



WATER STATION 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 so you can head directly to your Water Station on Sunday morning. **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

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.**

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**

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

WATER STATIONS: Volunteer Roles & Responsibilities

Please 'check-in' on your device when you arrive, **AT LEAST 30 min prior to the first runner arriving.**

PARKING ON THE COURSE AT WATER STATIONS: If at all possible, please try to walk or bike to your assigned location along the course. Otherwise, please find a **safe** location to park. You may need to walk a distance from your car to your location.

Parking also available at Playland Main Parking Lot - ****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.**

- **CAPTAIN:**
 - **Pick up RADIO at Registration (Start/Finish area) BEFORE you head to your water station.** (Start/Finish is in the north end of the main parking lot at Playland Park).
 - Radio: use Channel 1 if you need assistance (medical, supplies, etc)
- Set up the two tables at your water station area
 - Use water to fill cups and Gatorade jugs.
 - Place the water **FIRST** (on the first table) - **use the white cups.**
 - Place the Gatorade on the **FINAL** table - **use the brown cups.**
 - If there is space, provide some separation between the water and Gatorade tables.
 - ***Call out what you are holding. "Water (white cups are water!)" or "Gatorade (Gatorade is in the brown cups!)"**
 - WATER table is ALWAYS first as runners/walkers pass by, followed by the Gatorade table
 - **SET UP BEFORE THE FIRST RUNNER ARRIVES**
 - **Course cyclist will alert you when the runners are 30 seconds away**
 - Fill cups ½ to ¾ full
 - Fill the table with filled cups OR you can pass out the cups with them on your open hand
 - Continue to fill cups: **DO NOT RUN OUT OF FILLED CUPS!**
 - Captain alerts AREEP command if they are getting low on water, cups and Gatorade
 - Use radio (channel 1)
- Clean Up
 - Use rake to shovel cups into COMPOSTABLE bags
 - Other trash can go into other garbage bags
 - Please separate bags: compostable versus regular for ease of pick up
 - Break down tables and stack them on top of each other
 - If there are any supplies left over please leave them on top of tables

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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