



RULES AND REGULATIONS

– PLEASE READ CAREFULLY –

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

While this is a competition, the most important rules are to be safe, have fun and support the Seamen's Church Institute (SCI). The 2017 SCI Mountain Challenge will be run in accordance with the following Rules and Regulations. It is the obligation of each participant to know and understand these rules and regulations. SCI reserves the right to modify these regulations at their discretion at any given time and all registered participants will be informed of such changes.

It will be the responsibility of SCI to make final decisions on any controversial situation or difficulties of any kind that may arise during the 2017 SCI Mountain Challenge, in addition to any other race-related matters and/or decisions. SCI, in conjunction with All Sports Events LLC, the course management team, has the authority to modify the course route or terminate the race at any time due to climatic conditions, safety concerns, or other reasons related to force majeure.

TEAMS

Teams will be made up of three competitors and may be composed of any combination of gender, athletic ability and age. Minimum age to compete is 18 years old. Exceptions will be considered on a case by case basis, and may require additional waivers and documentation.

A captain must be appointed for each team from one of its members, who will conduct all communication and team decisions prior to, during and after the event.

Teams/competitors interested in participating in the 2017 SCI Mountain Challenge must comply fully with the registration procedure:

- Submitting a completed team registration form.
- Submitting a completed individual participant registration form and required documentation by September 1, 2017.
- Complying with the payment terms and entry fees that are indicated on the registration forms.

Completing the individual participant registration form and signing all waivers implies that the competitor understands participation is at their own risk.

Teams must have three competitors for both days of the SCI Mountain Challenge to be eligible to be officially ranked and compete for awards. If a team, on either day, has a member who cannot participate, the remaining two team members may participate in the SCI Mountain Challenge but are ineligible for ranking and awards. If two people on a team drop out, the remaining individual may continue only by traveling with another team. This person would not be considered a team member of the new team or eligible for awards. No Mountain Challenge participant is allowed to hike or paddle alone.

One or more members of a team may be replaced up until the start of the race. The substitute(s) must comply with the same requirements as the original member(s) and must submit a complete participant registration form and any other documentation required by SCI. No replacements will be accepted after the start of the race.

If competitors choose to give their team a name other than the registered company name, it must include a company identifier in their official name (i.e. SCI Expeditioners or SCI Mountain Goats).

SEPARATION OF TEAM MEMBERS

Members of each team must stay together during the race. The first and last member cannot be separated by more than 100 yards. Members of a team are permitted to push, pull or drag each other.

COMPETITOR'S HEALTH

A competitor's participation in the race is related to his/her physical fitness and health. Each competitor is responsible for his/her own safety and health which requires him/her to evaluate whether or not he/she is in good enough physical condition to continue the race. SCI, along with the race management and medical teams, may decide that a competitor is unfit to continue. If a team member is determined to be ineligible to continue the race, the remaining two competitors will be allowed to continue but will be ineligible for official ranking and awards.

WITHDRAWAL OF A COMPETITOR

If, for any reason, a member of a team cannot continue competing once his/her team is on the course, the rest of the members must stop hiking or paddling and remain together until assistance arrives. The two remaining team members can then continue the Challenge, but will be disqualified from rankings and official awards.

MANDATORY EQUIPMENT

A detailed mandatory gear list for both teams and individual competitors is provided in the Gear Section. The mandatory equipment/gear must be carried by the competitors throughout the race and can be checked by race organizers at any time/point on the course. Penalties or disqualification may be incurred.

COURSES

There will be a Varsity course and a Junior Varsity (JV) course. All teams will start on same course. If a team is determined by the race organizers not to be on pace to complete the Varsity course, they will be routed on the shorter, JV course. If a team arrives at a course split in the upper percentage of all finishers to be determined by race officials, we reserve the right to direct the team onto the longer, Varsity course. A team that is routed onto the JV course is NOT eligible for Varsity course ranking, even if they completed the Varsity course on the other race day. If the team is routed to the JV course on Day 1, it does NOT, however, automatically put the team on the JV course the next day.

Please see the Course Overview section for more detailed information on the course. Both Varsity and JV courses will be explained at the Mandatory Competitor Meeting onsite.

