

CWCRRFC Rural Fire Challenge 2011

CHALLENGE RULES

The Canterbury West Coast Regional Rural Fire Committee is organising a Challenge event based around practical fire fighting and other tasks. The aim of this event is to achieve effective multiagency management of emergency incidents by providing an opportunity for crews and IMT personnel to demonstrate their skills in a fun high-profile event.

1. How to Enter

- 1.1 **Rules:** The procedures for entry and participation in the Rural Fire Challenge 2011 are subject to these Rules.
- 1.2 **Challenge Tasks and Instructions:** These set out information and instructions on the Challenge concept, the Challenge tasks and their rules. The Challenge Tasks and Instructions form part of the Rules.
- 1.3 **Challenge Operations Briefing:** This will set out on the day of participation, the instructions on how Crews are to complete tasks and travel throughout the Challenge, and will also give direction to incident management team participants. The Challenge Operations Briefing forms part of the Rules.
- 1.4 **Acceptance of Entries:** Entries will be accepted by the Organiser provided that each Participant has completed the entry form, accepted these rules, meets the eligibility criteria and there is a crew or incident management placement available on the chosen day.
- 1.5 **Cancellation:** The Challenge may be partially or fully cancelled by the Organisers if in their view the risks of going ahead are unacceptable to them, and the Organisers accept no liability what so ever for a decision to cancel.

2. Costs

- 2.1 **Participating Organisations Carry Their Own Costs:** Organisations of personnel attending and participating in the Challenge carry all costs related to their personnel.
- 2.1 **Participation Cost:** There is participation cost charged for each day a person participates in the Challenge. The charge is based on the Challenge setup costs being shared between all participants over the three days, and therefore has a range dependent on numbers. As an example last year's participation cost was \$50.78.

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- 2.2 **Accommodation and Meal Costs:** There are charges for overnight accommodation, breakfast and dinner. Lunch is supplied for no charge. These charges will be listed on the web registration form 1st August.
- 2.3 **Cancellation of Entry (charges):** Any Participant (refer clause 7.5) that wishes to withdraw their entry is asked to notify the Organiser as soon as possible. The approving agency of participants who either withdraw after the 30th of September 2011 and do not find an approved replacement, or do not show up on their event day, will be charged the accommodation, catering and participation costs.
- 2.4 **Cancellation of Entry (charges waver):** The organisers will consider waving the costs for cancellation, as stated in clause 2.3 if in the view of the organisers the circumstances surrounding it are warranted and can be shown to be out of the control of a participant.

3. Eligibility

A Participant is eligible to participate in the Rural Fire Challenge 2011 if he/she meets all of the following criteria:

- (a) All Participants and Crews have the approval of their respective PRFO or Organisation to take part in the Challenge
- (b) Each Participant in a Crew is able to complete the tasks and activities listed in the Challenge Task Instructions without assistance other than from the other Participants in their Crew
- (c) The Participant has no injuries or medical conditions which make it dangerous for him or her to participate in the Challenge.

4. Prizes

- 4.1 **Prizes:** There will be a prize for winning Crews on each of the 3 days. There will also be spot prizes for Crews and Incident management Team participants.
- 4.2 **Prize Terms:** A prize may be subject to any additional terms and conditions imposed by the prize suppliers. These terms will be disclosed to the prize winners when they receive the prize. Additional expenses not included in the prize are the responsibility of the winners.
- 4.3 **Not Transferable:** Prizes are not transferable or exchangeable and cannot be taken as cash.

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- 4.4 **Risk:** The prize winners take the prizes entirely at their own risk and indemnify the Organiser in respect of any claim for any accident, injury, property damage or loss of life that may occur in connection with the Prize.

5. Publicity

- 5.1 **Promotion:** Participants agree that the Organiser may use the name, recordings, voice and biographical details, photographs or any other personal information of each Participant in conjunction with the CWCRRFC in all media and all formats. For the avoidance of doubt, each Participant and, if relevant, their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) irrevocably consents to the Organiser, and persons authorised by the Organiser, using the personal information of the Participant for the purposes set out in this clause.
- 5.2 **Intellectual Property:** Participants agree to irrevocably assign to the Organiser all intellectual property and performance rights in connection with their participation in Rural Fire Challenge 2011 and Participants waive any claims to royalty, right or remuneration for the use of their personal information as set out in this clause.

