

- Question: How does packet pickup work for teams?
- Answer: Relay teams must pick up their packets at our expo (i.e., late/race day packet pickup is not an option for relay teams), from noon – 6 pm on Saturday, September 28, at the Bellingham Cruise Terminal. While all team members are encouraged to attend our expo, team captains may pick up packets for their entire teams without authorization from individual team members. Team captains who can't make it should give another team member written authorization to pick up on the team's behalf. Please pick up packets for all team members at one time.
- Question: How will bibs and timing work for relay teams?
- Answer: Each team will receive six bibs with the same number (between 501 and 599). All relay team bibs will be dark blue. **One of the bibs will be chipped and have a belt. This bib must go with your fist runner to the start line and will be passed off at each handoff to the next runner. Your splits will be recorded at each handoff once the chipped bib crosses the timing mat at each exchange point.**
- Question: What team support will BBM provide on race day?
- Answer: In general our normal (individual) marathon course support – toilets, hydration, gel, and medical – will be available to relay teams (the one slight exception to this is bike leads, who will stay with the fastest individual male and female runners, even if a relay team is ahead of them), but we will not provide special support for relay teams. Because of this, relay legs will have varying levels of support. Note: there will be a toilet near each exchange point.
- Question: When/where is the race start, and where are the relay exchange points?
- Answer: The marathon relay begins at the same time/place as the individual marathon race: 7:30 am in front of Lummi Nation School (2334 Lummi View Dr, 98226). Relay exchange point locations and maps are available at our Marathon Relay webpage.
- Question: How do we get between relay exchange points?
- Answer: That's almost entirely up to you! Seriously, your first runner is welcome to utilize our pre-race shuttle transportation (buses leave E Maple/Cornwall between 5:15 and 6:15 am) and getting to the second exchange point includes a short shuttle, but otherwise you are responsible for coordinating and providing any/all transportation your team requires. Please refer to our Marathon Relay webpage for specific details and driving directions.
- Question: What will the actual relay exchange points look like?
- Answer: They'll be pretty nondescript, with a little signage and a volunteer or two off to the side of the road/street. We've tried to be precise with our exchange point maps (available on our Marathon Relay webpage), so we'll trust you can follow directions and get your "next" runner there! The most important thing is that your two runners find each other – and if that happens slightly before/after the official exchange point, we're okay with that.
- Question: What does the actual exchange consist of? Are runners literally exchanging anything?
- Answer: **The official exchange will consist of handing off a belt with a chip timed bib to your next runner.**
- Question: Can our team finish the race together?
- Answer: Yes, we encourage this! If you would like to do this, please meet your last runner at the **north corner of N State St and E Laurel St, staying outside the race path until your teammate arrives, then run the last couple blocks together.** Note: please do not try to meet up any closer to the finish line, and please do not stop between N State/E Laurel and the finish line, as this could impede other participants on their final stretch.
- Question: Where do we get our finisher medals after the race? Do all team members need to be at the finish area?
- Answer: We'll give you all five of your medals at once, whether it's just your final runner or the whole gang is there (so no, you don't all need to be there – though really, who wouldn't want to be?). Chances are good that one of our volunteers will find you and give you your medals – but if not, you'll be able to ask for them at our awards table near the finish line.