

VEGAS VALLEY VOYAGE

2018 RULES

STAGE/ RACE RULES

1. "Cowbell Time": Your recorded time is cowbell to cowbell- I ring it at the start of each stage- you must ring it when you cross the finish line of each stage.
2. Bib Numbers: Bib numbers will be provided by race management and must be worn (1) on your front; and (1) on your back/ backpack- always visible on your outermost layer.
3. Course Markings: The course is very well marked with flagging tape and additionally with Glow Sticks on the long stage during the night portion. Participants must cover the course in a "flag to flag" direction; i.e. not cutting the course. The frequency of the course markings is dictated based on the terrain, with spacing sometimes as close as just a few feet, but never spaced out more than 0.25 mile. If you do not see a marker for more than 0.25 mile you are very likely off course. Retrace your steps and go back to the last seen marker, and find the correct course. The race team will make every effort to maintain the course markings as they have been placed for the duration of the stage of the event. However, it is possible that they may be taken down, vandalized, blown away, obscured, or otherwise difficult to see. It is your responsibility to pay diligent attention to course markings and make logical and pragmatic decisions when following/ finding the course. If an area of course markings has gone missing, please inform the next checkpoint volunteer so we can rectify the situation.
4. Leaving the course: During each stage if you go off course for ANY reason (this should only be to use the "restroom")- you MUST leave something on the trail indicating you have left the course: Backpack/ water bottle, etc- to indicate to the sweeper you are out there- otherwise they may pass by you and clean up the course markings.
5. Checkpoints: You MUST check in at each checkpoint and ensure your passage has been recorded.
6. Outside support: Participants may not accept outside support from anyone other than themselves or provided by race management. Forward progress must be made solely on your own feet, hands, and knees.
7. Dropping out: If a participant decides to drop out of the race, they must immediately inform the Race Director. If failure to do so results in our sending search and rescue to find you- YOU will be responsible for any and all associated costs. Race management will make an honest effort to assist in returning you to Las Vegas prior to your intended finish, but this may not always be immediately possible, may take more than 1 day (unless life threatening), and may result in additional cost to the participant.
8. Dropping down: A participant is allowed to drop down in race category; i.e. drop down to the 3 day event from the 6 day event; and/ or drop down to the assisted division from the self supported division and still be considered an official finisher of the new division.

9. Permitting impact: The course has been developed in cooperation with many federal, state, local, and private permitting agencies. Under no circumstance will participants act in any way that will adversely jeopardize the permit's perpetuity. Participants must stay on the marked course, tread lightly on the environment, not litter, and act in a respectful manner to staff, volunteers, rangers, casual users, and wildlife.
10. Race modification: Race management reserves the right to modify, change, delay, or cancel the race, or a portion of, at its sole discretion. This will be in consideration of permitting requirements, weather, participant and volunteer safety, course access, environmental damage, or otherwise seen prudent by race management.
11. Take due care: Participants must take due care in their physical wellbeing. Portions of the race course are in a remote area with limited access, whereby at times in slot canyons where extraction is on foot only. Participants must take due care to not get themselves carelessly in a situation that will result in needing rescue, understanding that due to the remote area access, rescue may be severely delayed.
12. Time cut offs: Time cut offs for each stage have been established and will be enforced. Intermittent checkpoints are scheduled to close on an even paced split so as to not require volunteers and staff to be out on course an unreasonable amount of time. If a participant does not make a cut off they may be removed from the course with their further race participation determined by the race organizer.
13. On course "toilet" is natural- use provided baggies for waste to dispose of in a trash bin.
14. Cached water: At times along the course we may leave cached (unattended) water to supplement the checkpoints for your safety. If using the cached water on course- use care in not dumping/ wasting it; re-secure the lid and place back where you found it- do not drink from it, nor touch it to your bottle; use proper and courteous hygiene.
15. Course Map and Notes: Each stage you will be given a rudimentary map and stage notes to carry during that stage. You are REQUIRED to turn this back in after every stage or will be disqualified. I don't care if it is sweaty, gross, ripped- but it MUST be turned in.
16. GPS devices: Participants may use a GPS device, such as a Garmin wristwatch to calculate their passage of miles, climbing, calories burned, etc for personal and private mid-race planning, and data must be cleared at the end of each stage. However NO device may be used in any way to track, store, record, or share the course. ALL GPS devices must be declared and showed to race management at gear check and any failure to abide by this rule in its entirety will result in disqualification and possible legal recourse if damages are incurred, as determined by race management.
17. Mobile devices: Participants are allowed to use their mobile devices at any time, but should be saved for emergencies. We want to encourage you to unplug and take the opportunity to be fully present in the event. Given the small field size, for safety purposes- race management feels that more athletes carrying a mobile device will increase the safety of the event. As such- participants WILL be allowed to use management provided power to recharge your mobile devices only. You are responsible for providing the charger, and acknowledge that coverage will be spotty along the course and varies with the service provider. A cell phone call sheet will be provided to participants in case of emergency.

18. Medical maintenance: You should be equipped and knowledgeable in how to care for your own basic medical needs, including blisters. Proper care of your feet is of utmost importance and you should be diligent in caring for them. If you have extreme blisters that need medical attention you must bring your required blister kit with you for use by the medical team.
19. Sportmanlike behavior: Our race field is intimate and considered to be part of the Calico Racing family. Please treat each other with care and respect, keeping watchful eyes on each other during the race. Given the remote area of the race, you are expected to aid a fellow distressed participant.
20. Rules may change/ be added: Race management reserves the right to add, amend, and/or modify race rules at any time, including mid race as it sees fit to preserve the spirit and perpetuity of the event. Your participation in the event proves acceptance and adherence to these rules.

CAMP RULES

21. Tents Zipped: Tents are to be kept zipped at all times other than entering and exiting to avoid critters climbing inside the tent.
22. Shoes in tents: Shoes may be brought into the tent and placed at the inside of the tent door. However do NOT walk and wear them inside the tent to prevent potentially tearing the tent.
23. Shoe shake out: As is customary in desert camping it is suggested to bang out your shoes prior to putting them on each day to shake out any potential critters who may have wandered in.
24. Clothesline: Please do not pin anything to the tents! We will have a clothesline and clothespins for you to hang and air out your gear after each of the run stages.
25. Potty rules: Around camp you must use the bucket toilets. Paper is ok to be dropped in these toilets.
26. Drinking water: Hands must stay OUT of the drinking water/ ice (if any). Use the pour spout or let the volunteer assist you.
27. Hot Water: In the morning when everyone starts at 6:30am together, hot water will be available starting at 5am- 6:30am (start time); or as determined for stages with multiple start times.
28. Bathing rations: Participants must be assisted by a volunteer with distribution of their bathing ration.
29. "Assisted Main Packs" Those of you in the assisted division, each morning please bring your main pack to the back of the Ryder for us to load on. When you arrive into camp your main pack will be available to you again at the finish line- either still in the Ryder or placed inside your tent- just ask.
30. Quite Hours: As a courtesy to your fellow participants, staff, and volunteers please observe the quite hours of 10pm to 5am.

** At athlete check in, you will be required to sign in acceptance of these rules and consequences.