

CITY OF McALLEN
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

GOLDEN AGE OLYMPICS
THE GREAT CHASE

Rules and Regulations

DATE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27th
TIME: 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
PLACE: Race starts at Westside Park, 1000 S. Ware Rd.

Rules of the The Great Chase

1. Each team will be comprised of four participants representing their respective park. Only one team per park may enter. Teams must be comprised of two male and two females. All participants must travel together in one vehicle to find locales and collect items needed. Each team is responsible for documenting each stop by taking a digital photograph of your "find". Each team is responsible for supplying their own camera.
2. Each team will report to the starting area at the designated time and place. All teams will be given their initial assignments at this point and the competition will begin. The team completing the route first will be awarded first place points, once items collected are verified accurate. Points will be deducted if items are missing or incomplete.
3. At each location, either a Parks staff member or site staff will be present to mark the time you arrive and distribute clues. They will verify that all four members of the group were present, thus everyone must get out of the team vehicle to help out your team. Staff will also verify the next assignment envelope is located so you may then proceed to your next stop.
4. Don't forget to take photos! Not taking and presenting your digital photos to the judges at the end of the competition will result in points being deducted from your total score. Sorry, but excuses for accidentally deleting any photo can not be accepted.
5. At each location, the clues may lead to finding an item(s). In some instances, the item may be asked to be brought to the finish, in other instances, a team photo will suffice. All four team members must be in the

photo. So grab a passer-by! Your team can earn a bonus for creativity shown in your photos.

6. Should you find it impossible to determine the next site from the clue you have been given, you are offered Life-Lines. A hot-line phone number will be given to you prior to the start of the hunt for you to call for an additional clue. (You will turn in with your entry a pre-set team code that will allow us to identify your team w/o fear that someone is calling in and stating they are you.) There is a cost for the added information. Each call will result in 5 points fee from your total score.

7. Points are to be awarded in the following manner:
 - i) Completion time will be awarded on the basis of 20 points times the total number of competing teams. If ten teams compete, the team arriving at the finishing point first would receive 200 points. Teams placing second receive twenty points less, third twenty points less than second, and so forth.
 - ii) Items will be checked for accuracy. Items found to be lacking will result in a deduction of five points from the original score given based on the order of finish.
 - iii) Any team not submitting all photos of stops will also have five points taken from their score. Photos that do not contain the stated information or show all team members will likewise lose five points.
 - iv) At the discretion of the judges, a bonus of three points per stop will be awarded to photos submitted showing outstanding creativity. The decision to award points by the judges is final and not subject to appeal.
 - v) Teams found to have violated the spirit of the contest by breaking any of the rules (i.e. contacting other competitors) will be disqualified.

8. In case of a tie on the total number of points, the tie-breaker is awarded to the team completing the course first.

9. Medals will be awarded to the top three finishing teams. Teams finishing fourth through sixth will not receive medals, but will receive park points that are included in the overall park participation award.