

# Rules and Regulations

## The Great Wheelbarrow Race 2011

### **1.0. RACE OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the race is for competitors to complete a given distance in the shortest possible time. The distance is broken into three unequal sections and in each section competitors have a limited amount of time in which to cover the required distance. If at least one individual/team completes all three sections within the allowed times and hence covers the entire distance, the winning determinant is the shortest time. Conversely, if no individual/team finishes all three sections within the times allowed and hence no one completes the entire distance, the individual/team which comes closest to completing the entire distance will win.

### **2.0. PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE**

**In relation to public liability insurance Council's insurer has indicated that it will not indemnify competitors or spectators. Consequently, if a competitor acts negligently and injures another competitor or spectator, then that competitor will not be indemnified by Council's insurer. Competitors may wish to consider obtaining their own public liability insurance cover.**

### **3.0. WHEELBARROW RACE ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

The Wheelbarrow Race Organising Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee") shall consist of a minimum of five (5) persons, one of whom shall be a representative of a major sponsor. The Committee shall have at least two (2) Councillors and the whole Committee will be formally appointed by Council. The Committee shall have at least two (2) community representatives.

### **4.0. RACE ITINERARY**

#### **Stage 1- Friday May 13 2011 - Mareeba to Dimbulah (45 kilometres)**

Teams assemble at starting line at the Mareeba Heritage Museum by 9.10am. Teams will parade through Byrnes Street and then continue on to Dimbulah. After arrival in Dimbulah, a range of events will be held.

#### **Stage 2 – Saturday May 14 2011 - Dimbulah to Almaden (65 kilometres)**

Depart at 6.30 am for Petford. In Petford, there will be a compulsory 30 minute stop, and then the race will continue to Almaden. Events will be held in Almaden during the evening.

#### **Stage 3 –Sunday May 15 2011 - Almaden to Chillagoe (34 kilometres)**

Depart at 8 am for Chillagoe. Events will be held in Chillagoe from 1 pm onwards. Solos to leave at 6.30am.

### **5.0. WHEELBARROW**

Master Builder wheelbarrows will be supplied for the race – specifications can be obtained from Council's website ([www.trc.qld.gov.au](http://www.trc.qld.gov.au)). Sponsored by TGT

Wheelbarrows will travel empty and modifications are not permitted.

Wheelbarrows must be pushed by hand. No harness or similar devices may be used.

Wheelbarrows remain the property of the Committee.

## **6.0. CATEGORIES & AWARDS**

### **Team Categories**

A team is more than one person.

#### Men's Category

All team members must be male.

#### Ladies Category

All team members must be female.

#### Mixed Category

A combination of at least four females to six males.

#### Over 40yrs Category

Six team members must be over the age of 40years.

#### High School Category

Any combination of male and female team members; all in High School

#### Services Category

Team members must be a member of the services, i.e., police, Fire Department, SES, Army, Navy, etc.

*To collect any prize money in this category, each member of the team must be able to verify their age with either a drivers licence or birth certificate.*

### **Individual Category**

#### Solo Category

Individual runner

Please note: A maximum of one race category (Mens/Ladies/Mixed/Over 40yrs/Solo/School/Services) is to be selected per entry.

Other prizes/mementos will be awarded to participants during the Awards Presentation at Chillagoe.

### **Awards**

#### Charity Award

Money will be awarded to the team which raises the most money for a nominated charity. Competitors will be able to raise money up until 9am on the Friday 13 May 2011. To be eligible for the award, the totals raised by competitors will have to be provided to the Chief Marshall at the abovementioned time and date.

### Best Theme Award

Prizes (and/or money) will be awarded to the team which has the most impressive overall theme. The winner will be decided by an anonymous judging panel and announced during the Awards Presentation in Chillagoe on Sunday afternoon. Judges will assess teams according to the following criteria:

- Street Parade Performance (Byrnes Street, Day 1)
- Overall Appearance
- Costumes
- Vehicle
- Music
- Mascot

To be eligible, costumes must be worn down Byrnes Street on Friday morning (change facilities will be made available at the International Club) and during festivities in Almaden on Saturday night. If competitors wish to decorate their support vehicle they must ensure that the decorations do not interfere with the normal operations of the vehicle and that it can be safely driven along public roads.

