race. Even if you have completed your last Stage, you are still participating in the race until your team has crossed the finish line. Do not start the party early. Alcohol may be consumed responsibly at the finish line party when city ordinances and permits allow. Please no outside alcoholic beverages at the finish line. There is zero tolerance on breaking any of these rules. Violation of any of these rules will result in an automatic team disqualification and you will be asked to leave the course.

## **VEHICLE & DRIVER SAFETY**

Beware of runners on the driving course. A significant portion of the race course is on roads.

Please refer to the Rules Concerning Vehicles section.

### Tips for Successful and Safe Driving

- Focus on driving! Avoid distractions.
- Know where you are going and look at the map before you start driving.
- Know that there are no signs for Vehicles. Driving directions are printed in the official Race Day Guide.
- Have your co-pilot read the driving directions, look at maps and give you instructions.
- Do not arrive at Exchange Points significantly early.
- Obey all traffic laws and speed limits. No Stopping in the roadway. Park in only legal and safe places.
- No illegal U-Turns.
- Do not support your runner. Stay on the designated Driver's Path.
- Do not drop your runner off early. Only drop-off your runner after you have parked at the Exchange Point.

## **BREAKDOWN OF RELAY RACE**

**4 Person Teams look for the Big Subway Exchange Zone Flags for transition points at these locations**

Runner	Legs	Exchange zones will be marked with Subway Banana Flags and Orange Cones with Cone Bars on them.	Total Miles:
1	4.9 Miles		4.9
2	6.5 Miles	Hall County Park – 2447 W Schimmer Road	11.4
3	7.5 Miles	Pier Park – 500 South Oak Street	18.9
4	6.3 Miles	Saddle Club – 1 Kuester Lake	26.2
	Team Finish Zone	Intersection of Dodge and Vine: 1021 S Vine St	