



Official Race Packet Information for 2018

This Race Packet provides all of the information needed to plan a successful relay race.

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Welcome!

Walk Jog Run Club would like to welcome you to its Inaugural Selma to Montgomery 51 Mile Relay race to commemorate the 1965 world renowned march. Runners will be able to enjoy a beautiful scenic route from Selma to Montgomery, while reflecting on a part of Alabama's history. They will be able to experience the historic route taken by courageous citizens, leaders and civil rights activists on the memorable "Bloody Sunday", when 600 marchers endured physical and mental abuse while fighting for the rights of African Americans. They will cross the same Edmund Pettus Bridge that so many marchers crossed on their way to the state capitol, so that African Americans could have the right to vote.

Is your team up for the challenge? Will your 1st team member be ready to run across the Edmund Pettus Bridge and continue on to complete his/her miles? Will the remaining members of your team be ready to run their miles? Will your team work together to relay the historic route?

Finish the 51 miles and we will meet you at the finish line in front of the Capitol in Montgomery, Alabama, where you can celebrate with your team members and other participants.

Important Dates to Remember!

Early Registration Begins	August 23, 2017
Early Registration Ends	December 31, 2017
Regular Registration Begins	January 1, 2018
Regular Registration Deadline	February 3, 2018
Team Member Substitution Deadline	February 10, 2018
Deadline to Add an Additional Runner	February 10, 2018
Packet Pickup	March 23rd, 2018 Time: 8:00 am until 8:00 pm

Getting Started

The first thing you will need to do is organize your team for the race. Your team should consist of 1-9 runners and a driver. If the driver will also be a runner, please plan accordingly for proper and safe exchanges.

Each team will need to have a team captain that will be responsible for organizing and planning the relay. This person will be in charge of organizing the team, communicating with the race director, and [registering](#) the team.

Runners should be able to run a 14 minute mile in order for the team to complete the race in the allotted time frame.

Additional Team Information

Team Divisions: Ultra and Regular

Team Name: e team will need a team name to identify their team. When choosing a name, please remember this is a very event that commemorates a very important time in history. Please choose an appropriate name that will respect this event and the communities that will take part in this special day.

Team Numbers: Each team will be assigned a race number. Team race numbers must be visible on all runners and on the team vehicle.

Estimated Pace Times: Each team will need to submit an accurate team pace during registration. To calculate an average team pace, add each individual runner's 10K pace and divide by the total number of runners.

Waivers: All team members **must** sign an online waiver at registration in order to participate. Team Captains are responsible for making sure each team member signs an online waiver.

Age Restriction: Each member of the team must be 18 or older to register and sign the online waiver. Runners 13-17 **must** be registered by a parent or legal guardian. The parent or legal guardian **must** sign the online waiver.

No one 12 years or younger will be allowed to participate in the relay.

Substitutions: Runners can be changed (substituted and/or added) online until Saturday, February 10, 2018. Any substitutes or new runners must sign a waiver.

Slap Bands: Runners will exchange a slap bracelet instead of a baton. Runners **must** wear their team's slap bracelet in order to be on the course.

Teams may choose to dress alike or decorate their team vehicle. Please make sure that attire and decorations are not offensive to other teams and the community.

Ultra Teams

Ultra Teams are teams with 1-4 runners. Ultra teams must abide by all of the rules stated for regular teams.

Registration Information

After your team is created, you will want to register as soon as possible. The Team Captain should register the team at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/AL/Selma/InauguralSelmatoMontgomery51MileRelay>

The cost of registration is listed below:

Number of Runners	Early Registration	Regular Registration
1-4 (Ultra Team)	\$660	\$810
5-9 (Regular Team)	\$1,035	\$1,185

**The team must be registered first in order for team members to register with the team.*

Team Registration Deadline: Saturday, February 3, 2018

All teams **must** be registered by the deadline. Team members must be registered by Saturday, February 10, 2018.

Any changes that need to be made to a team must be made by Saturday, February 10, 2018.

Refunds: All registrations are non-refundable.

