



COURSE MARSHAL 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. Course marshals 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 7:15-9:00am**** There will also be temporary road closures in the Playland Pkwy/Forest Ave vicinity once the races begin.

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

Head to **Volunteer Check-In** to receive your volunteer t-shirt and assignment. **Please wear your t-shirt for the duration of your shift so you are officially recognized as a SOUL RYEDERS race volunteer.**

*You must pick up a safety vest and flag on Saturday, May 16th anytime between 9am and 2pm in the Playland Park main parking lot. If you cannot pick up on Saturday, you must pick up your vest & flag before 6:30am at the Volunteer Check in at Start/Finish on Sunday. **Vests and flags must be returned by 12:00pm to the finish line area .***

We know you will be taking photos and posting online throughout the day. **We would love for you to share a favorite photo with us to show the race through your experience!** Please email your photo to raceinfo@soulryeders.org If you are posting online, PLEASE tag us using **@soulryeders!**

COURSE MARSHALS: Volunteer Role & Responsibilities

Please ‘check-in’ on your device when you arrive at your location. (Please arrive to your location *at least 30 minutes* prior to when the first runner will reach that spot)

If driving, park as close to your location as you can find, safely. You are also welcome to bike/walk/run to your location as you see best. *Please be aware of parking signs; you WILL be towed.*

A lead bike will alert you when runners/walkers are approaching your location. A sweep bike will be in last place to let you know when you are done at your volunteer location on the course. There will also be other cyclists throughout the course, from front to back.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. **Safety:** Be alert for vehicles. Indicate vehicles should stop by holding your flag directly in front of you, wooden shaft parallel to the ground, with the flag hanging downward. Your elbow should not be bent. Also, outstretch your other hand, palm extended and facing the vehicle.
2. **Direction:** Indicate to the runners which way to run. Extend the flag in that direction and point. "*Left turn!*"
3. **Encouragement:** CHEER! HAVE FUN! The majority of your role will be to let them know that they're doing great and that they should enjoy the opportunity to be out running!



If there is an emergency, dial 911. For a non-life threatening incident, call Colleen O'Reilly at (518) 892-3175.

**MOST OF THE ROADS ARE NOT CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC DURING THE EVENT
ENCOURAGE RUNNERS/WALKERS TO STAY TO THEIR SIDE OF THE ROAD.**

HOW DO I KNOW WHEN I AM DONE?

There will be a cyclist in last place to tell you when you are done. Once done, please return your flag and vest to the finish line or to an AREEP truck. When the last place bike (sweep) passes you, we welcome your help to stack whatever cones are in your general vicinity. It will speed up the process for our course sweeps when they are cleaning up the course.

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:

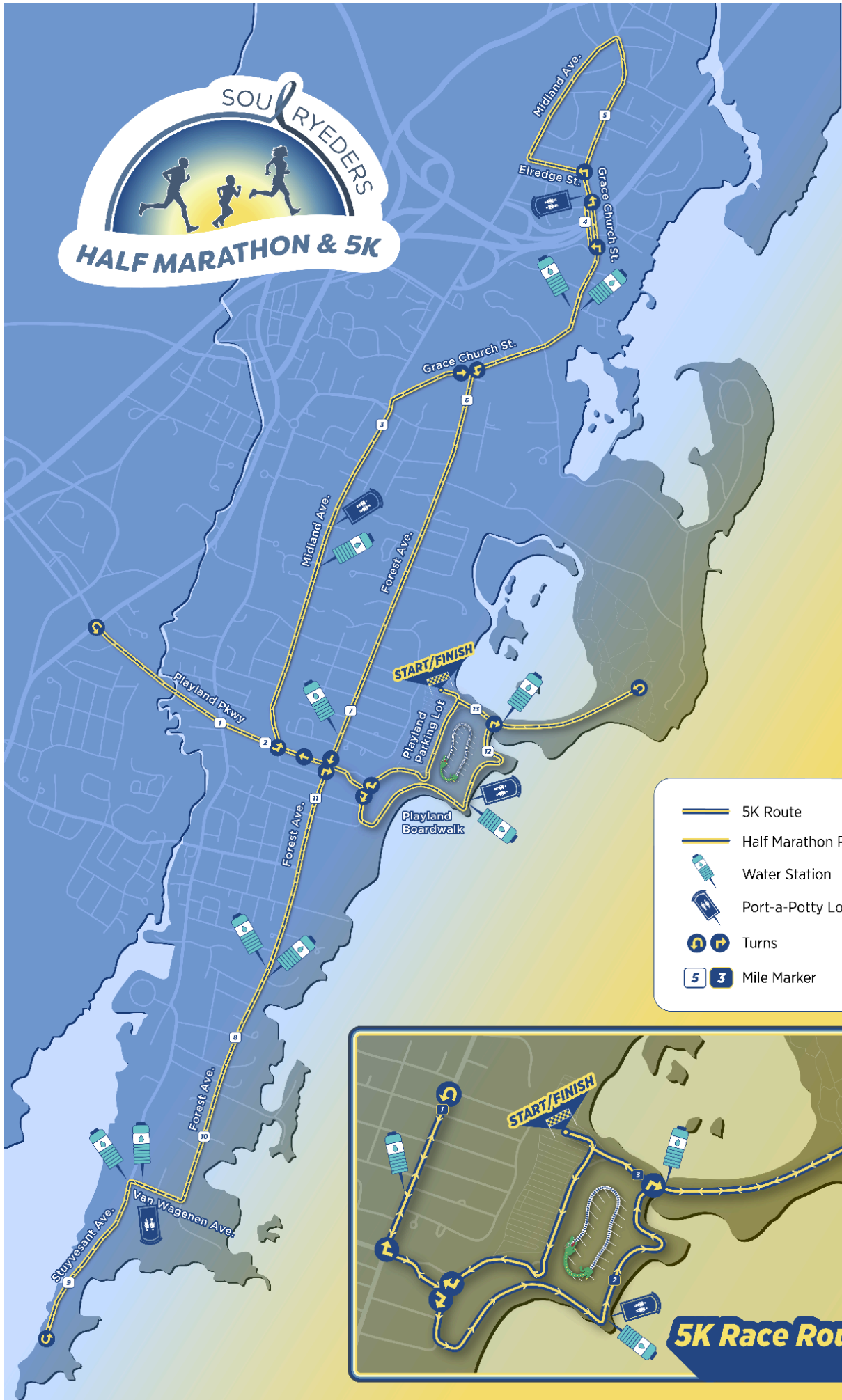
- Click here to get to Volunteer Check-In
- Click the green 'Login Here' button at the top of the page
- Enter your phone number (digits only) and hit 'Submit'
- You will see your volunteer role(s)
- If you have an assignment that is on the course, you will see a button with the location number. Click 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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PARKING PASS

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