



## SLO HALF MARATHON RELAY TEAM INFORMATION

This 2-3 person relay offers a distance for everyone, regardless of your fitness level! Please review the important information below for a successful relay race.

### GENERAL RELAY INFORMATION

#### Packet Pickup

Race bib numbers (including your pass-off timing chip), shirts and runner goody bags can be picked up at the Race SLO Festival at the Madonna Inn Meadows on Saturday, April 27 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm or on Sunday, April 28 from 5:45 am to 6:30 am. One relay team member can pick up their team's packets, shirts and timing device for their entire team (you MUST show copies of all teammates IDs). **ONLY ONE TIMING DEVICE WILL BE PROVIDED PER TEAM** and needs to be handed off at each relay exchange point.

#### Bib Numbers

All Half Marathon Relay participants will receive a bib number that must be worn on the front of each participant's shirt. Each relay team will have the exact same bib number. You do not need to notify us of who is running which leg or swap bibs. You each need to keep your bib on all day.

#### Timing/Awards

Each team will receive **ONLY ONE TIMING DEVICE**. The timing device will be a Velcro bracelet/anklet with a timing chip embedded. The timing device **MUST** be worn by the first relay runner and then be handed off to each subsequent runner throughout the race. Upon reaching the first relay exchange point, the first runner will pass over the timing mat and hand off the timing device to the second runner in the designated runner exchange area. The timing device will essentially be your relay 'baton' - **DO NOT FORGET TO PASS THE TIMING DEVICE TO THE NEXT RUNNER!**

Each team's **TOTAL** overall elapsed chip time will be used to determine the overall relay team winners. In the event of a tie for first place, the chip time of the team's first leg will determine the winner (fastest first leg breaks overall tie). Relay awards will be given to the top three overall Male, Female and Coed teams for both half marathon relay and Corporate Challenge Relay.

The entire team will each receive a RELAY finisher medal after their last runner comes in. Please note, only the last participant will be allowed in the finish chute; relay participants that have already completed their leg should **NOT** enter the finish line chute. The last relay participant will receive the medals for ALL team members. All relay participants should meet at the finish line and have their team photo taken.

### RELAY EXCHANGE PROCEDURES

Each relay exchange zone will have staging areas for relay participants. Because of the limited space within the staging area, please make prior notes about your relay teammate's pace/expected time so you will know the approximate time to expect them and enter the staging area approximately 30 minutes prior to their expected arrival.

Signage will be placed on the course indicating approximately 1/4 mile to the relay exchange. As the relay runners approach the relay exchanges, there will be a relay 'lane' directing the incoming runner toward the timing mat and exchange zone. As the incoming relay runner approaches the exchange zone, volunteers will alert waiting relay team members by calling out the incoming racer bib numbers. Listen for your team race bib number and move



forward in the exchange zone when you hear your number called. The approaching runner will cross the timing mat and hand-off the timing device to his/her waiting relay team member to complete the exchange. Relay team members should listen closely to the volunteers and follow all instructions.

All relay exchanges will be located near aid stations where water, Fluid Sports Drink and portable restrooms are available. **Please use caution when crossing the course at the relay exchange so as to not encroach on other half marathon runners who are not part of a relay.**

Formal gear check will NOT be available at relay exchange zones. Gear bag drop-off is only available for the first relay runner at the START LINE (please use gear check bag provided). Relay participants will be able to rejoin their team members in the RaceSLO Festival area in the Madonna Meadows.

### GETTING TO YOUR RELAY EXCHANGE

Because of race day traffic and road closures, it is recommended that all relay participants walk or carpool to their exchange zone from the Start area or review the travel directions noted below. CARPOOLING and VEHICLE EXCHANGE between teammates is highly recommended. **THERE IS NO RACE SPONSORED RELAY TRANSPORTATION.** You should plan travel accordingly to arrive at relay exchange points 30-45 minutes prior to the anticipated arrival of your relay teammate.

### RELAY LEG SUMMARY, EXCHANGE ZONES AND TRANSPORTATION

#### **Half Marathon Relay- LEG 1**

Start of Leg 1	Finish of Leg 1	Distance
Start Line- Madonna Inn	Relay Exchange 1: Marsh Street @ Osos Street	4.5 miles

The first leg of the half marathon relay begins at the start line on Madonna Road. Leg 1 participants should enter pace corral for their expected pace at the start line with the other half marathon participants. Only Leg 1 participants will be allowed to check gear bags at start line UPS trucks. Please use gear check bag provided at packet pickup.

Relay Exchange 1 is located at the Marsh Street and Osos Street in downtown San Luis Obispo. Most roads in the downtown area will be closed due to the race. Parking for this relay exchange should be near Mitchell Park at Osos Street and Buchon Street.

Driving directions from start line to Half Marathon Relay Exchange 1:

- Head east on South Street to Broad Street and turn left (SLOPD will facilitate access at Broad Street and Islay Street)
- Turn right on Buchon Street and continue to Osos Street
- Park on the streets surrounding Mitchell Park (located between Buchon/Pismo Streets and Santa Rosa/Osos Streets)

\*Leg 1 participants should consider walking back to the start/finish line areas OR exchange vehicle with Leg 2 participant.



**Half Marathon Relay -LEG 2**

<b>Start of Leg 2</b>	<b>Finish of Leg 2</b>	<b>Distance</b>
Relay Exchange 1: Marsh Street @ Osos Street	Relay Exchange 2: Islay Park - Tank Farm Rd. @ Orcutt Rd.	3.6 miles

Relay Exchange 2 is located at Islay Park. Parking for this exchange is along the north side of Tank Farm Road (completely off of the roadway).

Driving directions from start line to Relay Exchange 2:

- Utilize Highway 101 South and exit at Los Osos Valley Road
- Turn left onto Los Osos Valley Road
- Turn left onto South Higuera Street
- Turn right onto Tank Farm Road
- Islay Park is at the intersection of Tank Farm Road and Orcutt Road. You will see a road closure and lots of activity. Parking should be along the north side of Tank Farm Road west of Orcutt Road. Please park completely off of the roadway.

**Half Marathon Relay -LEG 3**

<b>Start of Leg 3</b>	<b>Finish of Leg 3</b>	<b>Distance</b>
Relay Exchange 2: Islay Park - Tank Farm Road @ Orcutt Road	Relay Exchange 3: Finish Line @ Madonna Meadows	5.0 miles

Finish Line is located at the Madonna Inn/Meadows. Parking for the finish line and RaceSLO Festival is in the upper grass area within the Madonna Meadows.