Packet Pickup

Once your team registers, a packet will be created. Any team member may pick up the team's packet during the packet pickup time. The team member picking up the packet must show a valid photo id. If a non-team member will be picking up the team's packet, they must have the team's registration confirmation number, and they must show a photo id.

Packet Pickup Date: Friday, March 23rd

Packet Pickup Time: 8 AM until 8 PM

Packet Pickup Location:

[Hilton Garden Inn](#)

1600 Interstate Park Drive

Montgomery, AL 36109

334-272-2225

Start and Completion Times

Start times will be staggered. Each team will have 12 hours to complete the relay. Team start times will depend on the team's average pace. Teams will be notified by email of their exact start time.

The start location will be the Brown Chapel AME Church.

Exchange Points/Legs

Exchange Points are the designated areas where one runner will complete their mileage and another runner will begin their mileage. The slap bracelet will be exchanged at these points. There are a total of eight (8) designated exchange points. These exchange points are local businesses and churches. Exchanges will only take place at the designated exchange points. All exchange points will be located on the right side of the road except for St. Judes. The exchange points are listed below:

Exchange Point	Location
1	Craig Aviation Maintenance Facility
2	Tyler Volunteer Fire Station
3	Site Office and Visitor Center
4	Wright Small Chapel

5	Canaan Hill Baptist Church
6	Burkville Church United Methodist
7	Advanced Auto
8	St. Jude's

The legs are the mileage each runner will run. There are a total of nine (9) legs. If your team has less than nine (9) runners, it should be decided how the runners will complete the legs.

Legs must be completed by one runner. A leg cannot be split between runners. The same runner must start a leg at the designated exchange point and continue to run that leg until the next exchange point.

The same runner may run multiple legs. For example, runner 1 may run legs 1 and 5, but they must complete both legs.

Leg numbers and mileage are listed below.

Leg Number	Mileage
1	4.7
2	6.8
3	8.6
*4	6.5
*5	5.4
6	5.1
7	6.2
8	4.5
9	3.0

**Please be aware that Legs 4 and 5 are highly elevated.*

Course/Route

The route will begin at the historic Brown Chapel AME church in Selma, Alabama. The route will continue onto Hwy 80 and end at the state capitol in Montgomery, Alabama.

Directions:

- ★ Start on Martin Luther King, Jr Street in front of the Brown Chapel AME Church
- ★ Turn Right onto Alabama Street
- ★ Turn left onto Hwy 80
- ★ Take the US 31 Exit
- ★ Turn left onto Mobile Hwy which turns into Fairview
- ★ Turn left onto Oak Street
- ★ Turn right onto W. Jeff Davis Avenue
- ★ Turn left onto S. Holt Street
- ★ Turn right onto Day Street
- ★ Turn left onto Mobile Street which turns into Montgomery Street
- ★ Make a right onto South Court Street
- ★ Circle left around the Court Square Fountain onto Dexter Avenue
- ★ Continue onto Dexter Avenue to the Finish Line in front of the Capitol

Please see [route](#) for more information.

Rules of the Road

This is a relay where we will be sharing the road with normal traffic. In order to ensure a safe race, we require all teams to follow all rules and laws of the road.

• Vehicles

- ❖ Teams are only allowed one (1) race vehicle.
- ❖ Team vehicles may be a regular car (ultra teams of 1-4 members), van, or suv. No buses, trailers, campers, RV's, etc. are allowed on the course.
- ❖ All headlights and tail lights must work properly on each team's vehicle.
- ❖ Vehicles should be driven cautiously and the headlights should be on at all times.
- ❖ The team's race number should be visible on the back rear window of the race vehicle.
- ❖ Vehicles should turn on their hazard lights when pulling off of the road for drop offs and pickups.
- ❖ Drivers should obey all laws of the road.
- ❖ Do not stop in the middle of the road. Always pull over at the correct exchange location.

