

## **EVENT RULES, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS**

The following event rules are intended to help produce and direct a large scale event, to ensure the safety of all participants, and to meet the requirements of local government permits.

### **Participation**

- Registrants must be capable of completing the full distance, start line to finish line, within the event time requirement.
- To register, you must be **16** years of age or older on event day. Registrants under 18 years of age must have the applicant waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian.
- Each participant must sign an event waiver before participating in the event as part of the registration process. Registrants under 18 years of age must have all waivers signed by a parent or legal guardian.
- The event time requirement and age minimum apply to all forms of entry and event participation.
- Any participant seeking accommodation in respect of a disability not already addressed in the Wheelchair Division Guidelines must submit a written request to the Race Director at least sixty (60) days in advance of the event.
- Participant race number bibs are specific personal identifiers and may not be exchanged, transferred or sold to any other person except in strict accordance with the event's rules, policies, and procedures.
- The sale and/or transfer of race entries/bibs in non-compliance with the event's rules, policies, and procedures is strictly prohibited and will result in the disqualification and/or banning of any individuals involved from future events.
- Race entries and ancillary purchases are non-refundable under any and all circumstances.

### **Transfer of Race Entry**

- Transfers must be processed through the Skyway website operated by events.com
- Transfers must be completed on or before December 31, 2018.  
**NO TRANSFERS WILL BE ALLOWED AFTER THAT DATE.**

- To complete a transfer, participants must follow the directions on the website. In case of a conflict between the below description and the website process, the website process will govern. The participant must log into the website using his or her registration information and passcode. The participant will provide the name and email address to the person to whom the registration shall be transferred. The transferee will then receive an email with instructions on how to complete the transfer and pay the \$30 transfer fee. Upon completion of the process, the registration and all other services purchased with the original registration (e.g., VIP guest passes, Packet Mailing Option) shall be transferred.
- Skyway is not responsible for any agreements or arrangements made between the original and new participant concerning the transfer. Upon completion of the transfer, the original participant shall have no further rights concerning the registration and will not be able to participate in the race.

#### **Packet (Bib Number) Pick-Up**

- Participants should pick up their own packets at the pre-race Expo during regularly scheduled hours or choose during the registration process to have the packet mailed to you.
- Participants must provide photo identification upon picking up their packets to verify their identity as the registrant to whom the bib number is assigned.
- A participant may designate someone else to pick up their packet on their behalf with the following documentation: (1) a photocopy of the participant's Driver's License, State Issued Photo Id, or Passport; (2) an authorization letter signed by the participant that the person picking up the packet is authorized to do so; (3) an original waiver signed by the participant; and (4) the designated person's photo identification.
- Participants are responsible for verifying that the timing device attached to the bib number is worn correctly during the race.

#### **Event Day**

- Participants must follow instructions as given from all event officials including race staff, volunteers, medical personnel, security officers and county and city officials throughout the duration of the event.
- All participants are expected to conduct themselves in a professional and courteous manner during their participation in the event. This means, for

example, that urinating or defecating anywhere on or near the course shall be strictly prohibited except in toilet facilities. Anyone violating this rule of conduct shall be disqualified from the event and will be removed from the course.

- All participants will be provided with a personally assigned event bib number, which must be conspicuously worn on the front (and back when applicable) of their running attire throughout the duration of the event. The event bib number is to be worn as issued. No participant shall be permitted to participate in the event without his/her appropriate bib number.
- The use of wheeled devices by participants or any other person authorized to be on the course shall be strictly limited to: (a) authorized and registered wheelchair, handcycle and duo team participants; and (b) authorized course marshals on bicycles.
- The use of video devices, computers, drones, unmanned aerial devices, or any similar devices are not permitted on or near the course.
- Baby joggers, baby strollers, skateboards, rollerblades, unauthorized bicycles or any other wheeled devices are not permitted on the course.
- Additional prohibited items on the course route include, but are not limited to: large bags (backpacks, suitcases and rolling bags), hard-sided coolers, costumes covering the face, any non-forming bulky outfits extending beyond the perimeter of the body, props and non-running equipment, pets/animals (except service animals that are trained to perform specific work or tasks for a person with a disability), alcoholic beverages, illegal substances, chairs, weapons, and remote controlled aircrafts and drones. For the avoidance of doubt, fuel belts, hand-held water bottles, Camelbaks® and other types of hydration backpacks are allowed.
- Participants must begin the event during the official recognized start times.
- YOU MUST be at the Southern Base of the Skyway Bridge by 10:00 a.m. or you will be escorted onto a bus by Florida Highway Patrol and complete the trip back to Tropicana Field on the bus.

### **The Start**

- Participants will be assigned to designated “Bus departure waves” at the sole discretion of the event management. Assignments will be based on the performance indicated at the point of registration and other factors determined at the sole discretion of event management.

- Participants will be notified of their start wave assignments during packet pickup.
- All participants are responsible for knowing their Bus departure time and check-in method for their start wave. All participants must be present at the appointed time to receive instructions and to participate in the official start of the race.
- Participants shall assemble for the race in their assigned Bus departure wave prior to closing of their wave. Runners will **not** be permitted to board a later Bus departure wave.
- All participants must enter their bus departure wave at the designated entry points. Any person who otherwise enters improperly will be disqualified from the event.
- All participants must be positioned behind the official start line prior to the start of the race.

