

Captain's Update #4 – August 2, 2017

Hey Hey Hey! Summer is upon us and things are ramping up fast here in Bourbon Chase world. We have lots to cover, so here we go:

UPDATED GUIDEBOOK, DRIVERS' GUIDE & MAPS!

We have updated the Guidebook, the Driver's Guide, and the course maps, which are each "required reading". Check them all out here: <http://bourbonchase.com/resources>

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

Each team that has a team member residing within 100 miles of the course is required to provide two (2) volunteers, or pay a fee of \$120.00 for each "unfilled" volunteer spot.

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION OPENS FRIDAY AUGUST 4 (at 3:00 am Eastern for you vampires)

On your Ragnar team page, you can "invite" your volunteers in the same way as you invite runners. By doing this, your volunteers are automatically associated with your team.

So – what if you do not have any runners within that 100 mile radius? Easy – just e-mail us at bourbonchasevolunteers@ragnarrelay.com and let us know.

DRIVER REGISTRATION

We make it mandatory for any driver to register, but our current team registration system does not allow it. As a result, we will introduce a separate registration process for drivers. The next Captain's Update will include a link and instructions.

NEW PACING POLICY

In an effort to make our runners more comfortable throughout the race we have developed a strategy that includes more pacing opportunities and new options for night runs.

Pacers - Run pacers are allowed at any time during the race. Any pacer that is not a member of the team must sign a waiver. During Night Time Hours, pacers **MUST** wear the same night safety gear as the runner (reflective vest, headlamp, and LED). **NO BIKE PACERS ALLOWED.**

Skipping Legs during Night Time Hours Only (The Buddy Pass) - If a runner doesn't want to run a specific Night Time Leg teams should be instructed to abide by the following procedure:

1. The team has the option to skip the leg and have two teammates run together on another leg of their choice. If the team chooses this option they **MUST** inform Race Command of which leg is being skipped and why.
2. Teams are not permitted to start on the next leg until the time it would have taken them to run the skipped leg has elapsed. Teams will need to calculate their team pace and wait that amount of time before proceeding on the next leg. For Example: If the team is skipping a 3.0 mile leg and running at an average team pace of 10 minutes, they will wait 30 minutes before starting on the next leg.

3. Teams who skip legs will be placed in the *Unofficial Division*. They will still receive medals, but will not be eligible to officially place in their original division. If a team does not want to be placed in the *Unofficial Division* they will not be permitted to skip a leg and will be encouraged to run with another teammate.
4. Teams must check in with the Exchange volunteers at the restart exchange to ensure their team # is recorded as being back on the course.

ANGEL'S ENVY TO HOST THE PAPA JOHN'S BOURBON CHASE KICK-OFF RECEPTION!

The Kick-Off will be held in Louisville on Thursday, October 12 beginning at 6:30 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. We are stoked to announce that ANGEL'S ENVY will host the 2017 Kick-Off Reception, presented by Papa John's Pizza! Angel's Envy has recently opened their distillery and visitor's center in the heart of downtown Louisville, and it is an amazing experience. Check it out: <https://www.angelsenvy.com>

Please make time to stop by the Kick-Off – It is a great way to meet some fellow Bourbon Chaser's and you get the opportunity to enjoy tasty treats from Papa John's and a cocktail. Afterward, you and your team will have the opportunity to check out the Urban Bourbon Trail in downtown Louisville.

KEY DATES

We have some Key Dates coming up:

- August 4 – Volunteer Registration Opens
- August 31 – Team Roster Finalization
 - o (must have min. 8 runners to receive a starting time)
- August 31 – Team Name Finalization

Other dates to be aware of:

- September 15 – Team Start Times will be announced
- October 8 – Last day to edit team roster without fee (\$30 edit fee after this date)
- October 12 – Kick Off Reception (Louisville)
- October 13 – Starting gun goes off!

ROSTERS, PACES, & START TIMES

For 2017, we will use each individual runner's pace (as entered on the runners' profile) to estimate your team time. Therefore, it is incumbent for "regular" teams to have at least 8 runners signed up on your roster before a start time can be given. We plan to announce start times in mid-September, so August 31 is the deadline to have at least 8 runners registered. I hate to be a stickler but there are a few things to keep in mind, as follows:

- As team Captain, you are still responsible for the accuracy of the estimate, i.e. make sure your runners have entered accurate paces.
- There are still hold times and penalties that may be enacted if your team's actual pace varies too much from the estimated pace. For additional info, see the Guidebook, available at <http://bourbonchase.com/resources>

TEAM NAMES

Team Names are due by August 31. Get creative – but keep it classy! We exchange at churches and small communities, and we don't want the residents complaining because "little Suzie" saw something on your van that would make Eddie Murphy blush!

- CHANGING TEAM NAME?: There is a form at <http://bourbonchase.com/myteam> to submit to change your team name.
- TEAM NAME CHANGE DEADLINE: AUGUST 31.

TEAMS LOOKING FOR RUNNERS

Need a runner for your team? On your Team Management page (see above), there is a "Find a Runner" option, which allows you to search for runners looking to join a team – it's an awesome feature!

Also, as in years' past, we encourage you to check our Facebook page as well as the forum on our website (<http://bourbonchase.com/forum>). There seems to always be people posting looking for a team to join.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything....

Cheers!

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