- **Drop Offs/Pickups**
 - ❖ Drop offs and pickups should be brief.
 - ❖ Runners should be cautious of other vehicles and other runners when exiting and entering the vehicle.
- **Parking**
 - ❖ Parking may be limited at some exchange points. In some cases, team vehicles may have to park along the shoulder. In this case, team vehicles should not park on the same side of the road within 300 feet before or after a designated exchange point. After the exchange point, vehicles may park at any legal roadside that does not impede racers or traffic. When parking along side of the road, please be sure to stay to the right of the white fog-line.
- **Runners**
 - ❖ Runners should be aware of their surroundings at all times.
 - ❖ We do not recommend runners to wear headphones during this race.
 - ❖ We do recommend all runners to carry a cell phone or have a communication plan in place with their team members.
 - ❖ Runners must stay in the right lane at all times.
 - ❖ Runners must wear a reflective vest while running their leg.
- **Injured Runners During the Race**
 - ❖ If a runner is injured while running his/her leg, the runner or team captain should contact the nearest race official.
 - ❖ Teams should keep track of all injuries and times.
 - ❖ If a runner cannot complete their leg due to a serious injury, another member of the team may complete the leg. (Teams may not add any additional team members during the race.)
- **Team Race Numbers**
 - ❖ Team race numbers and bibs must be visible on the runner at all times.
 - ❖ Race numbers and bibs should be worn in the front and on the outermost garment.
 - ❖ Team race numbers should be visible on the back window of the team's vehicle.
- **Respect Local Residents and Communities**

While traveling through the communities, please be mindful of private residences and local businesses. Teams must adhere to the following:

- ❖ Do not make excessive noise, such as honking or yelling, during early morning or late night hours.
- ❖ Do not block any residential or business driveways.
- ❖ Do not impede traffic by driving too slowly or not pulling over properly.
- ❖ Do not decorate race vehicle with offensive language or any other obscenities.
- ❖ Do not litter, urinate, or defecate on private or public property. Restrooms and trash cans will be provided at each exchange point for your convenience.

- **Alcohol**
 - ❖ Alcohol is **not permitted** by any member of any team while participating in this race!
- **Prohibited Items**

Items that are prohibited on the race course include, but are not limited to the following: unauthorized bicycles, skates, roller blades, skateboards, any type of motorized item, baby joggers or strollers, dogs or other animals, and any other device that may endanger others or put one runner at an advantage over another runner.

- **Weather**

The race will occur in rain or shine. However, In the event of severe weather where the safety of the runners is put in jeopardy, Walk Jog Run Club, LLC has the right to hold, postpone, or cancel the race. Refunds will not be given if the race is canceled due to severe weather. Conditions that may cause a race to be canceled include, but are not limited to the following: severe heat, electrical storm, snowfall, tornadoes, earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, fog, etc.

If the race has started and inclement weather occurs, teams should take every precaution to insure the safety of all team members. Teams should make accurate notes of locations, loss of time, and in some cases the speed at which the vehicle traveled due to extreme weather conditions or any other extreme circumstance. This will allow times to be adjusted at the end of the race. Only teams that have taken accurate notes will be given official times.

Flooding: If a runner encounters a flooded area that is hard to cross, he or she should be picked up and driven ahead to where the road is no longer flooded. The team should take accurate notes as to the time, location, the distance driven, and the speed of the vehicle.

Lightning: If at any time a runner sees lighting, he or she should be picked up immediately. The team should make note of the time that the runner was picked up and the exact location. If the lightning clears within the hour, the runner may return to the same location where he or she left the course. The team must make note of the time the runner left and returned to the course. If lightning persists longer than an hour, contact the nearest race official for further instructions.

Wildlife: If a runner encounters any type of wildlife that may pose a threat to his or her safety, the runner should be picked up immediately and dropped off at a safe reasonable distance ahead of the threat so that the runner may continue his or her leg. The team should make an accurate note of the time the incident occurred, the mileage the team vehicle drove ahead, and the speed the vehicle drove.

Rules and Safety Enforcement

Walk Jog Run Club will strictly enforce all rules. Citations will be given to runners/teams that are found in violation of any rules. Violations received by individual runners count as a team violation. If a team receives more than three (3) violations, that team may be disqualified by a Course Official.

A Course Official may disqualify a team without warning for what is deemed a serious violation of the rules.