### Talent Quest

During the festivities at Almaden on Saturday night, a Talent Quest will be held. Participation is voluntary, but teams are encouraged to enter and perform. Team performances may include songs, dancing, skits, comedy, costumes or novelty acts. Performances are limited to 5 minutes duration (unless prior notice is given).

**Teams and individuals must nominate for the category/awards they wish to enter by completing the relevant section of the Registration Form.**

## **7.0. RULES OF THE RACE**

7.1. A copy of these rules will be provided with the race registration forms. All participants must have read these rules and conditions prior to nominating. All rules and regulations and any instructions given by a person in authority during the event must be strictly observed.

7.2. If participants fail to comply with these rules and regulations and/or fail to obey an instruction from a race official teams/and or individual entrants may incur a time penalty or they may be disqualified from the race. The power to issue a time penalty or to disqualify a team and/or individual participant is vested with the Chief Marshall. A decision to issue a time penalty or disqualify participants can be appealed through the Disputes Committee.

7.3. The decision of the Disputes Committee will be final and binding - refer to section 11.0.

7.4. The starting/finishing lines for each stage will be as follows:

### Stage 1 - Friday 13 May 2011

*Start at 9.10am:* In front of the Mareeba Heritage Museum and Tourist Information Centre in Byrnes Street, Mareeba.  
*Finish:* Park adjacent to Dimbulah Railway Station.

Stage 2 –Saturday 14 May 2011

*Start at 6.30am:* Park adjacent to Dimbulah Railway Station.

*Finish:* In front of the Railway Hotel in Almaden.

Stage 3 – Sunday 15 May 2011

*Start at 8.00am:* In front of the Railway Hotel in Almaden

*Finish:* In front of Public Hall in Chillagoe.

- 7.5. Each morning racing will begin at the nominated time with staggered starting times.
- 7.6 Nomination fee: \$330/team & \$220 Solos. Fee must be paid when registration forms are lodged.
- 7.7. **No Runner, driver, team official or marshall shall participate in the race under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. Offenders will be disqualified and may be subject to prosecution.**
- 7.8. No person may interfere with officials carrying out their duties and any person doing so will be disqualified, along with their team.
- 7.9. **No reserve participants are allowed.** The Chief Marshall has the right to issue a time penalty or disqualification if this rule is not observed. However please note, on the first day of the race between Mareeba and Dimbulah teams may compete with less than a full complement of members. The remaining members may join their colleagues in Dimbulah to bring the team to its full compliment. No additional members can join the team during the subsequent days of the race.
- 7.10. Road traffic legislation is to be strictly observed and any direction given by the Queensland Police Service must be followed. Responsibility lies with each team and/or individual entrant failure to strictly observe all road rules may lead to a time penalty being issued or disqualification.
- 7.11. When a team is in a position that the driver considers their participant can safely overtake the vehicle in front, they must negotiate a proper path to the **right** of the vehicle to be passed and take all safety precautions so as not to endanger the participant or vehicle of either team. At no time is a vehicle or participant to be passed on the **left** hand side. Should a team and or individual competitor attempt to overtake a vehicle on the left hand side or take any other unsafe actions during the overtaking manoeuvre they will incur a **45 minute time penalty.**
- 7.12. Vehicles must not drive or stop to change runners in a manner which impedes a following runner or traffic.
- 7.13. Vehicles must not speed up when being overtaken or immediately afterwards. Any cutting off by other teams or participants is to be reported to the Chief Marshall.

