

Team Relay FAQ

How does a Relay Work? or What Happens at a Transition Area?

All relay members will have the same bib as their teammates and share the same timing chip. Relay runner's race bib will be colored differently from those participating in the half and full marathon events. As your team runner approaches these transition points our relay race volunteers will identify you by your unique bib number and after you cross the timing mat direct you slightly off the course. In the transition area you pass the timing chip to your next relay member, who will quickly return to the marathon course.

These are ankle timing chips and must be worn on the ankle! Carrying it in your hand or round your wrist will not work and your times will not be recorded.

Without a recorded time your team will be disqualified and not be eligible to receive rewards. Again your chip must be worn on your ankle! This chip must be worn by the first runner and proceed over the entire course and be worn by the last runner as he or she crosses the finish line.

Volunteers will have water and Powerade for you in the transition area.

Each runner will receive their medal at the transition area upon completion of their leg of the relay. Runner #5 will receive a medal at the finish line upon completion.

I registered a team for the marathon and was wondering if I need to pick up all of the packets or if each individual runner must pick up his or her own packet?

Of course we would encourage everyone to attend the expo, but it is not required. One person - either the captain or a designated teammate should pick up all the packets at one time.

One other question... is there just one packet for a team or packets for each individual?

There will be a packet for EACH runner, but the captain's packet will have THE ONE ankle chip. And as a reminder ONE person - either the captain or a designated teammate should pick up ALL the packets at one time.

I am running the last leg of the marathon relay for my team. I just wanted to make sure that I understood that after 7:30 am there will NOT be a bus going to the 4th transition spot. I am just wondering because due to possible cooler temperatures, I was hoping to be dropped off about 10 min. before my team mate running the

4th leg would reach the transition spot so that I was not standing in the cold for 3 + hours. Please let me know my options!

Good question. You are correct that ALL the buses leave at the same time. THERE ARE NO LATE DEPARTING BUSES! However, you will not be standing in the cold for 3 hours. Because of the logistics in moving runners across the city and not wanting to hinder the runners already racing it is imperative to transport runners before the race and before the police shut down the course.

Yes, the buses will be leaving promptly at 7:30, but the buses will travel to and be parked at your transition area. You will be able to stay warm and dry until it is time for you to run. We are also providing port-a-potties and an aid station so you should be fine. Wear warm clothes over your running gear and bring a plastic/travel bag. Just before you run strip down to your running gear, then give the bag to your teammate who will return it to the start/finish area when he/she is bused back. Also place warm clothes in ANOTHER plastic/travel bag and give this to your NEXT runner so when you finish your leg he/she can give you a bag of warm/dry clothes for your return to the finish area. Hope this helps explain how relays work. You certainly can bring some food and an iPod for your entertainment. Have fun!

I am running on a relay team. I have done the Brew to Brew relay a couple of times, but have always transitioned in a private vehicle. I have a few questions about the W&R relay:

1) If we take the shuttles to our various exchange points, will we have a place to leave personal items? Our team wants to stay in contact, but doesn't really want to run with cell phones. Will there be a secure place to leave our gym bags, cell phones, etc. while we are running?

2) When we are not running our leg, will we just be waiting at the finish line?? Will we be with our teammates? I'm trying to figure out what I'll be doing when I'm not running (my leg is #3).

We do not provide any bag drop services. But here is an easy solution that can be done by the aid of your teammates. And whom can you trust more than your friends? You can give it to one of your teammates while passing the chip at the exchange point.

Here is what we'd suggest. Every runner should prepare a bag and give it the runner who is running the NEXT leg. For example you will give your bag to the runner who is running the fourth leg (because you are running the 3rd leg). He/she will carry this out on the bus to where you conclude your race. When you finish running, your NEXT runner will remove the timing chip from your ankle and place it on his/her ankle AND give you YOUR bag.

So now you have everything you need. But what will happen to the runner who is running the fourth leg? He/she should also give you HIS/HER bag which contains everything he or she wore while waiting for you to finish your leg. That repeats for everyone.

And lastly, while after you finish your leg you can change clothes, cheer on other runners, walk back to the bus (should be warm there) and wait for the bus to return to the start/finish area.

After finishing your leg you will be bused to the same location where you boarded the buses. Your teammate's buses will return at different times so we'd suggest you pre-determine a meeting place in the finishing area. Then based on when the fourth runner completed his/her leg you should be able to estimate when the final runner is likely to finish. We'd encourage you to greet that runner about 2 to 3 blocks out from the finish line so you could run in and cross the finish line together. Remember to smile - all 5 of you.

I had a question about the entire team finishing the race and I am not quite clear on the directions given online. Is there a particular point that we can pick up the race with our team member?

We would encourage your teammates to meet about 2 to 3 blocks before the finish line and run in together. If you want to run together a little longer be our guest. Remember to smile as you cross the finish line.