6. General Rules of Rural Fire Challenge 2011

- 6.1 **Rules:** It is a condition of entry that each Participant abides by the Rules.
- 6.2 **Crew participants travel restriction during challenge:** All crew participants are required to travel either on foot or using Challenge authorised vehicles only, from the start of the challenge to the finish. Not abiding by this rule will result in disqualification.

A request can be made (without penalty to the crew) to the Incident Management Team “Ground Support Unit” to deliver in the field replacement equipment to the crew including personal protective equipment (PPE), or the crew can use Challenge authorised transport to travel back to the Incident Control Point (ICP) to collect such items.

A request can be made (without penalty to the crew) to the Incident Management Team “Medical Unit” to attend crew injuries in the field or the crew can use challenge authorised transport to travel back to the Incident Control Point (ICP) for treatment.

- 6.3 **Crew participants who become unfit to continue with the challenge:** Following a medical issue the Organisers and Incident Controller will act on advice from the Medical Unit and Safety Advisor or the individual as to whether that individual is fit to continue with the challenge or should be removed.

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A crew can continue to participate if a crew member is removed subject to the task requirements listed in the Challenge Instructions. If two members are removed the crew will be deemed not fit to participate and will be requested to return to the ICP.

- 6.4 **Crew participant personal protective equipment (PPE) requirement during challenge:** All crew participants are required to wear PPE as determined in the Rules. Not abiding by this rule will result in the crew being denied participation at a task and or disqualification.

Specific to wearing boots as PPE, if boots must be substituted for running shoes due to the likes of blisters; an exemption must be given by the judges following advice from the Medical Unit and Safety Advisor and will be conditional to:

- a. Where a task requires boots for safety the individual will need to stand out or wear the PPE boots.
- b. Where a task requires boots for safety and a crew is down to three persons then the task can not be undertaken unless the boots are worn.

- 6.5 **Disputes:** In the event of any dispute concerning the operation of any element of the Challenge the decision of the Organiser will be final.

- 6.6 **Decisions Final:** The Organiser's and Judges' decisions are final and binding and no correspondence will be entered into, except regarding a breach of the Rules or Instructions.

- 6.7 **Behaviour:** Participants must at all times behave appropriately and safely when taking part in the Challenge, including while onsite at the challenge facilities, and observe the Challenge Rules. Participants must not use alcohol and/or narcotics prior to or during the Challenge and are advised the event facilities are a dry camp (no alcohol or drugs). The Organiser reserves the right in its absolute discretion to remove from the Challenge any Participant who breaches the Rules and/or who fails to behave appropriately and to disqualify the Participant and Crew.

- 6.8 **Changes:** The Organiser reserves the right to change the Challenge Rules or make decisions regarding the Challenge at its absolute discretion, without any liability to any Participant. The Organiser reserves the right to change the structure of the challenge as it sees fit including by adding or removing tasks or by terminating the challenge at any time.

- 6.9 **Proof of Eligibility:** The Organiser has the right at anytime to require proof of identity and/or eligibility. Failure to provide such proof within a reasonable time could result in disqualification from the Challenge. All personal details and information requested by and supplied to the Organiser by each Participant must be truthful and accurate. The Organiser reserves the right to disqualify any Participant from the Challenge in its sole discretion, should the Participant at any stage supply untruthful, inaccurate or misleading personal details and/or information.

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- 6.10 **Liability:** To the fullest extent permitted by law the Organiser will not be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever (including but not limited to direct or consequential loss) or for personal injury as a result of entry into the Challenge or winning a Challenge prize. The Organiser shall have no liability to a Participant who is unable to attend or take part in the Challenge for whatever reason.
7. **Definitions:** In these Rules, the terms below have the following meanings:
- 7.1 **“Rules”** means these Rules together with the regulations, terms and conditions contained in the Challenge Tasks and Instructions, the Operations Briefing and any other rules made by the Organiser from time to time.
- 7.2 **“Organiser”** means the persons or body responsible for organising the Rural Fire Challenge 2011 at Castle Hill and includes, without limitation, the Canterbury West Coast Regional Rural Fire Committee, and any person carrying out activities for or on behalf of the Organiser.
- 7.3 **“Judges”** means the Judges appointed by the Organiser for the Challenge.
- 7.4 **“Crew”** means four Participants competing together in the Challenge.
- 7.5 **“Participant”** means any person who is a member of a crew or incident management team which takes part in the Challenge.
- 7.6 **“Challenge authorised transport”** means the vehicle transport system including the specific vehicles, that have been approved by the Organiser to move crews between the ICP and designated drop points (DP). The DPs are mapped in the Challenge information.