- 7.14. Runners pushing the wheelbarrow can only be changed for another runner from the support vehicle travelling directly behind. **Exchange runners cannot be dropped off ahead of the person pushing the wheelbarrow.**
- 7.15. The support vehicle shall travel directly behind a runner so that any vehicles overtaking can pass the support vehicle and runner together. Should a vehicle that is overtaking come between the runner and support vehicle, the runner must immediately move off the road and allow the vehicle to pass.
- 7.16. Overtaking on bridges or other tight situations is to be in accordance with traffic legislation and only undertaken when safe to do so.
- 7.17. Participants must not be on any part of the support vehicle when pushing the wheelbarrow. During the changeover of runners the wheelbarrow can either be placed on the ground or may be handed over on the move.
- 7.18. Whenever a participant enters or leaves the support vehicle during the race, the vehicle must be stationary and on the road verge with its hazard lights flashing.
- 7.19. A representative from each team along with all support vehicle drivers must attend race briefings to be held before the start of each leg of the race.
- 7.20. All participants who are running in the race and pushing a wheelbarrow must be of High School age. However younger participants may take part provided they obtain prior approval from the Organising Committee and they can provide a letter from a parent or guardian giving consent for them to participate.
- 7.21. Drivers must be 18 years or older and must hold a valid open drivers licence. Competitors may participate in the race as both a runner and a driver.
- 7.22. Teams and/or individual participants will only be allowed on the road for a set number of hours during each stage of the race – refer to section 13. After the allowed number of hours has passed the team and/or individual participants must cease racing and move off the road.
- 7.23. All participants must complete a race nomination form and either a registration form for a runner or for a driver. Participants also have the option of completing a medical form – refer to section 15.
- 7.24. During the second stage of the race all competitors are required to stop in Petford for 30 minutes.
- 7.25. During each stage of the race morning briefings will be held and it is compulsory for all team captains to attend.
- 7.26. A maximum of one race category (Mens/Ladies/Mixed/Over 40yrs/Solo/School) is to be selected per entry.
- 7.27. The Committee reserves the right to amend any or all of these rules and will advise teams accordingly.

## **8.0. MAIN ROADS**

The requirements of the Department of Main Roads for the conduct of such an event on State controlled roads must be observed by all.

## **9.0. TEAMS, SUPPLIES AND SUPPORT VEHICLES**

Each team or individual entrant shall have only one (1) vehicle to transport the nominated team marshall and other team participants. The support vehicles must be able to legally carry all team members plus one. Teams can have a maximum of 10 members (i.e. competitors pushing the wheelbarrow).

Each accompanying support vehicle should carry the following equipment in working order:

- Food and water for all members of the team;
- A basic first aid kit (expect blisters, heat rashes, minor cuts and abrasions);
- An amber flashing roof light (These can be purchased from Repco and other auto parts suppliers for approximately \$150); and
- A working UHF 40 channel CB radio, that remains on Channel 40 (Hand held radios can be purchased from Tandy and other electronic stores for between \$50 and \$200 depending on quality).

## **10.0 MARSHALLS**

A Marshall will be allocated to each team and must ride in the team vehicle.

After each stage of the race marshalls will be changed between teams.

The Marshall shall have a copy of the rules before and during the race and be conversant with them. The Marshall must be in a position to see the runner and wheelbarrow at all times during the race and to record any breach of the rules which must be reported to the Chief Marshall at the completion of each day.

During the race marshalls are permitted to leave the support vehicle and walk in front of the vehicle but behind the runner, if it is safe to do so. Marshalls are not permitted to walk or run along side the person pushing the wheelbarrow.

## **11.0. DISPUTES COMMITTEE**

The Disputes Committee shall consist of three persons appointed by the Organising Committee.

Disputes and breaches of the rules shall be reported in the first instance to the Chief Marshall as soon as possible after the completion of the day's race by each team. Any breach or dispute must be reported to the Chief Marshall on the day that it occurred. In the event that the Chief Marshall is unable to resolve the dispute the matter may at the discretion of the Chief Marshall be referred to the Disputes Committee.

Two representatives of each team subject to the dispute and the relevant marshall, may be present during submission, consideration and resolution of the dispute.

