Beer Bike 2016 Rules and Regulations

I. ADMINISTRATION

The Rice Program Council is the administrative body of the Beer Bike Race. The Council's designated Beer Bike Committee Co-Chairs have final authority in matters of rules and policy. The Co-Chairs will head the Beer Bike Committee, which deals with the specific subject matter of the race. The Committee is composed of the Area Coordinators and the Coordinators from each team. Each college, the Beer Bike Co-Chairs, and the GSA will receive one vote when a vote is necessary. The Assistant Director of Student Activities shall advise the Beer Bike Committee.

II. PARTICIPANTS

Each team will be composed of ten bike riders, ten chuggers, and two alternate riders and two alternate chuggers. Also included will be seven pit crew persons and up to five coordinators. Each team will also designate a bike captain and a chug captain from its roster. A mechanic and photographer may be included among the participants at the discretion of the individual coordinators. Each team must submit a complete team roster to the Beer Bike Co-Chairs prior to March 8, 2016. Changes to the finalized roster may be made until 5:00 PM the Wednesday before the race (March 15, 2016), but the Co-Chairs must be informed and approve of changes. No substitution of team members will be allowed during the team race except in the event of injury. Feigned injuries will result in the automatic disqualification of the involved participant's team. Whether an injury is feigned is determined by the Chair in conjunction with the head judge. Exceptions to these regulations may be granted by the Beer Bike Co-Chairs or voted upon by the Beer Bike Committee.

III. ELIGIBILITY FOR RACE PARTICIPANTS

Undergraduates currently pursuing a degree at Rice University may participate for their college only. College membership will be determined by the payment of college dues. In extenuating circumstances (such as college transfers), individuals may appeal to the Chair in writing to change their college membership for the purposes of Beer Bike. All final decisions regarding college membership for the purposes of Beer Bike rest with the Dean of Undergraduates. Degree Candidates (December graduates) are eligible to compete in the men's and women's races for their college. Faculty and University Associates may participate only for the college with which they are associated. Up to two Associates may compete in each of the men’s and women’s races in any capacity. The maximum number of associates participating in the men’s and women’s races together is four. Graduate students may participate only for the Graduate Student Association (GSA) team in the men's and women's races. This rule does not prohibit them from participating in the Alumni race for a college from which they graduated. All bikers must have completed a Biker Certification course sponsored by the Beer Bike Chair in order to be eligible to race. If a team has any outstanding fines on record from previous years, it will be ineligible to participate in the Beer Bike events. Anyone not meeting the above requirements must petition the Beer Bike Co-Chairs to be allowed to participate. Any question regarding eligibility must be brought before the Beer Bike Co-Chairs at least 7 days prior to the scheduled race day, or the matter will not be considered.

IV. RACE OFFICIALS

1. Rules Chair: The Rules Chair is the final authority on any decision of rules concerning the Beer Bike races. The Beer Bike Co-Chairs, selected by the Rice Program Council, are also the Rules Chair.
2. Track Coordinator: The Track Coordinator is responsible for any track maintenance necessary for bike practice and the races themselves. The Track Coordinator locates all necessary equipment for the running of the races, sets up and hands out that equipment the day of the races, and collects all equipment once the races are finished. He or she will also be responsible for the operation of the timing device at the finish line.
3. Chugging Expert: The Chugging Expert, usually the Judges Coordinator, sets the standard of acceptable chugging. He or she must meet with every chug judge at a practice to demonstrate that standard.
4. Head Judge: The Head Judge determines that the race is ready to begin, provides an appropriate countdown informing the teams that the race is about to start, and starts the race.
5. Chug Judges (12) - faculty/staff:
   a. Determine and enforce penalties for wet chugs, chugs starting early, and riders leaving the pit early.
   b. Enforce all penalties except for those penalties determined after the ninth rider has completed the course. (Any penalties incurred after the ninth rider will be added onto the final time for that team after the last team has finished the race.)
   c. Determine that proper clothing as outlined in the restrictions is worn by each chugger.
   d. Verify that all chugging devices are marked with Rules Chair approval as designed by the Beer Bike Co-Chairs.
6. Track Judges (5+) - faculty/staff:
   a. Assess penalties for riders crossing the inner white line and for riders weaving and thus obstructing the other riders.
   b. Adhere to the Race Stopping Procedure (VII.1) in the event of an emergency requiring the clearing of the track.
7. Start Line Judges (12) - faculty/staff:
   a. Indicate to the appropriate Chug Judge when a rider of the appropriate team first crosses the start line and whether the pushers have crossed the start line, thereby invoking a penalty.
8. Pit Interference Judges: Determine any interference penalties occurring in the restricted chug area, pit area, or pit lanes. Interference may occur in one of the following two ways:
   a. Any team member or other support member not actively involved in the race is inside one of the restricted areas mentioned above or is creating a hazard.
   b. Any set of pushers and riders obstructs the race or causes another rider to fall while being pushed.
   In each case the Pit Interference Judge reports a penalty for the responsible team to the Chug Judge. No penalties are enforced by the Pit Interference Judge.
9. Finish Line Judges (12) - faculty/staff: The Finish Line Judge for each team will time the entire race for that team. This time will be used to check the official time kept at the finish line by the Track Keeper. Each timer indicates to the Chug Judge when that team's rider has crossed
V. ELIGIBILITY FOR JUDGES

