



**We are excited and honored to welcome you to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Honey Badger 100 Mile Ultra Road Race! Thank you for the hours and miles that you have dedicated to preparing for this event. We hope to help each of you reach your goals and have a wonderful race experience!**

**This booklet is full of information that will help you have a successful race. If you do not find the answers to your questions in this booklet, please reach out and we would be happy to make things clear.**

**Whether you're new to ultras, or if you've been running them for years, we want to do everything we can to ensure that you have an exceptional experience! While you're putting in the training miles, we're putting in hours of work to bring this race together. It takes all of us to make Honey Badger 100 the incredible race that it is.**

**Thank you, and we'll see you on the course!**

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## **New Polices and changes due to COVID19**

**Masks and Social Distancing** - Participants, crew members and race staff/volunteers will be expected to stay at least 6 feet apart from other crews/participants/staff, and wear a mask at packet pickup and while gathering for any reason. Please also wear a mask in public when traveling to and from the event, and if you enter a building (like the Love's gas station) during the race.

The start is chip-timed, and in an open area. With no more than 30 participants, there will be plenty of room to spread out at the start line. Look for the chalk markings at the starting area to help keep your space from others.

**Ice refills** - In addition to the ice and water that you must have in your crew vehicle at the start, we will be providing you with an additional cooler of ice at the start. We will have different sizes available to fit the amount of space you have available in your crew vehicle.

When you are running low on ice in the cooler provided at the start, you can meet us for a full replacement cooler. We will also have water available.

Here are the locations to meet us for ice coolers:

(A1) [NW 50<sup>th</sup> St and NW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave](#) (23.17mi)

(A2) [St Leo Catholic Church](#) (52.16mi)

(A3) [SE 70<sup>th</sup> St and SE 50<sup>th</sup> Ave](#) (75.25mi)

For any point after this, please text us to arrange a meeting point - text 402.218.5040 and let us know your runner's bib number, and where to meet you on the course for ice. Please text us before you are out of ice, since it may take us some time to get to you.

## **Course Etiquette**

**Please treat the course and everyone on it with respect.** At every event, hundreds of hours are being given in front and behind the scenes to provide you the best possible experience. Many of the people you will meet at the event will be volunteers. These volunteers are giving up their time to help you achieve your goals. This goes for aid station workers as well as your own pacers and support crew. Be kind to all of these people.

## **Course Description**

The course is a USATF Certified 90+ mile asphalt loop contained entirely within Kingman County, Kansas, with an 8 mile out and back in Cheney State Park at the start, and about a mile through the park at the finish. The entire 91 mile point-to-point loop is on asphalt county roads with very little road cant, NO major highways and minimal vehicular traffic. All runners MUST provide their own crew (minimum 1 person) & vehicle for the entirety of this event. No exceptions.

**You cannot show up without a crew – if you do not have a crew, you will not be allowed to start or participate in this race. All runners MUST provide their own crew (minimum 1 person and vehicle), along with the following per-participant water and ice requirements:**

12 gallons of Water  
30lbs of Ice

**All coolers/containers MUST be full of ice/water at the start of the event!!!**

There are three stationary ice cooler replacement stations on the course (please consult table and map for locations) and a periodic course rover with water & ice throughout the night and into the next day. Please remember, we are providing **water and ice only** at these stationary locations AND with our rover on the back half. It is the runner's FULL responsibility to provide all other aid & fuel throughout the duration of this race for themselves and crew members. It is also ALL runner's crew's responsibility to access the stationary filling locations on the first half of the course, if their runner is getting dangerously low on water or ice, BEFORE their runner may actually reach them under their own power.

Crews are NOT allowed on the out-and-back portion of the course in the park at the start. There will be one water only aid station available to runners on this out-and-back section. Runners will return to the Start/Finish area after completing this out and back, cross the timing mat, pick-up their crews and exit the park to take-on the majority of the course.

Pacers are allowed and encouraged for the second half (approx.) of this event. Pacers may start accompanying their runner in St. Leo at about 53 miles into the course. This is also the only CUTOFF point on the entire course, which is 16 hours (10 PM). No bicycle pacing allowed. It is the runner's responsibility to get any pacers on and off the course. No vehicles are to be left parked in St. Leo, or anywhere else on the course.

