



Rules

Equipment: The Mandatory Gear List specifies the minimum gear required to compete in the Chameleon. The list has been established to ensure safe travel throughout the race. If there is room for discretion as to whether or not certain equipment is required, we have left it off the list. In so doing, teams are left to make their own decisions about what will be the appropriate equipment to get them to the finish line in the fastest and safest way. There is no room for discretion with the items included on the Mandatory Gear List. Any team found without the mandatory equipment during the race may be disqualified and removed from the course. Any gear issued to teams is to be considered mandatory gear. There will be multiple gear checks during the race to ensure all teams are carrying the required equipment. Don't forget your toy chameleons; the penalty is not pretty!

Please note: the Mandatory Gear List is subject to change. Race management will notify team members of any changes as they arise.

Provided equipment – Certain equipment will be provided to teams during particular sections of the Chameleon Adventure Race. These items must remain with the team for the duration of the section they are assigned for and must be returned to race staff at the end of the section in good condition. Provided equipment must be used in a manner consistent with race management or Camp Manitou-Lin staff instructions. Damage to any equipment provided by race management, beyond a reasonable level of wear and tear, may result in a time penalty or disqualification and the team will be responsible for the paying of damages.

Forbidden equipment – The following is a list of equipment that is forbidden during the race. Any team possessing any of these items will be disqualified from the race:

- GPS Devices
- Weapons of any sort (with the exception of the mandatory knife)
- Any mode of transportation not authorized by event organizers
- Maps not provided by race organizers

This is not necessarily a complete list of forbidden equipment. Any device or item that offers an unfair advantage to the team possessing it may also be deemed as forbidden. Please check with event organizers prior to start of race if you have any items that may be questionable. If it is decided that the item will not be forbidden, event organizers will keep the query confidential.

Gear Checks: Teams will be randomly subject to gear checks during the race. It is the team's responsibility to oblige the race official conducting the check in a timely and civil manner. Any missing mandatory gear items will result in a time penalty which will be served at that time, in that location. The time penalty will be timed by the race official. Mandatory gear is clearly identified on the gear list.

Leave No Trace: It is critical that participants are respectful of the environment and do not negatively impact any area over or through which they travel. Any team caught littering will be assessed a time penalty of 15 minutes.

Pre-Race Meeting following check-in, all teams must attend the pre-race meeting at 8:00 am, Saturday, August 29, 2009. The meeting will consist of general announcements, distribution of each team's race package (different than that given at packet pick-up), descriptions and maps of the first part of the course and question and answer period. The pre-race period will end promptly at a designated time set by the race management in order to allow teams enough time to make last minute preparations and strategize.

The race package given to each team will include required maps with pre-plotted check points for the first section of the race, course book and a passport. Additional maps and course information may be given to teams at later parts of the race. The passport must be carried throughout the entire event and surrendered to a race official open crossing the finish line. Teams that do not surrender the passport upon crossing the finish line will not be ranked and will not qualify for prizes.

The official race maps provided in the race package and by designated race officials are the only maps permitted on the course. Any team using unofficial maps will be disqualified.

The course book will include brief descriptions of particular challenges or obstacle to watch for throughout the course and a list of all check points, mandatory and optional, on the course. The actual race course will not be marked on the map (i.e. There will be no line drawn to show the way). Some check points will also be labeled as transition areas; these are mandatory check points.

Prizes

Top finishers in each division will be recognized at the awards ceremony. All racers in the audience at the closing ceremony will be entered in the random drawings for prizes from our sponsors.

Race Course

There are two methods traveling through check points, which will be designated in the course book and at each section:

- 1) Numerical order where all points in that section must be found in order; OR
- 2) Points in a given section can be found in any order (Score O format)

At each check point, the team must either locate the placed orienteering flag and/or structure and correctly punch their passport; OR check in with the check point staff. (A correct punch means the CP number and the number on the passport match, i.e. CP 2 will be punched in box #2 of the passport.) At the staffed check points without a flag or a punch, it is the team's responsibility to ensure that an official time is recorded by race staff for their team at the check point. Should a discrepancy occur, an invalidated check-in will not be considered official.