Each judge must be a member of the Rice University faculty or staff or a Community Associate to a college and must have judged a previous race or fulfill the following qualifications where applicable:

A. Each Chug Judge must attend a chug practice and meet with the Chugging Expert who will describe the standard legal chug.
B. Each judge must meet with the Area Coordinator(s) for Judges in order that the rules and race procedures may be explained in detail.
C. Masters and Resident Associates cannot be Chug Judges for their own college.
D. Associates may not judge for the college with which they are associated.

No judge will be allowed to judge the races unless these specified criteria have been met.

VI. PIT AREA

The pit area is composed of the on-deck circles, chug tables, individual college areas, crosswalk, and the pit lanes. During the race all of the pit area is restricted to participants and race officials. The on-deck circles, chug tables, individual college areas, crosswalk, the pit lanes, and the race lane are all essential components of the entire pit area. Each college must furnish a table for its pit area, and the table should arrive at the track by 1:00 p.m. the day of the race. The tables must be cleared by 5 p.m. the day after the race, or a fine of $500 will be assessed. Only participants identified by a wristband, judges, and other officials authorized by the Rules Chair will be allowed in the restricted pit areas.

VII. RACE PROCEDURES

The parade must be completed at least 1/2 hour before the start of the race so that alumni can begin to warm up. All of a college's team should be inside of the track before the start of the first race. However, only that part of the team competing in each race should be in the on deck or chugging areas. There will be time between races for team members to cross from the stand area to the track area. Only Beer Bike officials and badged security officers may cross the race lane during the race. Anyone crossing the race lane during the course of the race, except in an emergency, who is identified as a member of one of the colleges, will cause a 20 second penalty to be added to their colleges final time and their college will be fined $350.

The race proceeds as follows: At the starting "gun" fired by the race starter, a chugger begins consuming 12 ounces (24 ounces for the men's race) of beer or water from a chug can defined in VIII.1.c. The chug captain tells the pushers to push. The Start Line Judge raises a flag when the bike rider crosses the start line. The Chug Judge looks to the Pit Judge and determines if the bike rider left the pit area too early. The bike rider completes two laps (three for the men's race) of the course. The chug captain tells the next chugger to begin chugging unless any penalties were determined by the Chug Judge or reported to the Chug Judge and need to be enforced. This procedure continues until ten chuggers and ten riders have finished. When the 10th rider has crossed the finish line, the race is finished for that team. The Final Rider must finish the race in the Race Lane. In the event of any type of false start or misfire of the starting gun (to be determined at that time by the Rules Chair), the race will be promptly stopped and not restarted before the passing of at least ten minutes. Once the last rider has finished the race any penalties not yet enforced are added to the times for the respective teams to obtain the official times for each team. The team having the lowest official time, barring any disqualification, will be the winner of the race. In the event of an accident, if the rider is unable to complete his leg after a crash, the team should send an alternate rider. The alternate should complete the total number of laps remaining, including any portions.

1. Race Stopping Procedure

A. In the event of an emergency during the Beer Bike race in which the race must be stopped to prevent injury or to assist an injured biker, the procedure will be as follows:
B. The track judges stationed around the track will hear the notification, and step on the track to wave a red “stop” flag.
C. To stop the race, the track judges will wave red flags (shaped like stop signs) simultaneously until all bikers have come to a complete stop.
D. Bikers are advised to brake slowly and cautiously. After they have come to a stop the bikers will cut across the middle portion of the track to return to their individual pits.
E. Finish line judges will pause the time clocks and record the number of laps completed by the biker at the time of the stop. Please round the lap number up.
F. If the race is to be restarted each team will send out the bikers in the following manner:
   a. If a biker was on his/her first [second] lap when the race was stopped, he/she will begin his/her second/third lap from the pit lane.
   b. If a biker was on his/her first [second] lap and was injured, an alternate will complete his/her race.
   c. In both of the cases listed above, the chugger will not have to repeat his/her initial chug.
   d. If a biker was on his/her final lap when the race was stopped, the next biker will begin his/her first lap after the chug has been completed.
   e. The remainder of the race will continue following the normal race procedures.