RACE IDENTIFICATION

An official SCI Mountain Challenge race bib, provided to each competitor by SCI, is part of the mandatory equipment and must be worn and visible at all times while on the course.

If a competitor is seen without the race bib, his or her team will be penalized. Don't be that person!

COMMUNICATION AND TRACKING EQUIPMENT

Each team will be provided with a mandatory satellite tracking device, for safety and emergency purposes, which regularly indicates the team's location. The device can also be used for:

- contacting the organizers if there is any danger to a team member's health or life
- calling for backup if any team member requires assistance of any kind
- raising the alarm if any hazardous or dangerous material, either man-made or natural, is present on the route.
- any other emergency-related reason, or if you are lost.

If a team loses its tracking device, a replacement fee will be incurred by the team. Instructions will be given prior to the race start during the mandatory team meeting.

Competitors are encouraged to carry cell phones, although coverage may not be available on all areas of the course.

Note: The tracking device must be attached to one member's PFD during the paddling section.

CHECKPOINTS

There will be checkpoints throughout the race. Teams must go through these checkpoints in the mandatory sequence. If a team misses a checkpoint, a penalty will be incurred. All team members must pass through each checkpoint together. Each team will be electronically "checked-in" at each checkpoint.

Any team unable to reach a checkpoint at the designated predetermined cut-off time will be routed to the shorter course to keep on pace for the 4:00pm event finish time each day. This is for the safety of the participants, officials, and medical and rescue personnel.

RACE TIME

Organizers will log each team's official race start time and will record team times at each checkpoint. Time will be recorded in hours, minutes and seconds. The team's final time will be that of the slowest member plus any extra time added for penalties. If you don't want penalty time added, follow the rules!

PENALTIES/DISQUALIFICATION

In the event a team is penalized with extra time, this time will be added on at the end of the race in accordance with the rules.

Teams may be penalized or disqualified if:

- A member of the team abandons the race for any reason whatsoever.
- There is a separation at any time during the race of more than 100 yards between the first and the last team member. Don't do it, we'll know.
- Teams will be penalized for any member failing to wear the official race bib as the outermost piece of clothing.
- The team leaves any materials or garbage along the course.
- The team does not have the mandatory equipment.
- The team does not follow the instructions indicated in any of the official race documents.
- Any member of a team acts against the spirit of the event or in an unsporting manner.

CLASSIFICATION AND RANKING

Team rankings will be based on course finish times, philanthropy dollars raised, and a combination of the two. Race results will be posted at the end of the first day of competition and at the final Awards Dinner.

ASSISTING OTHER TEAMS

Teams must, at all times, assist any other team in need of help. The assisting team, according to the delay suffered, can request time bonuses and will receive karma that can't be measured.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Individual competitors and teams, must carry mandatory gear while on the courses, which includes safety equipment. Competitors must wear safety equipment (Personal Flotation Device (PFD)) provided during the water element.

CHANGES TO THE RACE COURSE

The organizers have the right to suspend sections of the race or modify the route at any given moment for safety reasons.

WASTE DISPOSAL (GARBAGE)

It is forbidden to litter or leave any equipment, articles of clothing, etc. on the race route. All garbage needs to stay with you and be carried off the mountain. Do not throw ANYTHING into the water or the woods, even if you think it is "biodegradable".

COMPLAINTS

We trust that all participants will conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner, and that any complaints will be communicated in a respectful way. Team captains may protest any decisions made or procedures followed by organizers and collaborators of the race. Protests should be in written form, and can be presented up to one hour after the official finish time of the race. The Race Organizers will resolve all protests and make the final decision. Constructive feedback is welcome at any time.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Upon registering, competitors accept that any photos taken or filming done during the race may be used for commercial, promotional or advertising purposes in all types of media.

REFUND POLICY

If for any reason a team cancels its participation in the SCI Mountain Challenge prior to June 30, 2017, 50% of the team registration fee will be refunded. If cancellation occurs between July 1 and July 31, 2017, 25% of the team registration fee will be refunded. Any cancellation after July 31, 2017 will not be refunded.

INSURANCE

All competitors must have current health insurance and indicate such on the Participant Registration Form.