### **Course Monitoring**

- Any participant who refuses to obey the directions of event officials, city officials or course marshals, or who conducts himself/herself in an unsportsmanlike manner (which includes gaining an unfair advantage by intentionally shortening the route of the race, or who has received any assistance whatsoever from any other person), or who is offensive by action or language to officials, volunteers, participants or spectators, may be disqualified from the event and from future participation at the discretion of race officials.
- No participant, after crossing the finish line, will be allowed to rejoin the race either for the purpose of gaining a place or to pace or to assist another participant.
- Any person participating in the event without a current official event bib number or timing device or a bib or timing device not officially assigned to him/her is subject to removal and disqualification from future events.
- No persons are authorized to be on the course unless they are registered participants or authorized event staff. Therefore, no person shall be allowed to accompany a participant if he/she is not registered in the event, nor shall any participant be allowed, without the permission of the event management, to receive assistance or refreshment from anyone during the progress of the event.

### **Participant Safety**

- With the exception of GoPros as authorized herein, the use of video devices and computers or similar devices by participants while in the event is prohibited. The use of wheeled devices by participants or any other person authorized to be on the course shall be strictly limited to: (a) authorized and registered wheelchair, handcycle and duo team participants; and (b) authorized course marshal on bicycles. Baby joggers, baby strollers, skateboards, rollerblades, unauthorized bicycles or any other wheeled devices will not be permitted.
- Participants are responsible for their recognition and understanding of event signage and symbols relating to participant maps, facilities and directions.
- Medical personnel authorized by the event to do so may examine any participant who appears in distress. If, in the sole opinion of authorized medical personnel, it is in the best interest of the participant's health and welfare, medical personnel may remove a participant from the event.
- Participants must retire at once from the race if ordered to do so by a member of the event staff, medical staff or any governmental authority, including fire and police officers.
- Participants are responsible and assume liability for any and all medical expenses incurred as a result of training for and/or participation in the event, including but not limited to ambulance transport, hospital stays, physician and pharmaceutical goods and services.
- Event officials reserve the right to delay, cancel or suspend the race due to inclement weather in accordance with the Weather Policy on severe emergencies and/or inclement weather.

### **Result Timing**

- All participants are assigned a timing device prior to the event which is attached to their bib.
- Official times for all participants will be the electronic timing device time (net time) from when the participant crosses the start line to the point where the participant crosses the finish line.
- Participants must wear their assigned timing device, which is permanently attached to their bib number, from start line to finish line to receive an accurate finish time.

### **Exceptions**

- Any individual requesting a waiver of any of these rules must submit a written request no less than sixty (60) days prior to the event date specifying the nature of and reasons for the request.

### **Amendments / reservations / acknowledgements**

- Event officials reserve the right to modify, supplement or waive all or part of the event rules.
- Participants shall be bound by any modification or supplement of the event rules published prior to the event.
- Failure to follow these event rules, as may be amended, will result in immediate disqualification, loss of prizes and removal from official results.

### **Skyway 10K Weather Policy**

- Weather forecasts will be monitored prior to the event, paying special attention to the possibility of rain, thunder and lightning. Athletes will be made aware of weather forecasts on the Skyway10K website and through social media sites so that they can adequately prepare for changes incurred due to inclement weather.
- On race day, the Race Director will monitor the weather and decide if any action will be taken to modify the run. Possible scenarios include: change of race start time, change of race course, change of race date, or cancellation of the event.
- Wet, slick roadways, and standing water due to rain may require re-routing or shortening the course.
- Lightning visible to the Race Director or reported to the Race Director will cause the start of the race to be postponed for a minimum of 30 minutes after the latest flash of lightning.
- If lightning is sighted on the course after the start of the race and reported to the Race Director, we will attempt to notify runners of the sighting for the runners to decide whether or not to continue running or to take shelter for a period of time.
- In extreme weather, after consulting with a weather meteorologist, the Race Director may decide to cancel the race either before the race has started or after the race has started. If a decision is made to cancel the race after it has started, the decision will be promptly communicated to all section leaders on the course for communication to the runners.
- We are a non-profit organization operated by volunteers. All net proceeds from the race are donated to the Armed Forces Families Foundation, Inc., and as such no refunds will be given if the race must be cancelled due to inclement weather.
- **All decisions of the Race Director are final.**

### **Skyway 10K Wheelchair Division Guidelines**

The Skyway 10K welcomes athletes of all abilities to participate in the event, subject to the event rules.

The course topography and traffic control plan make this event particularly challenging for athletes in general and disabled athletes in particular. The race route includes an

extended area with a lengthy uphill grade followed by a lengthy downhill section with uneven road surfaces.

All participants must complete the event within the designated running lanes, the allotted course closure, and the authorized time allowed for all participants to complete the course.

To provide for participant, volunteer, and spectator safety, the following rules will apply to athletes who wish to participate in these events using wheelchairs:

1. All wheelchair athletes must wear a protective helmet. Only helmets that are ANSI, CEN, ASTM, CPSC, Australian, Canadian or SNELL certified, without modification, will be accepted. The helmet must be worn for the duration of the race with the chin-strap fastened.
2. All wheelchairs must be structurally sound (i.e., no cracks in the frame or welds, no loose or missing spokes, etc.). The athlete must be securely seated in the wheelchair and remain so while racing.
3. Because of the nature of the race course, only rigid-frame wheelchairs will be permitted. Self-propelled wheelchairs that are collapsible (“hospital-style”) will be **not** be allowed to participate in the event.
4. For the safety of all participants, only self-propelled wheelchairs are allowed.
5. All wheelchair athletes competing in the event must check-in with the Race Director with the wheelchair they will use in the race no later than thirty minutes before the start of the race on the morning of the event to ensure that the chair meets the event safety requirements. **All decisions of the Race Director are final.**
6. All wheelchair participants must be able to maintain control of their wheelchair at all times. Race officials may immediately and without warning disqualify from the event and remove from the course any participant whose racing style is considered by such official to be dangerous, to interfere with other participants, or to fail to yield the right of way to other participants or volunteers.
7. Motorized wheelchairs are not allowed.