We highly recommend you and your crew be VERY familiar with the course route and have a state map in your crew vehicle that highlights the route and directions we have provided in this booklet and through the map links.

## **State Park Day Use Fee**

There is a \$5 per vehicle, per day, fee for access to the State Park (aka Start/Finish location).

## **Weather**

We're in Kansas, plan for anything.  
The average temperature for July in Kingman County, Kansas is:  
Low: 68 High: 93

## **Medical Risks**

It is important for each runner to recognize the potential physical and mental stresses that may evolve from their participation in this race. These include, but are not limited to, extreme temperatures of heat and cold, hypothermia, dehydration, heat stroke, renal failures, seizures, hypoglycemia, disorientation and total mental and physical exhaustion. Each participant must continuously monitor himself/herself and understand their own limitations. Remember that YOU, the runner, are ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE for your own well-being during this race. Any and all medical expenses incurred are the sole responsibility of the individual runner. Each runner is responsible for their own actions. It is crucial that you are physically and mentally prepared for the stresses of this race. We will utilize the local Kingman, Kansas EMS services in case of a medical emergency. However, probably the best course of action in case of a medical emergency, especially a heat-related one, will be to have your crew take you directly into the Kingman Hospital ER (address listed below).

The Kingman Hospital is no-greater than 30 miles from any point on the course and this is a major part of why YOU, the runner, are required to have a crew in the first place...to assist you in case of a medical emergency. While the course is easily accessible, there could still be a substantially greater amount of time before EMS could arrive to provide assistance than your crew taking you straight to the Kingman Hospital ER...plus it costs much less.

\*Special note for this event: Heat related issues can be life threatening. Listen to your body and take every precaution necessary to keep yourself, and your crew, safe. You ARE allowed to get into the crew vehicle during this event. Do whatever is necessary to ensure a fun, safe time and get to the finish line without a visit to the ER.

The Kingman Kansas hospital is located at:  
750 West D Avenue, Kingman, Kansas 67068

Please have a plan, in advance, as to the quickest way to get to the Kingman Hospital, in case of emergency. Reminder - Kingman Hospital is no further than 30 miles at any point on this course. In the event of an emergency situation, it is your ultimate responsibility (and your crews) to determine if you should be driven to the Kingman Hospital OR call 911. Be smart, listen to your body and don't take any unnecessary chances.

## **Timing**

Our races will be timed utilizing a disposable chip attached to the back of your race bib. If you like to fold, cut, or otherwise mutilate your bib in any fashion, we highly recommend you to refrain from this. If you do decide to alter your bib, do not alter the timing chip or the foam around the chip that is on the back of your bib or make your race number no longer readable or visible. If something were to happen to you at the race, your race number is the best way that we can identify you in an emergency.

## Schedule of Events

**Saturday, July 11, 2020**

**4:30 – 5:30 a.m.**

Packet pickup

Runner check-in

Crew vehicle supply check

**5:55 a.m.** line up behind the start line,  
at least 6ft from other participants  
(no formal Pre-Race Briefing)

**6 a.m. Race Start**

Time Limit (36 hours)

6 p.m. Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Finisher Buckles will be distributed as you cross the finish line!

**(There is no official awards ceremony)**

*There will be minimal post-race food/beverages being served due to the EXTREMELY staggered nature of finishers and most runners simply wanting to “go home and die” and/or get their own food.*

## Crew Vehicle Supply Check

All crew vehicles will be required to pass a supply check on Saturday morning, along with getting their vehicle's windows clearly marked with their runner's bib number. We will supply window markers. Have your crew vehicle near the start/finish line and all of the required supplies readily visible/accessible to show a race director. No runner will be allowed to start the race without a pre-race vehicle inspection. ***It is the runners/crews responsibility to have all water coolers/containers and ice chests COMPLETELY FULL at the start of the race on Saturday morning.***

Note: [West Side Bait Shop & Beer](#) WILL BE OPEN during crew-check on Saturday morning (4:30am - 5:30am). They are located just outside of the entrance to the park, and they will be stocked up on ice!