If a team reaches a check point that should have been retrieved in order, they may be allowed under certain circumstances to backtrack and reach it. This will be determined by race officials. If they have not punched or signed in at the next check point in the sequence, they may go back for the missed check point without penalty. If they chose to go back for a missed check point and they have already checked through subsequent check points after the missed point, a time penalty may be assessed for punching the points out of order. If you are in a section of a race with staffed check points, please notify race management if you missed a check point and are attempting to get it out of order. Race management reserves the right to deny your request due to time or other constraints.

Although each team is free to choose the route they feel is most appropriate for most of the race, certain sections of the course may include instructions for a mandatory route (for safety reasons or to preserve certain environmentally sensitive areas). Other areas may be deemed entirely off limits to racers. Teams that do not follow specified mandatory routes or teams that enter off-limits areas may be penalized or disqualified.

Race management reserves the right to make changes to the course during the race due to unforeseen circumstances such as, but not limited to, inclement weather or time constraints. Any changes made will be communicated to all teams as soon as it is reasonable and will be done as fairly as possible for all teams ("fairly" as determined by race management).

Safety

Each team is required to have a working cell phone that must be carried at all times during the race. The cell phone should be in a sealed bag. In the event of an emergency, the team must use the phone to contact race management and rescue procedures will be set in motion. By using the phone, however, the team may be disqualified from the official race rankings and will not be allowed to continue on the course.

Teams are encouraged to help each other on the course. No penalty will be incurred for receiving assistance from another team. If a team comes in contact with another team that is in an emergency situation they are required to stop and help. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. Teams that do offer assistance in an emergency situation may be awarded a time bonus.

Teams

All members of the team should be in good physical condition and be of reasonable health. All racers are required to complete a medical form and release at time of check-in to verify this. This race is unsupported; therefore each member must carry their own hydration and food for the duration of the race.

Other team rules:

- No outside assistance is permitted at any time. Teams receiving any outside assistance will be disqualified;
- Teams may help one another at any point on the race course, including any special challenges. Any team NOT helping a team in distress may be subject to a time penalty;
- You are allowed to change team members, divisions, etc at any time prior to the race but must clear the change with race management;
- Absolutely NO pre-riding or exploring of the race course permitted Friday or Saturday before the race;
- All team members must be present for the pre-race check-in and meeting.
- Entry fees are non-refundable.

Team Rankings

- The first team to have all members cross the finish line and have passed through all control points will be the winners;
- All teams finishing the race with a complete team will be ranked according to the total number of control points;
- All teams finishing the race will be ranked ahead of any teams not finishing the entire race;
- If two or more teams finish with the same number of total control points, they will be ranked according to their total race time, including time penalty adjustments;
- Any team completing the extended race course and completing the entire race as a ranked team will be automatically ranked ahead of teams finishing as a ranked team on the regular course;
- Any team proceeding on the race course or finishing with fewer members than started the race will be considered an unranked team.

In the score O (orienteering) format sections, teams may capture check points in any order. A team finishing with more check points than another team will be ranked higher, regardless of the total so long as the team completes the course before the cut-off time. A team that obtains fewer checkpoints cannot win.

Team Rules: Team members must stay within 50 meters of each other throughout the event. Only human powered travel is allowed. Use of any motorized transportation is strictly prohibited. All participants are required to wear their bike helmets during the entire race. If a team member is caught not wearing a helmet at any time during the race the team will be assessed a time penalty.

Time Penalties: A 15 minute time penalty may be imposed for a violation of any race rules as determined by the race management. Time penalties will be served on the race course, during the race. The time penalty will be timed by the race official. A team may be assessed more than one time penalty for violations of the same rule.

Withdrawal from Race: Teams may only voluntarily withdraw from the race at designated transition areas, with the exception of injury situations. Race management must be notified of all teams withdrawing from the race.

If only one team member withdraws and the remainder of the team wishes to continue on the course, they may do so only with specific permission from race management. From that point forward, the team will not be officially ranked. Race management reserves the right to issue a time penalty, to be served on the course, to any team wishing to continue unranked. This would be done to prevent unranked teams from interfering with the progress of officially ranked teams.