



2024 RTO: GUIDELINES FOR EXCHANGE POINTS 12-A AND 12-B

What's going on with Exchange Point 12 this year?

For 17 years we've held Exchange Point 12 at Homewood Mtn Resort. This year however, Homewood will be under construction, so we've had to change this location for 2024. Due to the size of our event, our dedication to participant safety, and the limited locations along the west shore of Lake Tahoe, we've had to split Exchange 12 into two locations.

What does this mean for you? Leg 12 will finish at a new location just north of Homewood, we're calling this 12-A. Once the Leg 12 runner finishes, the Leg 13 runner will start at a different location just south of Homewood, we're calling this 12-B. Our staff at 12-A will radio ahead to 12-B, releasing the Leg 13 runner once the Leg 12 runner finishes. Yes, this means Vans 1 and 2 will not be coming together here, they will be going to separate locations. Please refer to Leg Maps 12 and 13 for the new locations and mileage.

How will this affect timing and scoring?

We will be recording the arrival and departure times at both 12-A and 12-B. We have a remote team working the entire event staying on top of timing and we'll be sure that your team's time is accurate. Even if you're an ultra team (one van) and visiting both locations.

What to do with the slap bracelet?

We will be providing a second slap bracelet at Exchange 12-B, to be used for Leg 13 and the remainder of the event; it will be given to the Leg 13 runner at the same time they are released to run. Van 2's slap bracelet (used for legs 1-12) can be kept as a memento of the event.

IMPORTANT! Limited space at both 12-A and 12-B

There's a reason we always use Homewood, it's big! These two new locations are smaller in size so we can't invite teams to hang out as long as they normally would. But don't worry! We'll outline exactly what you can do to find some rest before or after this exchange. **We ask that you please follow our direction carefully and only arrive at 12-A and 12-B when your team needs you to, and only stay as long as your team needs you to.** Limiting your time at these locations will ensure no traffic jams or headaches occur. We simply want everyone to experience a safe and smooth event. We sincerely appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Van Directions for Exchange Points 12-A and 12-B

Please make sure each van follows these steps exactly

Van 1 (legs 1-6, 13-18)

1. Your runner just finished Leg 6, and the other van starts Leg 7. It's your time to relax!
2. Van 1 now needs to hang out at Exchange 6 for as long as you can. There will plenty of fun to be had at the party there, soak it up! You're also welcome to check out Truckee for good restaurants and shopping. Alternatively, go check out Tahoe City for good restaurants and shopping.
3. Keep in touch with Van 2 during your downtime.
4. **If you're at Exchange 6 or in Truckee, only leave for Exchange 12-B when Van 2 tells you that their runner has started Leg 10.** Plan for a 45 min drive to Exchange 12-B.
5. **If you're in Tahoe City, only leave for Exchange 12-B when Van 2 tells you their runner has started Leg 11.** Plan for a 20 min drive to Exchange 12-B.
6. At Exchange 12-B, have your Leg 13 runner check in with staff by providing your team number. They will start you once your team completes Leg 12. Save yourself time by only checking in after your other van tells you they've completed leg 12; you will not be released before they've finished.

Van 2 (legs 7-12)

1. Keep in touch with Van 1 during legs 7-12, **let them know when you start/finish each leg so they can plan accordingly.**
2. When your runner begins Leg 12, head to Exchange 12-A to pick them up, just like any other exchange. When they arrive at the exchange, staff will be waiting there to record their team number and time.
3. After your Leg 12 runner finishes at 12-A, **plan to leave as soon as you can to make space for fellow RTO teams.**
4. Head to the city of South Lake Tahoe to relax for the evening. There are many shops, restaurants, (hotels if you booked a room) and casinos to enjoy; or you can head to Exchange 18. The exchange won't be operating until 9pm, but you can park at the shopping center there to unwind. Look forward to Exchange 18's sponsor, Red Bull! They will have lots of fun waiting for you there.

Ultra Teams

1. When your runner finishes Leg 12 at Exchange 12-A, simply pack up and head to Exchange 12-B.
2. Check in at 12-B, let them know you're an ultra, and begin Leg 13 once staff have recorded your time and released you. Your time spent traveling between 12-A and 12-B will not affect your overall time, please don't rush.