## Awards

All runners completing the entire distance, within the designated time limit, will be awarded a date specific, custom designed Belt Buckle. In addition, first overall male and female will receive a personalized award.

## Photos

Photos will be available on the Facebook Page after the race. Feel free to send us any of your photos as well!

## **Lodging**

Plenty of campsites (without hookups) surround the start/finish area, along with plenty of full-hookup campsites about one mile away. There are also several cabins for rent (if available), along with full restroom and shower facilities in the park. Click on the link below to access the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism website for Cheney State Park (West Shore Area) for complete details and to make a reservation. If reserving a campsite without hookups, the Giefer Hill and Harding Hill Campgrounds are right beside the start/finish line.

### **Cheney State Park, KS**

The closest hotel options are in Goddard or Kingman, both about 20 miles away from the start/finish, or plenty of options in Wichita, a little over 30 miles away.

## **Aid Stations**

Please consult the table and map for locations ice-cooler replacements. Please remember, we are providing **water and ice only** at these stationary locations and with our rover. It is the runner's FULL responsibility to provide all other aid & fuel throughout the duration of this race for themselves and crew members. It is also ALL runner's crew's responsibility to meet us for a replacement ice-cooler if their runner is getting dangerously low on water or ice, BEFORE their runner may actually reach them under their own power. **You MUST have a minimum of 1 crew person and one crew vehicle to participate.** You will work with your crew to coordinate where to meet you along the route – every mile...every five miles...that's up to you. We will NOT be providing aid to runners (you) on an individual basis – it is your crews FULL responsibility to access any/all stationary aid stations on the first half of the course and to obtain any necessary water or ice replenishments on the back half of the course.

## **Facebook Page**

Follow the [Honey Badger 100 Mile Ultra Road Race Page](#) on Facebook for the latest updates, results, photos, and conversation.

## **Kansas Grand Slam of Ultrarunning**

Honey Badger 100 is the first leg of the 2020 Kansas Grand Slam of Ultrarunning - Find more information [HERE!](#)

[Start/Finish Location](#)

Please study the Course Map at the following link:

[COURSE MAP](#)

(Please note, we will not be using aid location #2 on this map. See new locations below)

Course Key Points:

<u>Map Point</u>	<u>Cumulative Mileage</u>	<u>Location/Description</u>
Start	0	Cheney State Park (West Shore), Giefer Day Use Area, *Crew must wait here during first out-and-back through the park.
Park Water Station/ Turnaround	2.91	Water only at the end of the park loop. Runners will turn around and head back to Start/Finish Area before they start their big loop. *No Crew Allowed
Start/Finish Area	5.82	Runners will return to the Giefer Day Use Area after their park out-and-back. They will pick up their crews and head out of the park.
	6.65	Turn right on NE 50 <sup>th</sup> St out of Cheney State Park to start the large loop.
<b>A1 Water &amp; Ice Station</b>	23.17	<a href="#">NW 50<sup>th</sup> St and NW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave</a> – Water and Ice Refill Station for Crew. Runners <b>do not</b> need to check-in here, but make sure to cross any red and black timing mats along the course.
Letter G	44.5	LOVES TRAVEL STOP – Be careful of increased traffic in this area, but this is a great spot for refueling crews and for runners who want a real bathroom! Remember to use your stake-out cone and text the RD if you need to leave the course, and wear a mask!
<b>A2 Water &amp; Ice Station &amp; CUTOFF</b>	53.16 (16 HOUR CUTOFF)	<a href="#">St Leo Catholic Church</a> at SW 80 <sup>th</sup> St and SW 160 <sup>th</sup> Ave Water and Ice Refill Station for Crew. Runners must check-in here – 16 HOUR CUTOFF (10pm Saturday)
<b>A3 Water &amp; Ice Station &amp; CUTOFF</b>	75.25	<a href="#">SE 70<sup>th</sup> St and SE 50<sup>th</sup> Ave</a> - Water and Ice Refill Station for Crew. Runners <b>do not</b> need to check-in here, but make sure to cross any red and black timing mats along the course.
	99.5	Cheney State Park Entrance
Finish	100	Giefer Day Use Area *Crews, please arrive BEFORE your runner to alert finish line staff and to cheer in your runner!!



