



PHOTOGRAPHER VOLUNTEER GUIDE 2026

SOUL RYEDERS Half Marathon & 5K

7:30AM Sunday, May 17, 2026 at Playland Park, Rye, NY

***PLEASE READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY SO THAT YOU'RE
READY FOR A GREAT DAY WITH US!***

OVERVIEW

This event is staged at Playland Park in Rye, NY. The course encompasses parts of the park, most of the course is outside the Playland Park environs within Rye and Port Chester. The Half Marathon begins at 7:30am with the 5k beginning at approximately 7:45am. We are anticipating more than 1500 participants in the two events.

[SOUL RYEDERS](#) has been organizing this event since 2023. We bring in many partners to ensure the event runs smoothly and is safe for all participants and volunteers. Our 230 plus volunteers assisting with packet pick-up, course operations, parking, and general venue management are critical to the event's success.

SOUL RYEDERS is committed to providing a space for all genders, races, abilities, ages, and backgrounds. We are focused on the health and well-being of all our participants to come together for a day to achieve our individual goals and create a connected community of awareness and honor those affected by cancer.

We appreciate your support on race day as an ambassador of SOUL RYEDERS. In all volunteer positions, you will be among participants and spectators. We hope everyone will enjoy the race weekend, although occasionally someone will have a concern or issue about the event. Please thank them for letting you know about their concern and direct them to Heidi Kitlas, our Executive Director. Her email is heidi@soulryeders.org and cell phone is 646-379-1213.

***THANK YOU FOR STEPPING FORWARD TO HELP US BRING THIS RACE TO
LIFE! YOUR TIME IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.***

Volunteer Check-In Date & Time:

Saturday, May 16th 9am - 2pm Playland Park Main Parking Lot: we strongly encourage you to check-in on Saturday to avoid wait lines. **YOU WILL NEED A PARKING PASS TO ENTER THE PARKING LOT ON SATURDAY ONLY.** This pass is the last page of the guide and will be emailed to you. You do not need to print the pass but will need to show it at the booth on your phone to get in.

Sunday, May 17th 6:00-6:30am Playland Park Main Parking Lot: If you live close enough, we encourage you to walk. Photographers can park - safely and legally - near their location. The Playland parking lot is also available for parking. ****Please note that access to Playland Park entrance will be closed from 7:15-9am** There will also be temporary road closures in the Playland Pkwy/Forest Ave vicinity once the races begin.**

PHOTOGRAPHER: Volunteer Role

Head to Volunteer Check-In to receive your volunteer t-shirt, assignment and SD card** Please return SD card immediately after your completion on course to Rachel at Volunteer Table, or to AREEP truck located at Start/Finish .

Best Practices and Goals:

- Capture general spirit of the day!
- Capture bib number in photos of participants when possible
- Take group photos
- Cheer on participants and encourage interaction (i.e, smiling, waving, etc)

Volunteer Manager: Rachel Felenstein (516) 361-6114, racevolunteer@soulryeders.org

VOLUNTEER AND STAFF CHECK-IN SYSTEM

To view your assigned task(s) for the event, please check-in on your mobile device. You can also click on the link in the email you were sent from ZippyReg.

Please read these 7 steps and do them NOW:

- Click here to get to Volunteer Check-In
- Click the green 'Login Here' button at the top of the page
- Enter your phone number (digits only) and hit 'Submit'
- You will see your volunteer role(s)
- If you have an assignment that is on the course, you will see a button with the location number. Click that button to zoom in on your location. Then click on your location to see if there are additional instructions/details.
- Click on the green 'Check-In' button when you are at your assigned location. If you accidentally click it, you have an UNDO option.
- At the top of the page, click the TIMELINE button to see a list of all the course locations and the anticipated time of day when the first runner and last runner will reach those locations.

AT THIS TIME, PLEASE VISIT THAT LINK AND CHECK-IN FOR ALL YOUR ASSIGNMENTS.

THIS IS HOW WE WILL VERIFY YOU'VE TEST THIS BEFORE RACE DAY. WE WILL CLEAR OUT ALL THESE TEST CHECK-INS ON RACE MORNING.

[Click here for
screenshot
directions](#)

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- 5K Route
- Half Marathon Route
- Water Station
- Port-a-Potty Location
- Turns
- Mile Marker



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