VIII. RACE REGULATIONS

1. Chugging Restrictions:
A. Chuggers should wear no more than one shirt above the waist. Bulky or wet clothing articles designed to absorb beer/water or prevent spilled beer/water from being seen may not be worn. The Chug Judge's decision in these matters is final.
B. Chuggers of legal drinking age may chug beer or water, while chuggers who are underage must chug non-alcoholic beer or water. The legal drinking age in Texas is 21.
C. All chug cans must be approved by the Chair prior to use in the races. Any chug can meeting the following specifications must be approved by the Chair although the Chair reserves the right to allow chug cans that deviate from the following specifications:
D. Chug cans may either be purchased commercially available beverage cans or may be constructed. If commercially purchased, over 50% of the original container must be intact and unaltered, including the containing portion of the can. If constructed, the can must be comprised of...
rigid material, be cylindrical in shape, and the beer/water must have a cross-sectional area equal to that of a circle with 2 inch diameter over greater than 90% of the beer/water column height when the can is filled and in the vertical position.

E. All alumni and women's cans must hold at least 12 ounces as purchased or constructed. All men's cans must hold at least 24 ounces as purchased or constructed or be composed of two cans each holding at least 12 ounces as purchased or constructed.

F. Chug cans must hold all of the beer/water to be chugged.

G. Chug cans must be filled to full capacity (even if the capacity exceeds the specified minimum amount)

H. All cans are subject to inspection at any time on or before the exact time of the appropriate race. Chug cans will be measured for volume by the Beer Bike Chair within one week of the race date. Cans meeting the appropriate requirements will be labeled in a way devised by the Campus Wide Coordinators. Teams with cans not meeting the requirements will have until the Wednesday before Beer Bike to make their cans permissible and these cans will be re-checked by the Beer Bike Chair the same day. Cans not meeting the requirements on this day are impermissible.

I. No "beer bongs." Mouthpieces are permissible, but they cannot extend into the throat or beyond.

J. If the chug can is opaque, then the Chug Judge is in charge of ensuring the can is full to 12 or 24 oz capacity prior to the onset of chugging.

If the Chug Judge determines that the can is not full, a wet chug time penalty will be enforced.

2. Biking Restrictions:

A. Protective bicycling head gear must be worn by all riders when they are riding.

B. No wheels of solid construction. Wheels must be spoked, 16 spokes minimum. The wheels may be of different diameters, between 700 millimeters maximum and 550 millimeters minimum.

C. Any device such as a protective screen, fuselage, or other addition to the bicycle for the purpose of decreasing forward air resistance or to artificially increase acceleration or propulsion is prohibited.

D. Handlebars of design referred to as "triathlete bars" or "aero-bars" are not allowed. No additional clip-on bars are allowed. Bars must be of a conventional shape (allowing Scott Drop-In Us) or "bullhorn" shape. No handlebars allowing support of any part of the arm or forearm (except the hands) are allowed.

E. All riders must wear numbers indicating the participation order for that team (1 for the first rider and 10 for the last rider) provided by the colleges.

F. All riders must ride a bicycle as described above. No other form of transportation whether vehicular or pedestrian will be permitted during Beer Bike. Should any rider fail to utilize a bicycle, the team will immediately be refrained from sending any further participants in the race. Furthermore, the team will be disqualified from that particular race and excluded from participation in the remainder of the day’s events. Results/scores from any previous events will also be nullified. Additionally the teams will be fined $1000 per participant that attempts to compete without a bicycle.

G. No rider may participate if he or she is under the influence of alcohol or any other substance or condition that may impair his or her ability to participate safely. A team fielding a rider under the influence as specified is subject to immediate disqualification.

3. Procedural Regulations:

A. The course, Hackerman Field, consists of the official circuit laid out on the west stadium parking lot. The length of the course is approximately 0.33 miles.

B. No participant will compete twice in either chugging or riding but may chug and then ride or vice-versa. If a participant chugs prior to riding, that participant may not chug beer containing alcohol. Teams with extenuating circumstances may petition the Beer Bike Co-Chair for an exemption from this restriction.

