

Trailwalker

Terms and conditions

By signing up to Trailwalker, you:

- Undertake to walk or run either the 100KM in teams of four along a predetermined route within 30 hours, and within the checkpoint cut-off times outlined in the event guide, in order to raise sponsorship funds for Oxfam and The Gurkha Welfare Trust.
- Understand that Oxfam and the Queens Gurkha Signals reserve the right to alter the course without notice and/or cancel the event in consultation with and under the direction of Emergency Services and major event stakeholders/land owners.

Beneficiaries:

- Acknowledge that Trailwalker UK 2014 is a fundraising event in aid of Oxfam GB (reg. charity in England and Wales 202918 and Scotland SC039042) and The Gurkha Welfare Trust (reg. charity no. 1034080) exclusively.

Roles and responsibilities:

- Agree to raising as a team the minimum sponsorship pledge of £1,500 and share collective responsibility for raising this amount.
- Agree to raise £1,000 of the minimum sponsorship by the Friday of the week prior to the challenge (18/07/2014), in order to take part in the event.
- Acknowledge that the event is organised by the Queen's Gurkha Signals, and promoted by Oxfam GB, The Gurkha Welfare Trust and the Queens Gurkha Signals in order to raise funds for Oxfam GB and The Gurkha Welfare Trust.

Fundraising:

- Understand that the amount of funds raised by your team does not include the sums paid as entry fees, nor the funds which may be subsequently reclaimed by the charity in Gift Aid.
- Agree that all funds raised must be paid to Oxfam GB by Oxfam's stipulated methods by the fundraising deadline of 30 September 2014.
- Understand that failing to meet your fundraising pledge may result in refusal from subsequent Oxfam Sponsored Challenges.
- Agree that no funds raised will be paid to any charity other than Oxfam GB and The Gurkha Welfare Trust.

Entry to the event:

- Agree that valid details for all four team members must be recorded at the point of application.
- Agree that submitting an entry does not automatically guarantee entry to the event.

- Understand that your place in Trailwalker 2014 is not confirmed until you have paid the event entry fee and received confirmation from Oxfam GB.
- Acknowledge that entry works on a first come first served basis and once the event has reached capacity no further applications will be accepted.
- Acknowledge that your team entry fee is non-refundable or transferable.

Liability:

- Agree that, while neither the Queen's Gurkha Signals nor Oxfam GB exclude liability for personal injury or death caused by their own negligence, you undertake the event entirely at your own risk and will not hold the Queen's Gurkha Signals and/or Oxfam GB or The Gurkha Welfare Trust responsible for:

(a) any damage to, or loss of personal property or

(b) any accident or injury which does not result from the negligence of the Queens Gurkha Signals or Oxfam GB arising directly or indirectly or in any manner whatsoever out of or in connection with the event.

The hazardous nature of the event:

- Understand that the event involves sustained physical exercise in a remote area, and involves walking at night over rugged terrain.
- Agree that you are responsible for your own fitness and health to take part in the event, and have consulted a doctor about your participation if you have a medical condition or concerns.
- Understand that the organisers may need to cancel, halt, delay, or re-route or restrict support crew access to the event in response to hazards including fire, flood, path instability, and Foot and Mouth or other such disease. In such instances, you will be given as much notice as possible, and any necessary alterations will attempt to preserve the nature of the event.
- Understand that the course will include several road crossings and some short sections along roads. All normal road rules apply and teams should take extreme care while on roads. High-visibility vests should be worn when on road sections during the night by the team members at the front and back of your team.
- Understand that all team members must be 18 years or over on July 25th 2014 to be eligible to take part in the event.

Rules and regulations:

- Agree that you must take part in teams of four people, all of whom must be 18 years of age or more on the day the event starts.
- Understand that team members must start together, remain together on the trail and must check-in at each checkpoint and the finish point together. Team members may not leave a checkpoint until

the whole team has reached that checkpoint (unless a team member withdraws - please see withdrawals and injuries for more details).