## **Runner Guidelines**

**Runner** – The participant registered for the timed event.

Runners **MUST** fully adhere to the following guidelines/rules. Violations of any of the following rules will be grounds for disqualification. The race directors reserve the right to pull any runner competing in this race and permanently ban from competing in any future events, for any reason deemed appropriate, solely at our discretion. Disqualification can occur immediately out on the course, at the finish line hours after an infraction has occurred, or possibly several days later if an investigation is warranted.

All runners **MUST** provide their own crew (minimum 1 person) and vehicle, along with all food/fuel, and a minimum of one 12 gallons of water and 30 pounds of ice. We will provide three stationary water & ice filling stations (please consult table and map for locations) and a periodic course rover with water & ice on the throughout the night and into the next day. Please remember, we are providing **water and ice only** at these stationary locations AND with our rover on the back half. It is the runner's **FULL** responsibility to provide all other aid & fuel throughout the duration of this race for themselves and crew members. It is also **ALL** runner's crew's responsibility to access the stationary filling locations on the first half of the course, if their runner is getting dangerously low on water or ice, **BEFORE** their runner may actually reach them under their own power.

Runners **MUST** check in Saturday morning **BEFORE** the start of the event, at each Aid Station (some just by crossing a timing mat), **AND** at potentially random checkpoints along the course. Cut-off time is strictly enforced. Runners crossing the finish line after the cutoff time will not be listed as official finishers.

All runners and their crew will abide by the directions of the race staff. Harassment of **ANY** race staff member (by the runner, their crew or anyone affiliated with their group) will not be tolerated and the runner will be subject to immediate disqualification from the race. Everyone within a runner's group should be familiar with the race rules and procedures to avoid any issue(s) that may result in a runner being disqualified. Runners are responsible for the actions of their crew and anyone else within their respective group.

Runners, you and **YOU** alone, are responsible for yourself and your well-being during the entirety of this race. Members of the race staff are under no obligation, whatsoever, to assist you with anything involving physical contact, such as taping your feet, massaging your legs, etc. In addition, they are not obligated to provide any medical advice/assistance.

Runners must travel the entire distance by foot. No act that may be considered cheating (example – hitching a ride, cutting the course, switching runners if you are a twin, etc.) will be tolerated.

Each runner must complete the entire course under his own power.  
Trekking poles will be allowed by the Race Director's discretion.

Runners and crews are responsible for knowing the course route.

Cutoff times apply. Refer to the mileage grid for details. 16 hour cutoff time at the 53 mile point (St. Leo, pacer pickup location) and 36 hours at the finish line...**NO EXCEPTIONS!!!** No early starts will be allowed. A light is mandatory for all runners and pacers out during dark hours (8pm-6am and in case of rainy conditions)

Reflective gear **MUST** be worn after dark. If you do not have reflective clothing, you will need to bring a reflective vest and/or reflective tape.

Each runner's official race bib must be worn prominently on the front of the body and must be easily visible at ALL times. There will be no unofficial runners.

Runners **MUST** follow the rules of the road. This means running TOWARDS traffic on the left-hand side of the road. Crew vehicles should **cautiously** pull over when needing to provide aid to their runner(s). **Ideally**, at crossroads, to the left, so runners do not have to cross the road to receive aid/assistance. There is a crossroad approximately every mile on the course. If crews must provide assistance on the actual course, please pull off to the right side of the road as far as possible and turn emergency blinkers on.

Littering of any kind is strictly prohibited.

If a runner wants/needs to temporarily leave the course (for any reason) they **MUST** do the following:

~Stake out (Use the reflective cone provided to you at packet pickup to "stake out" the location you left the course.)

AND

~Text (or call – texting is preferred) 402.218.5040 with the following information:

1. Your name
2. Your bib number
3. The approximate location you left the course (mileage/distance)
4. Time you left the course
5. Reason for leaving
6. Approximate time you anticipate returning

Runner safety is our primary concern, therefore, tracking the approximate location of runners throughout the race is necessary. Please be sure to communicate with us if you have to leave the course at any point.

Dogs are not allowed on the course. In the event a runner needs to bring their service dog, they must notify the race director, in advance. Please note – as outlined in the Medical Risk section of this booklet, a service dog can experience heat related issues as well. It is the runner's responsibility to have their dog properly conditioned for an event such as this.

