**Battle for Hope Policies and Restrictions**

**Weather & Cancellation Policy**

Races are held rain or shine, unless it is determined that conditions are dangerous. This will be based on a decision made by the race director and City of Bentonville Police department. We reserve the right to cancel in extreme circumstances. This position is consistent with USA Track & Field recommendations and with the protocol of sharing the risks associated with the sport of running. In the event of inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances, Hope Cancer Resources reserves the right to cancel. If there is a cancellation, there will be no refunds and your entry fee will be used as a donation to Hope Cancer Resources.

**Restrictions**

* No dogs are allowed on the race courses due to the safety of all participants. Dogs are allowed on the venue at the Start/Finish. Dogs must be on a leash at all times. Please clean up after your pet.
* Baby strollers are allowed, but we ask that runners and walkers with stroller begin at the back of the race and be considerate of other participants.
* Skates, rollerblades, scooters, bikes, or other wheeled vehicles are not allowed on the race course.
* The Hope Cancer Resources race is a tobacco-free event. The use of tobacco products, e-cigarettes and smokeless tobacco is prohibited on the venue.

**Refund Policy**

All registration fees are non-refundable.

**COVID-19 GUIDELINES & PROTOCOLS**

* Participant limits will be reduced for social distancing.
* There will be no race day registration.
* There will be no race day packet pick up.
* All participants and spectators may be screened and have their temperatures checked before entering the starting corrals, finish line area or other public areas, depending on CDC guidance at the time.
* All individuals are required to wear a mask or face covering at the start line until they pass take the first turn onto the road.
* There will be two water stations along the course. Bottles of water will be available at each station.
* Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer after using a portable toilets.
* Hand sanitizer will be available on site.
* Do not share personal items, such as towels, food, drinks, energy gels, etc.
* All participants are REQUIRED to wear a face covering at the starting line and until they pass the first turn onto the street. Participants should plan to keep their face covering on them for use on the course when stopping at water stations where it could be more congested. Face covering must be worn at the finish area also.
* Volunteers will be REQUIRED TO WEAR COVERINGS at all areas where participants will be, and social distancing of 6 ft. should be maintained unless working with members of your immediate family.
* These guidelines will be in place unless there are reduced protocols set by the CDC.