

Hello Math Relay Coaches and Participants!

A warm welcome to you from the Math Relay Coordinators at Team Washington in Tacoma, Washington. It's time to start thinking about organizing your Math Relay team again. Last year's event was fantastic!!! With the help and support of all the local schools who have participated in recent years, we will continue this wonderful tradition. We would like to extend an invitation to your school. The race is open to any school with students in grade levels 4th, 5th, and 6th.

The purpose of this event is to bring together 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students from different elementary, intermediate, and middle schools for a fun, yet challenging, competitive experience. Both physical and academic skills will be addressed as the individual runners of each relay team answer ten basic math facts questions (5 multiplication and 5 division) and negotiate an obstacle course 50 yards long. Each team will be comprised of twenty students (10 boys and 10 girls). It does not make any difference what grade level the team members are in, as long as they are all in the 4th, 5th, or 6th grade, or any combination of these grades. Some schools may choose to send only teams comprised of one particular grade level, while others may send teams of multi-grade students. We hope the following information will be helpful in deciding whether you would like to participate in this event this year. Hope to see you there!!! We have a website for more information. Visit: www.MathRelay.com for more information.

- Date:** The first Friday in June annually.
- Place:** Franklin Pierce Stadium, Franklin Piece High School,
11002 18th Ave E, Tacoma, Washington 98445
- Team size :** 20 students (10 boys and 10 girls) can be either multi-grade or single grade teams (bring as many teams as you would like to field)
- Entry fee:** \$40.00 per team; ***Checks should be made out to Team Washington Absolutely NO Purchase Orders.*** Please, checks only. Thanks! Grade level: 4th, 5th and 6th grade students
- Awards :** Team trophies or plaques; individual ribbons and certificates for all participants; one sportsmanship trophy awarded for each heat.
- Adult leadership:** Each team must have at least one teacher and one other adult volunteer for safety and control
- Transportation:** Each school must provide their own transportation for the students to and from the Math Relay site.
- Clothing:** The participants should wear modest P.E. type clothing, with flat running shoes. (No track spikes or cleats shoes will be allowed)
- Parent Permission:** Please make sure that each student has been given written permission to participate in this event. You will want to use your school's field trip parent permission slip.
- Weather:** THE RACE WILL BE RUN REGARDLESS OF THE WEATHER.

- Considerations:** PLEASE HAVE YOUR STUDENTS DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOR THE WEATHER!!
- Number of heats:** There will be three heats with 28 to 33 teams in each heat. Each team will have two separate attempts to record their best time.
- Concessions:** There will be food & drinks available for purchase at the stadium!
- Lunch:** Teams are welcome to bring or buy lunch and stay and eat at the stadium.
- Persons to contact:** Kyle Foster or Steve Ice
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Race Day Agenda

- 9:15 am** Participant's begin arriving at stadium, unload buses, teams will seat themselves according to their position in their designated heat.
- 9:45 am** Coach's meeting
- 9:55 am** Welcome, National Anthem, introduction of guests, procedural and safety briefing
- 10:00 am** Heat 1 starts
- 10:45 am** Heat 1 finishes
- 10:55 am** Heat 2 starts
- 11:40 am** Heat 2 finishes (APPROXIMATE TIMES)
- 11:50 am** Heat 3 starts
- 12:35 am** Heat 3 finishes
- 12:45 am** Awards presentation
- 1:15 pm** Load buses or stay and eat lunch
- 1:30 pm** Buses depart

RACE RULES

1. Each team will have 20 runners (10 boys and 10 girls).
2. Each school can have as many teams entered into the race as they may field.
3. Each team can be either multi-grade level or single grade level.
4. Each lane will be timed, and the coach (teacher) will be the timer for the team.
(Coaches are required to bring their own stop watches this year!!)
5. Each runner will negotiate five obstacles and answer ten basic math facts (five division and five multiplication).
6. There will be a one penalty push up for each wrong math fact answer. Participants must complete the penalty push-up before continuing with the math facts.
7. The runners will run out and back along a course totaling 100 yards.
8. There will be three heats with 28 to 33 teams in each heat. Each team will have two attempts to run the course.
9. The runners will remain in their own lane at all times during their run.
10. A computer will be used to arrange the finish times of all the teams from the fastest to the slowest. This will be the way we determine the placement of the teams as they finish.
11. There will only be two backup watches for timings.
12. Each student is expected to maintain a polite sportsmanlike attitude during the competition. No booing please.
13. The top team will be the one that is able to get all of its runners through the course, one at a time, in the fastest elapsed time.
14. **Please make all checks payable to “Team Washington”.**
15. Teams interested in participating in the Math Relay event must e-mail us with an estimated number of teams they will be bringing. There will be a limited number of spaces available for team entries. Please do this as soon as possible so we can account for trophies, ribbons and plaques for the participants.