Runners must not drop out of the race by abandoning the course and going home. If you must drop, please report to a member of the race staff, or text us, as outlined previously. Report your name, race #, time and approximate location you dropped. Failure to do so may result in search/rescue costs for you. Runner(s) who drop without reporting it to race staff will not be allowed to participate in our future events. **PLEASE MEET WITH A RACE STAFF MEMBER/VOLUNTEER TO RETURN YOUR CONE AND COOLER.**

Your crew is responsible for having a fairly firm grasp of your location throughout the entire race. We will not be providing rides to runners/pacers to meet up with their crew.

## **Pacer Guidelines**

**Pacer** – Any individual who accompanies a runner for any distance greater than 100 yards at one time. Pacers are required to wear an official pacer's bib and follow the same guidelines as the runner; however, they do not receive awards/recognition for participation in the race.

Pacers must be over 18 years of age or have the signed permission from a parent/legal guardian.

Pacers are allowed (and encouraged) during the last 47 miles of the event, starting at St. Leo.

All pacers are required to wear a "PACER" bib (Runner must request/obtain at packet pickup)

**Pacers on foot only – NO BICYCLE PACERS ALLOWED. NO VEHICLE PACERS ALLOWED.**

Everyone within a runner's group should be familiar with the race rules and procedures to avoid any issue(s) that may result in a runner being disqualified. Runners are responsible for the actions of their pacer(s), crew and anyone else within their respective group.

Pacers should be experienced runners in excellent physical shape and conditioned adequately to run. Pacers should have appropriate clothing and supplies, be used to running with flashlights, and familiar with ultrarunning. Pacers should be adequately supplied with flashlights (if out between 8 p.m. - 6 a.m.), food and water.

### **Please Note:**

One (1) pacer may accompany a registered runner at any given time AND must be wearing the designated Pacer's Bib. Pacer race bib must be worn prominently on the front of the body and must be easily visible at ALL times. There will be no unofficial runners.

A light is mandatory and required for all runners and pacers out between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Absolutely no physical or mechanical aid may be given by the pacer to assist the runner on the course (except in medical emergencies, in this case, the runner will receive a DNF.) Safety comes first.

If a pacer becomes unable to continue the run, the official pacer bib should be given to the runner, so that subsequent pacers can be properly identified.

The pacer may not continue on without an official participant and must stay with their runner at all times, except in the case of an emergency.

Changes of pacers may be made at any point during the last 47 miles of the race.

Pacers may not run ahead of their runners, or depart after their runners, in order to speed up the re-fueling process.

"Muling" is expressly forbidden. Pacers may not carry water, food, flashlights, shoes, clothing or other supplies for anyone other than themselves.

We will not be providing transportation for pacers to or from any points on the course.

## **Crew Guidelines**

**Crew** – Any individual who provides material/emotional support to a runner in the event.

Everyone within a runner's group should be familiar with the race rules and procedures to avoid any issue(s) that may result in a runner being disqualified. Runners are responsible for the actions of their pacer(s), crew and anyone else within their respective group.

Window markers will be available to clearly mark the runner's race number on the crew vehicle for easy identification during the race.

Crew is not allowed on the out-and-back portion of the course (first 5.75 miles of the course which runs in the State Park.) There will be one water only aid station available for the runners on this section.

Crew vehicles should **cautiously** pull over when needing to provide aid to their runner(s). **Ideally**, they should pull over at a crossroad on the left side of the road (there is a crossroad approximately every mile) to prevent their runner from having to cross the road. If crew must provide aid/assistance on actual course, pull as far to the right side of the road as possible and turn emergency flashers on.

Runner must follow the rules of the road. This means they will run TOWARDS traffic on the left-hand side of the road.

Crew may not drive alongside the runner during the event. For crew to access their runner, they should pull over and stop the vehicle, ideally at a crossroad.

The crew/runner is solely responsible for following the course maps. Race staff members are in no way responsible for giving directions.

Crews will be limited to two vehicles per runner.

Crews must not park in such a way as to block traffic, aid, other runners, other parked cars, etc. Vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense, and their runner may be disqualified.

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