C. The race will consist of 10 2-lap "legs" for alumni and women and 10 3-lap "legs" for men. Only one rider can complete each leg. If a crash should occur, a rider may be sent out immediately and must complete only the number of laps not yet completed by the crashed rider.

D. Men may only compete on the men's teams and women may only compete on the women's teams. The pit crew may consist of members of both sexes.

E. A minimum of 3 Bikers on each alumni team must be female.

F. All race participants (including alumni) must wear attire which distinctly reveals the team for which they are competing.

G. No participant, spectator, or other person shall inhibit the judges from executing their duties by distracting one or more judges, or by interfering with one or more judges’ ability to fully observe the race. A violation of this regulation is determined by a majority decision of the Chug Judges together with the Rules Chair.

H. No chugger, rider, or member of a pit crew may commit any act that could be deemed grossly unfair or unsportsmanlike as determined by a majority decision of the Chug Judges together with the Rules Chair.

I. In the final turn of the track no rider shall attempt to cross any other rider. This “No Cross Zone” is for the safety of rider’s entering the pit.

IX. PENALTIES

The following will result in 5-second penalties:

A. Any chugger beginning to chug too early as determined by the Chug Judge.

B. Any intentional or excessive spillage by a chugger as determined by the Chug Judge.

C. Any chug not completed by pulling the can in front of the body or directly over the head (in view of the judge).

D. Any rider crossing the start line before the respective chugger has finished as determined by the Chug Judge.

E. Any crew pit persons who cross the start line when aiding a rider to start her or his leg of the race (stepping on the line is permissible).

F. Excessive weaving which obstructs other riders and/or riders crossing the inner line as determined by the track judges. Riding on or crossing the line, if it is overtly to avoid an accident is up to the discretion of the track judges.

G. Interference of one team with another as determined by the Pit Interference Judge.

Judges will do their best to inform teams of penalties during the race as they are incurred. Any penalty involving the last chugger or rider for a given team will result in five seconds or the cumulative time being added to their time at the end of the race. A $100 fine will be assessed for each unauthorized person in the pit area during each race. See Article II. PARTICIPANTS for a list of participants allowed in the pit area.

X. DISQUALIFICATION
Any violation of the Race Regulations listed in Article VIII by any team will result in a penalty (see Article IX) or the disqualification of that team. Any disqualifications will be announced after the race is over.

Any individual that defaces, steals, or destroys a piece of another team's essential race equipment (i.e. bikes, chug cans, etc.) will be automatically disqualified. The responsible party will also be subject to any measures deemed appropriate by the Beer Bike Chair. If another college jacks something from a college such that it results in permanent damage or a financial burden on the jacked college, then the responsible party will be referred to the University Court and dealt with appropriately.

If a team wishes to contest their disqualification or petition for the disqualification of another team, the team must file a verbal complaint with the Beer Bike Chair within an hour after the finish of the race in question. Written petitions must be submitted to the Beer Bike Chair before 5:00 p.m. the day after the event (March 30, 2015).

**XI. LANE ASSIGNMENTS**

Lanes for the individual teams are listed below with the first lane being closest to the track. The lane assignments rotate each year with the team in the last lane getting lane one, the other teams subsequently moving by one lane. The lane assignments for alumni, women's, and men's races 2015 are:

1. Will Rice
2. Hanszen
3. Wiess
4. Jones
5. Brown
6. Lovett
7. Graduate Student Association
8. Sid Richardson
9. Martel
10. McMurry
11. Duncan
12. Baker

**XII. SAFETY ON TRACK DURING PRACTICES**

The College Beer Bike Coordinators, Bike and Chug Captains are responsible for letting all of the riders know about the track rules.

1. Ride in a counter-clockwise direction.
2. Slow riders stay at least 5 feet outside of track line.
3. Faster riders pass between track line and slower riders and inside track line when necessary.
4. Look over your shoulders to check traffic before moving towards inside of track, especially when nearing entrance to pit area.
5. No mp3 players are allowed to be worn while riding on or near the track.
6. Yield to cars entering the parking lot on the interior of the track.

**XIII. PARADE RULES**

The following rules are general guidelines and will be further defined by the Parade Coordinators.