The Disputes Committee has the absolute right to issue any penalty or disqualification in the enforcement of any of these rules. The findings of the Disputes Committee and subsequent penalty imposed are absolute.

## **12.0. TIMEKEEPERS**

There will be one official timekeeper who will record the exact start and finish times of each team on each day.

Marshals will be advised on how to handle necessary stops.

The times given by the timekeeper will be official, subject to any appeal heard by the Disputes Committee. Any ruling of the Disputes Committee shall be final and binding.

## **13.0. DURATION OF RACE STAGES**

To ensure the safety of all involved, participants will have to be off the road by 5.30pm at the very latest for the first two stages of the race and by 2.00pm for the third stage. During each stage these requirements, coupled with a staggered start, mean that to ensure each team has the same opportunity to complete the required distance, it has been necessary to limit the amount of time that each team spends on the road. Accordingly each team and/or individual participant will be able to race for the following number of hours during each stage:

Stage 1 - 8 hrs

Stage 2 - 10 hrs

Stage 3 - 5½ hrs

There will be a compulsory ½ hour stop in Petford for all participants during the second stage of the race.

In each stage of the race, once teams and/or individual participants have been on the road for the maximum number of hours, they will have to cease racing even if they have not reached the finish line. Should this be the case then the teams/individual participants distance from the starting line shall be determined and recorded by their respective team marshall. Wheelbarrows will be collected and delivered to the finish line so that they can participate in the next stage of the race.

## **14.0. DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZE MONEY**

In this race depending on the situation entrants may be competing against each other for either the shortest time over a given distance or for the longest distance within a fixed time.

Accordingly the prize money will be distributed in the following manner:

In the situation where three or more individuals/teams finish all three stages of the race within the allowed times, the individual/team that has recorded the shortest total time across the three stages will receive first prize. Second prize will be awarded to the individual/team that has recorded the second shortest time and third prize will be awarded to the individual/team that has recorded the third shortest time.

In the situation where only two individuals/teams finish all three stages of the race within the allowed times, first prize will be awarded to the individual/team that has recorded the shortest total time across the three stages while second prize will be awarded to the other individual/team that managed to complete all three stages of the race. Third prize will be awarded to the individual/team that has travelled the

greatest combined distance in the allowed times across the three stages of the race from amongst the remaining competitors that did not complete all three stages.

In the situation where only one individual/team finishes all three stages of the race that individual/team will be awarded first prize. Second prize will be awarded to the individual/team that has travelled the greatest combined distance in the allowed times across the three stages of the race from amongst the remaining competitors that did not complete all three stages. Third prize will be awarded to the individual/team that has travelled the second greatest combined distance in the allowed times across the three stages of the race from amongst the remaining competitors that did not complete all three stages.

In the situation where no individual/team manages to finish all three stages of the race the individual/team that has travelled the greatest combined distance in the allowed times across the three stages of the race will be awarded first prize. Second prize will be awarded to the individual/team that has travelled the second greatest distance and third prize will be awarded to the individual/team that has travelled the third greatest distance.

In the event of a tie for any of the abovementioned places the following rules apply:

- In the event that the tie is between a team and an individual competitor the individual competitor will be awarded the place.
- In the event that the tie is between two individual competitors they will have to compete in a 100m dash pushing a wheelbarrow. The place will be awarded to the winner of the 100m race.
- In the event that the tie is between two teams a representative from each team will compete in a 100m dash pushing a wheelbarrow. The place will be awarded to the winning representative's team.

### **15.0. MEDICAL FORMS**

All participants have the option to complete a medical form prior to the race commencing. If participants choose to provide this information it will be used in the event of an emergency. All forms will be destroyed once the race has been completed.

### **16.0. SPONSORSHIP OF COMPETITORS**

All competitors are able to obtain individual sponsorship subject to the following conditions:

- No material whatsoever can be placed on the wheelbarrows; and
- Any money and/or other benefits gained through sponsorship must either be donated to a recognised charity or used by the team and or individual to cover the costs of participating in the race.