

## Participant Rules for the Annual Visalia Waiters Race

While the purpose of the event is to have fun, it is recognized that with the prizes offered, it will be a competitive event to some. As such, there are rules that will guide the competition.

### **RULES include:**

1. All participants must wear their number on the **front and back** of their uniform or you will be disqualified.
2. Participants are to follow the announcements of the race starter, and line up giving each participant room for a clean start. Participants must go around the cone on the right side making a left turn to head back to finish line.
3. Once at the starting line with your tray prepared, you can arrange the items to your liking, but you can't change the level of liquids in the glasses/cups.
4. There will be judges on the course to monitor proper decorum of the race participants so that all runners have a fair opportunity to race.
5. Once the race begins you will not be allowed to provide any assistance to the items on top of your tray. You must run with only one hand completely under the tray. If you attempt to keep an item on the tray with the other hand or use the other hand or **your BODY** to stabilize the tray you will be disqualified. Thumbs are not allowed on the edge to the tray.
6. Race winners (the top two in each heat) will be those who pass the finish line with all items still on top of the tray. If glasses/cups or the wine bottle have fallen but are still on top of the tray at the finish you have successfully completed the run.
7. If all heats in each category do not fill up, there could be more runners from each heat advancing to the finals than just two. That will be determined the day of the event after registration has been completed.
8. The top two finishers in each heat (or more if the number of entries dictate) will be taken to registration by a judge. It is the responsibility of the top finishers to report to the check-in table to declare their heat victory.
9. If glasses or the wine bottle fall during the race we will have volunteers who will clean-up the debris prior to the next race. **DO NOT** pick up bottles or glasses.
10. As a courtesy to event staff, spectators, and other participants do not pour wine out of the bottles/ glasses or spray.
11. Do not throw trays or glasses/bottles. It can pose a safety hazard and could disqualify a participant from future events. **You must return your tray to the start finish line.** We also ask that you wear shoes with a sturdy bottom.
12. The ruling of a judge will be followed if a race infraction is observed. Remember, this is a fun event not the Olympics. We want everyone to enjoy!! All decisions on the course will be determined by the judges and their call will be the final decision.
13. Once all the heats of each division have been completed, the top eight will advance to the finals.
14. If there is a false start in the finals, that person is disqualified.
15. The top three from the finals race must report to the registration desk to report the winners then they must head to the stage immediately after, to receive recognition and their award.
16. We reserve the right to move racers to another division once one is filled.
17. We reserve the right to refuse any racer to compete for cause or conduct and we will retain entry fee.
18. Any racer who passes the finish line and deliberately throws their tray will be disqualified.
19. Quick Service racers will be responsible for closing the clam shell on their tray and making sure a hamburger bun is in it.
20. You may only run in **one division**, even if you work in both Quick and Full service area.