The parade will be held the same day of Beer Bike, except in the event of rain, and must be completed at least a half-hour before the start of the first race. The parade line-up will be proposed by the parade coordinators and modified by the college coordinators where agreements can be reached. Parade rules are punishable by fines (to be determined in advance by the Beer Bike Co-Chairs and Parade Coordinators) and include but are not restricted to the following:

1. No alcohol is permitted on the parade route.
2. Fights are not allowed and are punishable by severe fine as well as Campus Police and potentially University Court intervention. Security personnel at the parade should try to prevent serious fights and are authorized and encouraged to ask for Campus Police assistance whenever necessary.
3. Water balloons should never be thrown at Beer Bike personnel (including the Parade Coordinator, Beer Bike Chair, and Security Staff), Campus Police, or Emergency Medical Staff.
4. Water balloon throwing can only occur during approved times by those within the defined parade area.
5. Participants cannot throw balloons outside approved parade areas.
6. **Participants cannot enter into unauthorized buildings during the parade.**
7. Participants must wear the current Beer Bike t-shirt for their respective college in order to participate in the parade.
8. See the annually updated Fines & Violations appendix for more details and regulations.

Each college's coordinators are responsible for organizing a group of people to help enforce the parade rules. Placement of these people along the parade route is left up to the Security Coordinator. This college security committee must attend a brief informational meeting with the Security, Parade Coordinators and Beer Bike Chair to ensure that all rules and procedures are made clear and that all persons are aware of the potential fines. Furthermore, a strategy to address problems as they occur at the event must be discussed in advance.

**XIV. BEER RUN RULES**

Inclement weather may require that the bike race be canceled. The condition of the track will be assessed by the Beer Bike Co-Chairs, the Asst. Director of Student Activities, and the Director of Environmental Health and Safety. If the track is determined to be too dangerous for bicycles the race shall convert to a foot race.

All of a college's team should be inside of the track before the start of the first race. However, only that part of the team competing in each race should be in the on deck or chugging areas. There will be time between races for team members to cross from the stand area to the track area. The
time between races will be shortened to 15 minutes between the end of one race and the beginning to the next. Only Beer Bike officials and badged security officers may cross the race lane during the race. Anyone crossing the race lane during the course of the race, except in an emergency, who is identified as a member of one of the colleges will cause a twenty second penalty (per person) and a $350 fine to be assessed to her or his team.

Teams shall consist of the original teams for Beer Bike (the 10 chuggers with 2 alternates, 10 bikers with 2 alternates). An additional 5 alternates will be allowed for Beer Run. Positions cannot be changed (i.e. a chugger cannot become a runner or vice versa). The Beer Bike College Coordinators will be required to submit a final roster of participants for both Beer Bike and Beer Run at the Beer Bike Coordinator meeting the week of Beer Bike. Every Beer Run team is allowed two members of any varsity athletic roster as a maximum.

The race proceeds as follows: At the starting gun fired by the race starter, a chugger begins consuming 12 ounces (24 ounces for the men's race) of beer or water from a chug can defined in VIII.1.c. The chug captain signals to the runner who is lined up at the topmost point of the biking lane to begin running. The Start Line Judge raises a flag when the runner crosses the start line. The Chug Judge looks to the Pit Judge and determines if the runner left the pit area too early. The runner completes one lap of the course. The chug captain tells the next chugger to begin chugging. Any penalties determined by the Chug Judge or reported to the Chug Judge will be added to the chugger immediately following the incurred penalty. This procedure continues until ten chuggers and ten runners have finished. When the 10th runner has crossed the finish line, the race is finished for that team. Runners are not required to run in specific lanes. Once the last runner has finished the race any penalties not yet enforced are added to the times for the respective teams to obtain the official times for each team. The team having the lowest official time, barring any disqualification, will be the winner of the race.

XV. BEER RUN RACE REGULATIONS

1. **Chugging Restrictions**: refer to VIII section 1

2. **Running Restrictions**:
   a. All runners must wear numbers indicating the participation order for that team (1 for the first runner and 10 for the last runner).
   b. Runners may not elbow, trip, or physically impede other runners. Each of these actions will result in a 10-second penalty per incident.

3. **Procedural Regulations**:
   a. The course, Hackerman Field, consists of the official circuit laid out on the west stadium parking lot. The length of the course is approximately 0.33 miles.
   b. No participant will compete twice in either chugging or running but may run and then chug or vice versa. Teams with special problems may petition the Beer Bike Committee for an exemption from this restriction.
   c. The race will consist of 10 1-lap "legs" for alumni, women, and men. In the alumni race the team must be composed of at least 3 women runners. Only one runner can complete each leg.
   d. Men may only compete on the men's teams and women may only compete on the women's teams.
   e. There will be no need to assemble or utilize a pit crew for Beer Run.
   f. All race participants (including alumni) must wear attire which distinctly reveals the team for which they are competing.
   g. No chugger or runner may commit any act that could be deemed grossly unfair or unsportsmanlike as determined by a majority decision of the Chug Judges together with the Rules Chair.