



Special Use Permit Conditions for Running Sporting Events

GENERAL INFORMATION

The following provisions apply to Special Use Permits (SUP) for Running Sporting Events:

1. Special Use Permits issued by Death Valley National Park are only valid for planned and approved activities within Death Valley National Park and are not transferable to other National Park Service units.
2. Events are limited to 300 participants. The NPS reserves the right to reduce the size of the event at its discretion.
3. NPS Monitor required on scene during event, and during set-up and breakdown. Monitor will provide safety briefing prior to event starting. SUP holder will arrange for all participants to be present. SUP holder responsible for paying for Monitor's time spent at the event.
4. Event coordinators are required to ensure that participants pay their park entry fees at the individual rate (currently \$10.00 per person, valid for 7 consecutive days). Holders of a commercial use authorization will be held responsible for assuring that entry fees are paid by all participants.
5. Support vehicles will not pace runners and will use pullouts that are paved or otherwise impacted.
6. SUP holder responsible for the actions of entire crew and participants, including journalists and photographers covering the event. SUP holder responsible for making sure participants follow park rules and regulations, including Leave No Trace principles. Either print or electronic brochures must be available to all participants. Brochures are available at: <http://lnt.org/sites/default/files/PrinciplesTrifold.pdf>
7. Runners will not bunch up in groups blocking the roadway. Runners must run single file. All runners should wear appropriate safety gear such as appropriate light or reflective device on their person. The NPS may choose to reduce the number of permitted entrants or to cancel any future events in their entirety for failure to comply with this regulation.
8. Racers must always have official bib/jersey number visible.
9. Lead, follow, and support vehicles will have corresponding racer number and a sign mounted on it stating "Caution - Runners on Road", or equivalent, with contrasting background to warn visitors of the event. When lead vehicle/van reaches end destinations, it must be parked wherever safely possible to alert oncoming traffic about approaching runners still enroute to destination.
10. CalTrans and CHP-approved SIGNAGE will be required to warn traffic to use caution and advise them of runners on roadway. Where route passes major road junctions (Badwater Road/Hwy 190, Castle Road/Hwy 190, etc.), traffic entering the route from secondary roads must be advised of heavy traffic through a temporary or stationary sign. Any temporary stationary sign wording and installation must be approved in advance by NPS Permit Coordinator or their designee.
11. SUP holder will have portable toilets and trash receptacles available for participants and all trash

will be removed daily. A copy of the contract will be attached to the permit.

12. Any event of 30 or more people will have on staff an EMT, paramedic, nurse, or other higher qualified medical personnel to handle basic emergency situations. That individual will liaison with park monitor to request additional emergency resources and personnel. Any event of 100 or more people will have at least 2 medical divisions with their own ambulances or means of transportation in order to provide medical support along the extensive event route. All event organizers, medical crews, and support crews will have some form of radio and phone communication between them. NPS monitors must be able to contact SUP holder and medical crew. A copy of the medical provider contract will be attached to the permit.
13. An area will be designated by the NPS monitor for the caterer or aid stations. Catering truck, tables and chairs will be set up in a safe location, such as the far corner of a parking lot. Aid stations will not set up on roadway.
14. Event activities are NOT permitted in Wilderness areas.
15. SUP holder responsible for the actions of entire crew and participants, including journalists and photographers covering the event. SUP holder is responsible for making sure participants follow park rules and regulations, including Leave No Trace principles.
16. Event will not interfere with traffic (vehicle or foot traffic) for more than 5 minutes at a time. Monitor (CHP officers, if on a paved highway) will coordinate intermittent traffic control (ITC) when needed.
17. Any event along State Highway 190 requires a state CalTrans permit and 2 CHP officers for traffic control if so determined by CHP. No activities will be allowed, which requires traffic control and/or along Hwy 190, if not arranged in advance with CHP and CalTrans: California Dept. of Transportation; Attn: Permit Dept.500; South Main Street; Bishop, CA 93514; 760/872-0674
18. Off-road travel is prohibited. Keep all bicycles, automobiles and trailers on established roadways and shoulders. Maximum speed limit for all dirt roads is 25MPH.
19. All natural and cultural features are protected by law and must not be disturbed or molested. Non-native or exotic species of plants or animals will not be introduced to the park by any proposed activities.
20. Event coordinators will notify the Death Valley National Park permits office of all proposed events and any proposed changes to event itineraries. Failure to do so will result in the revocation of a commercial use authorization as well as other associated permits.
21. SUP does not imply exclusive use of any area in the Park. All campgrounds and other park facilities are available for use on a first-come, first-served basis.
22. The area(s) authorized for use under the permit must be left in substantially the same condition as it was prior to the conduct of the activity.
23. The NPS reserves the right to charge the SUP operator for the cost of any search and rescue efforts or for the evacuation of sick or injured members of the SUP operator's group.
24. The SUP operator is responsible for notifying the Park of any accident that results in an injury requiring the care of a physician.