

Frozen Otter 2022 COVID-19 Protocols and Changes

*We are enacting the following **CHANGES** for the FROZEN OTTER 2022 in order to minimize exposure and keep everyone as safe as possible.*

CHANGE #1: NO IN-PERSON GEAR CHECK

Racers are responsible for their own gear check this year. Please take this as seriously as we do. The lists (Regular and Extreme) can be found on the website (FatOtter.com) under “Documents”. More details and information about the gear can also be found on various Facebook Pages (such as the Frozen Otter Training Group) where many veteran racers are eager to help out and share their expertise. We are very grateful for this resource. Don’t miss out!

All racers will still have to check in either Friday (early check-in) or Saturday morning so we know who is actually out there!

CHANGE #2: “SHUTTLES”/RIDES WILL ONLY BE PROVIDED IN THE CASE OF EMERGENCY

Although we might be the only race in existence that has historically provided rides for people that drop out, that just cannot happen this year. In previous years, although it is a strain on the event, we have somehow managed to let people push themselves to the max with the comfort of knowing they can essentially “tap out” and get a ride back to their cars. Due to the risks of enclosed spaces and the amount of time these rides take, we are forced to eliminate this as an option unless in the case of emergency.

Therefore, racers should be prepared to:

- 1) Provide their own rides if they drop (YOU MUST NOTIFY RACE STAFF).
- 2) Race conservatively in order to get back to Mauthe on their own.
- 3) Call 911 in case of injury/emergency.

CHANGE #3: NO TRADITIONAL SERVICES AT CP 1- BUTLER LAKE

Due to the fact that this Checkpoint has one of the highest number of racers, volunteers and spectators that congregate, we are eliminating it as a traditional CP. We need to give racers more time to spread out in order to safely provide what we normally do.

Racers will still **CHECK IN** and **CHECK OUT** of CP 1, but there will be **NO FIRE**, **NO WATER** (besides the on-site pump), **NO FOOD/DRINK/GOODIES**, **NO TENT** (unless needed for volunteers due to weather. If a racer isn’t feeling great at this point, it might be a good time to turn back.

CHANGE #4: NO HYDRATION SPONSOR

Due to both COVID and supply chain issues (we assume) we have not been able to secure a hydration sponsor such as Skratch for this year. We will still have cold and hot water at the checkpoints but will only have our traditional cider and hot chocolate. We will notify everyone if this changes.