

## **Don't Kill the Messenger Scoring Guidelines**

### **Material to be provided by Station Master:**

Secret messages

Cones or other objects for creating course

4 Stopwatches for timing

Six gladiators are required to compete in this relay race. The gladiators participating in this race will complete quarter-mile leg of a one and a half mile run. The initial runner will be given an urgent oral message before the race begins. He then must relay that message to the second runner; the second runner relays it to the third, and so on. Upon completion of the race, the sixth runner will be required to write down and deliver the message to the Emperor, who will then compare it to the original message for authenticity. In order to be victorious, the gladiators must have the best race time and the fewest number of mistakes in the final deliverance of the message. Be careful, many messengers of bad news were imprisoned or harshly punished during the ancient days!

20 points will be awarded for participation

Additional points are awarded at the end of the day for speed in completing the course:

Fastest time	30 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	27 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	24 pts
4 <sup>th</sup> place	21 pts
5 <sup>th</sup> place	18 pts
6 <sup>th</sup> place	15 pts
7 <sup>th</sup> place	12 pts
8 <sup>th</sup> place	9 pts
9 <sup>th</sup> place	6 pts
10 <sup>th</sup> place	3 pts
11 <sup>th</sup> place and lower	0 pts

1 point will be subtracted from the total score for each error in the final transcribed message.

Total points possible: 50 points

**Possible oral messages:**

1. The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog and says hello to the cat.
2. The angry birds ate candy and crushed the subway surfer.
3. A pink pig and a pesky donkey flew a kite at night.
4. Rabbits rumble, giants grumble, dogs bark in the dark, and wolves woo in the blue.
5. Wednesday is the hump day, but is the camel happy about it.
6. Alex the Alsatian ate eleven Éclairs in the evening with an Espresso.
7. The Martians invested in shares when the NASDAQ dropped several feet.
8. Roger racketed seventeen balls against Sylvester alone.
9. Bob the builder rented Oswald's apartment and borrowed Noddy's car.
10. The dead Army duck sat placidly as the construction crew strode confidently past.
11. The funny bunny hid the colored candy in the colored can.
12. The queen sat on her throne and ate thorny kumquats.
13. A bunch of yellow bananas launched on a blue boat.
14. Twelve tumbling purple people pulled turnips.

