

# **RACE RULES**

## ***KIWANIS RATTLESNAKE RUN***

### **Saturday, September 12, 2026**

#### **Eligibility**

- Kiwanis Rattlesnake Run is an invitational cross-country race(s) open to middle schools across southern Arizona. Race participants must be registered in 6th, 7th or 8th grades.
- **To participate teams must have pre-registered by September 9, 2026. This means the registration form at [www.athletic.net](http://www.athletic.net) must have been completed by midnight of September 9, 2026. Instruction on how to use [www.athletic.net](http://www.athletic.net) are available at the Kiwanis de Amigos website: [www.kiwanisdeamigos.org](http://www.kiwanisdeamigos.org) .**

#### **Team Composition**

- Individual student-athletes in the four (4) races (Boys "A", Girls "A", Boys "B" and Girls "B") are eligible for awards. **HOWEVER, ONLY BOYS "A" AND GIRLS "A" TEAMS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR "TEAM" AWARDS (See AWARDS).**
- Each school may field up to two (2) boy's teams (Boy's "A" and Boy's "B") and two (2) girl's teams (Girls "A" and Girls "B"). For the Boys "A" and Girls "A" races, a team consists of up to seven (7) runners with the top five (5) runners on each team scoring points for their team. A "team" must have a minimum of five (5) runners "finish" to win a race.
- Any school who has more than seven (7) runners competing in a Girls "A" or Boys "A" race will be disqualified from "Team Awards" for that specific race.
- For the Boys "B" and Girls "B" races, there is NO limit on the number of participants entered from any one school.
- If a school does not have sufficient runners to form a team (5 athletes), individual athletes may run and be eligible for individual awards.

#### **Sign-in and Uniform Requirements**

- On-site sign-in starts at 6:30 A.M. on Saturday, September 12, 2026. **To participate, schools must have signed in BEFORE 7:30 a.m.**
- All runners must wear race registration bibs on the front of their shirts, and Bibs will be provided in the school team envelopes at the registration table.

#### **Race Format and Track Rules**

- In addition to **Race Bibs** pinned on the front of the athlete's shirt, each runner must wear an **Electronic Timing Chip** attached to runner's shoe-lace. **A runner without their bib and electronic timing chip will not be scored.**
- The race finish line is at least 12 feet wide and is the beginning of the finish chute. The finish chute is at least 30' long and narrows like a funnel at the end. All runners are to move as quickly as possible to the end of the chute in "finish order".
- Runners who start the race but are unable to finish must report to any race official and have their bib marked with 'DNF' (Did Not Finish) so they can be credited with entering in the race. This may in some instances impact the team score.

- Runners who start the race but do not follow the correct race course may be disqualified by the race officials.
- The Race Director is empowered to make final decisions on team or individual race participants and scoring issues.

## RACE ORDER:

- Girls "A" race will start at approximately 8:00 a.m., followed by Boys "A" approximately 30 minutes later. Girls "B" and then Boys "B" races will follow the conclusion of the Boys "A" race.

## Scoring

- For each race, first place scores one point; second place, two points; third place, three points; fourth place, four points; and fifth place, five points; etc.
- Team Score (For Boys "A" Team and Girls "A" Team Only) is determined by totaling the points of the first five (5) scoring runners per each team. **The team with the lowest point total is the winner.** Although the sixth and seventh runners do not score points, their places, if better than those of any of the opposing team, serve to increase the team score of the opponents, and may be a factor in the event of a team score tie.
- In the event of a tie for the team score, the point scores of the 6th team runners will be added to the team scores with the lowest subsequent total being declared the winning team. If there is still a tie, the 7th runner will be counted. If a tied team does not have a 6th or 7th runner, the team with a 6th or 7th runner is the winner. If still a tie after totaling in the 7th runners, the winner is decided by a coin toss.

## Awards

- Team awards will be presented to the top three Boy's "A" Teams and the top three Girl's "A" Teams. There are NO team awards for "B" teams.
- Individual "medals" will be presented to the top 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> place finishers in each of the four races. A special Rattlesnake Run "pin" will be presented to the athletes placing 6<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> in each of the races.

## Liability Release

- **NO student-athlete will be allowed to participate** in any of the Rattlesnake Run races **unless** their parent or guardian has **signed** a standard Kiwanis Rattlesnake Run **Liability Release** agreement, and this signed liability release is **submitted** with the team's registration on the day of the race.

## The Course

- The race course is a distance of approximately 1.6 miles around the lakes at Danny Lopez Park (4300 N. Silverbell Road, Tucson, AZ 85745).

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