- Agree that a team's recorded time at each checkpoint and at the finish will be the time of the last team member.
- Acknowledge that it is the team's responsibility to ensure that they have been correctly checked-in at each checkpoint.
- Agree that you may not be transported by vehicle along any portion of the trail or between any points on it, unless you have formally withdrawn from the event.
- Agree to wear the timing wristband and identification number at all times during the event.
- Agree to return the timing wristband on the day or within a week of the event or be liable to an additional £30 charge to cover the full cost of the device.
- Agree to comply with the country code at all times. (All participants and support crews must respect the environment and not drop litter.)
- Use the litter and recycling bins at the checkpoints.
- Understand that teams must leave each checkpoint before the cut off time stated in the Map and Event guide in order to continue on the course.
- Understand that failing to wear identification numbers, failing to comply with safety order notices issued by the Queens Gurkha Signals, or acting dangerously or unfairly to gain advantage during the event may result in disqualification.
- Agree to keeping noise levels to a minimum when walking in residential areas, specifically at night.
- Agree to behave in a way that does not cause offence to fellow participants, event staff or the public, and does not in a way bring Oxfam or The Gurkha Welfare Trust into disrepute.

Registration:

- Understand that registration is a mandatory safety procedure and it is each team's responsibility to ensure that this is completed in good time prior to their allocated starting slots.
- Understand that no team member substitution is permitted after the team has registered on event weekend.
- Understand that registration includes signing an essential kit disclaimer form to ensure that each team member is adequately equipped to take part.
- Agree that if you are deemed by the organisers to be inadequately equipped or prepared you may be disqualified on safety grounds. (A list of essential items will be provided to all participants)
- Smokers agree to smoke only in the designated area provided at the registration site.

Results and awards:

- All registered team members who complete Trailwalker will receive a medal.
- Agree that only registered teams that complete their challenge as a team of four within the relevant cut-off time will be entered into the official team results.

Withdrawals and injuries:

Before the event:

- Understand that the entry fee contributes towards the cost of the event and is non-refundable or transferable.
- Agree that substitution of team members is permitted until two weeks before the event. All changes must be communicated to Oxfam before this date. Any changes made after this date are at the discretion of the event organiser.

During the event:

- Agree that any member who is injured or exhausted on the course must be brought to the nearest checkpoint for assistance. If the casualty cannot be moved, one person must stay with them while the remaining members seek help. Under no circumstances is a casualty to be left unattended.
- Agree that if you wish to withdraw from the event you must first report to the nearest checkpoint or contact Event Control and must return your wristband.
- Understand that it is the responsibility of the remaining team members to ensure that the organisers are aware of the withdrawal and the team may not continue until it has been reported.
- Understand that teams of three members will be permitted to start the event, as a last resort, or continue in the event of a team member withdrawing on the course.
- Understand that if two team members withdraw, the remaining two may only continue if another team formally accepts responsibility for them for the remainder of the event.
- Understand that teams of two may not start the event unless they can be paired with another team of two or more.

Support crew:

- Agree that each team must have a support crew to provide practical and emotional support throughout the event. Each support crew is responsible for transporting their team's provisions, including food, changes of clothes, a first aid kit and any necessary medication during the event (professional event medics will be on hand for serious incidents). It is strongly recommended that your support crew consists of four people.
- Understand you must organise your own support crew to transport you to the start and from the finish and to provide assistance at checkpoints along the trail. Your support crew will also be responsible for transporting any team members that withdraw from the event.

- Agree to communicate to your support crew that they must drive safely, remain well rested and only arrive at checkpoints when required to avoid congestion and park safely, without hindering the flow of traffic or endangering the safety of participants and other people.
- Agree that some checkpoints may be closed to support crew at the event organisers discretion subject to weather conditions.
- Agree that support crew vehicles must not exceed the size of a 12 seater mini bus (2.5m x 5.5m).
- Agree that only one support crew vehicle per team is allowed access to a checkpoint at any one point and only one vehicle pass will be issued per support crew.

Marketing

- Agree that images, film and interview material taken on the day of all participants and support crew members may be used by Oxfam and The Gurkha Welfare Trust to promote Trailwalker and Oxfam-sponsored challenge events in the future.