

## Rules & Other Helpful Information

Thank you for registering for the 2009 Oyster Racing Series. This one-of-a-kind event is the nation's premier urban adventure race. Have fun, enjoy the event and we'll see you at the finish line!

### A FEW REMINDERS...

- Online donations will be counted toward Rockefeller's and Course Clues up until NOON on the day of Team Check-in. Cash and check donations will still be accepted up until team check-in on the day before the race. Any donations received after the cut off dates will be accepted but will not count toward Rockefeller's or Course Clues. Teams MUST submit their minimum team donation of \$100 in order to race.
- If a team has not completed a specific number of passports by 2pm, they will be swept from the course. Teams will still be able to participate in the post-race party and activities. The cutoff passport will be determined per race per city and announced.
- Passports must remain intact at all times and on a team member. Spot checks may be made on the course throughout the race. Provided carabineers will help to maintain your passports. Please keep your passports in a place that's easily accessible (i.e. attached outside of clothing or a backpack).
- Photos on cameras need to be easily accessible.
- Bringing \$20 cash for public transportation and items you might be required to purchase. Pen and paper might also be helpful.
- Do not ride your bike through the transition area – when returning from the course please dismount on site and please do not mount until you have left the transition area.
- Please pin your bib in a visible place on the front of your body; if wearing layers, please expose bib as you check in to the transition area.
- ONLY racers and their single support persons may be inside the transition area. Spectators are welcomed to watch from outside the transition area.

### SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

We want you and your team to be safe while competing so we ask that you agree to follow these steps...

1. Team members, when riding a bike, must wear a helmet and obey the traffic laws.
2. Any participant under 18 years of age must have written consent from a parent or legal guardian, a signature on a waiver, be accompanied by an adult at the event and be able to compete in all activities under their own power.
3. Tandems are not permitted. Devices designed to carry or move a child such as strollers, bike trailers or child backpacks are also not permitted because of safety concerns.
4. This event is not designed to accommodate pets. For their safety, please leave them at home.
5. All members of teams must adhere to all rules and regulations created by the Oyster's race officials prior to and during the event, the City and County of the state, all cities we access and all Parks and Recreational areas.
6. The event will be held rain, snow or shine. Be prepared. There will be no refunds.

### RULES

1. Participants must obey all laws of the participating City, any city the race goes through and the host State. Roads will not be blocked and traffic will not be altered.
2. Participants must travel by designated mode of transportation from specific Check Points as designated on your passports.
3. All teams must read each passport carefully, thoroughly and follow the instructions. This is key.
4. Passports will direct each team to a designated Check Point. A clearly marked sign will identify each Check Point. Example: "Oyster Check Point." Upon reaching the Check Point, and/or after completion of the task, an Oyster Representative will punch your passport, indicating that you have located the Check Point and completed the task.  
**Note:** Don't even think about punching your own passport as each Oyster Representative will record your team bib #, indicating that you have indeed frequented that designated Check Point.
5. Passports must remain intact at all times and on a team member. Spot checks may be made on the course throughout the race. Provided carabineers will help to maintain your passports.
6. Teams will police themselves along with course officials. Any and all infractions can be reported to race officials.
7. The Spirit of the rule will prevail. Final interpretations and decisions will be made by the race officials.
8. A minimum 15 minute penalty will be assessed for each course infraction and each non-completion of a "Check

Point.” Example 1: If your team is required to receive 3 “Punch marks” and your team only receives 2 “Punch marks,” you will receive a minimum 15 minute penalty. Example 2: Using the wrong mode of transportation or transportation that is off limits, will result in one minimum 15 minute team penalty. Penalties will be served immediately whereas all team members will sit at the spot of the foul for 15 minutes as monitored by our course officials. The race director has the sole discretion of assessing additional penalties if it is deemed that the “spirit of the rule” has been violated. Penalties can be served on the course or at the TA. Should it be deemed that an advantage was gained by only serving a 15 minute penalty, additional time may be assessed at the discretion of the race director. Should you elect to skip a Passport entirely, your team will be disqualified.

9. Due to weather conditions, the course may be altered in order to protect the safety of the race competitors. An overall average time for that Check Point will be determined by the previous teams that completed the Check Point if a Check Point is to be cancelled.

10. All team members must be within 100 yards of each other while on the course. All 3 team members must be present to begin the tasks and to get each passport punched, unless otherwise indicated (Rockefellers are the exception to this rule).

11. We ask all teams to use the honor system. There is no cash awarded to winning teams, just great prizes. So have fun, be competitive, and respectful to all racers. DON'T CHEAT OR BE JERKS!

12. NO CABS.

## **PARKING**

Paid parking is available at paid/unpaid lots surrounding the TA or on the surrounding streets.

## **MANDATORY MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED:**

Please note that water craft, PFDs and helmets for water sections will be provided if used on the course. Your team may bring their own water craft, PFDs and helmets as well (bike/skate helmets acceptable). If there is water transport, only two people will need to travel by water craft.

- Running (need shoes!)
- Biking (either road bike or mountain bike is fine) for each team member on course
- Bike helmet for each team member on course
- 1 cell phone
- 1 small first aid kit
- 1 digital camera (a cell phone that takes pictures is acceptable)
- Some cash (\$20)