Reporting

We are asking everyone to help make this a safe and fun race. Although every effort will be made to monitor this race, we need your eyes and ears to help keep the course safe. Please report any safety issue immediately. This includes reporting any teams or runners that are violating any of the rules. A rule violation may be reported to any volunteer, race official, or course official.

Emergency Situations

In the event of a medical emergency, notify the nearest race official so that they can notify the nearest medical personnel. Care Ambulance will have multiple units on site to assume patient care and if required, transport to the nearest emergency department. Care Ambulance personnel will be on scene, for the duration of the event, to assess and treat patients who do not need attention at a hospital. After the patient is assessed and/or treated by a Care Ambulance staff, the patient will make a decision to be transported to an ER of their choice or sign a transport refusal document. The patient has the right to refuse treatment and/or transport from Care Ambulance in all cases except when the patient is not mentally capable of making their own decisions. At this point, Medical Direction will be contacted for further instruction.

Runners should plan ahead in the event of any medical emergency. It is the team's responsibility to be aware of nearby hospitals and other nearby medical facilities.

Hotel Information

All team members arriving on Friday are encouraged to stay at one of the selected hotels in Montgomery. Discounted rates will be given for race members. Please let the representative know you will be in town for the **Selma to Montgomery Relay** when booking your room to receive the special rate.

Hilton Garden Inn

1600 Interstate Park Drive

Montgomery, AL 36109

334-272-2225

<http://group.hiltongardeninn.com/SelmaToMontgomery>

Group Code: Selma to Montgomery Relay

Homewood Suites

1800 Interstate Park Drive

Montgomery, AL 36109

888-370-0983

<http://homewoodsuites3.hilton.com/en/hotels/alabama/homewood-suites-by-hilton-montgomery-MGMHWHW/index.html>

Group Code: SMR

Double Tree Hotel

120 Madison Ave

Montgomery, AL 36104

334-245-2320

<http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/alabama/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-montgomery-downtown-MGMMADT/index.html>

Group Code: SMR

Van/SUV Rental Information

Teams are encouraged to use a van or suv. Ultra Teams may use a regular sized car instead of a van or suv.

[Enterprise](#) has agreed to give teams a 5% discount on rentals. A 10% discount will be given to those using [National Car Rental](#). Please use the code L55M10Y when renting your vehicle to obtain the discount.

Volunteers

In order to volunteer for this special event, you must follow all safety guidelines and sign a volunteer waiver. Please read the volunteer guidelines below:

- ❖ Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. Volunteers younger than 18 must have permission from a parent or guardian.
- ❖ Volunteers must [sign up](#) on the registration website. Shifts are on a first come basis.

- ❖ Volunteers must provide their own transportation to and from the designated area.
- ❖ Volunteers must wear official volunteer attire during their shift.
- ❖ Volunteers must be physically able to perform assigned volunteer duties.
- ❖ Volunteers must be willing to fulfill their entire shift at their assigned location.

For more information about volunteers, please contact Tamar Towns at tamar@wjrcclub.com.

Restrooms and Water Stations

Restrooms and/or portable toilets and water stations will be available throughout the race.

Awards Ceremony

All finishers of the relay will receive a finisher's medal.

Awards will be given to the top finishing teams in each category within each division. The categories are as follows:

Overall Ultra
Overall Regular

Ultra Male Team - All Males

Ultra Female Team - All Females

Ultra Co-ed Team - All Ultra Co-ed Teams with 2 or 4 members must have 50% males and 50% females to qualify as an Ultra Co-ed Team. All Ultra Co-ed Teams with 3 members must have 2 females and 1 male to qualify as an Ultra Co-ed Team.

Regular Male - All Males

Regular Female - All Females

Regular Co-ed - Teams with 6 or 8 members must have 50% males and 50% females to qualify as a Regular Co-ed Team. Teams with 5, 7, or 9 members must have 1 more female than males to qualify as a Regular Co-ed Team.

Contact

If you have any questions or concerns about this race, please feel free to contact WJR Club at <http://www.selmatomontgomeryrelay.com/contact-us.html>.