

RACE DAY MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

Bandit Control: Announcements: Insurance Liability:

One of the most important aspects of conducting a road race is communication with your field on the day of the race. This communication should start with the registration. Most registration on race day will begin about one hour before the starting gun. Public address systems are very important if you expect to have anyone listen to what you have to say. Many runners may be participating for the first time and many others may be new to the sport. It is important that they understand what you have to say, because for the most part a good portion have not read the brochure. A good public address system is preferable. If this is not available a megaphone, although not as effective, will work. Pre-race announcements starting with the registration should receive top priority. These announcements should be made every 5 minutes or so until the gun goes off. The announcer, should, of course, be tactful in reminding runners that there are rules to be followed in order to validate your insurance and to have a smooth race. This should be emphasized.

Here is a list of the most important pre-race subjects for your announcer:

1. BE SURE YOUR RACE NUMBER IS ON THE FRONT AND FILLED OUT PROPERLY. MAKE SURE IT IS YOUR NUMBER AND IT HAS NOT BEEN SWITCHED WITH SOMEONE.
2. NO ANIMALS OF ANY KIND ON THE RACE COURSE.
3. NO BABY STROLLERS OR WHEELS OF ANY KIND ON THE RACE COURSE.
4. POSITIVELY NO ONE ON THE RACE COURSE WITHOUT A RACE NUMBER.
5. DO NOT GO BACK ONTO THE COURSE TO PACE SOMEONE AFTER YOU HAVE FINISHED.
6. IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN IN THE RACE MAKE SURE THEY UNDERSTAND THE FINISH LINE PROCEDURE.

Here is a list of the most important subjects to announce at the starting line:

1. EVERY RUNNER...PLEASE CHECK AROUND YOU. IF THERE IS ANY ONE WITHOUT A NUMBER, ASK THEM TO LEAVE THE FIELD.
2. STAGE ACCORDING TO YOUR RACE. THIS IS IMPORTANT. DO NOT BECOME AN OBSTACLE FOR THE FASTER RUNNERS. (Note: Watch for children on the front row. Kids often line up on the front row.)
3. AFTER FINISHING, WALK FAST THRU THE CHUTES. DO NOT STOP. DO NOT PASS. DO NOT EXIT EXCEPT AT THE END. TEAR OFF THE BOTTOM PART OF YOUR TAG WHILE WALKING AND HAVE IT READY TO TURN IN.
4. SPLITS WILL BE CALLED AT..... (Be sure your timers are ready.)
5. THERE WILL BE TWO COMMANDS...RUNNERS READY! AND THEN THE GUN. (NO COUNTDOWN STARTS, THIS RESULTS IN FALSE STARTS)
6. DO NOT EXCHANGE TIMING CHIPS OR ALLOW ANYONE TO WEAR YOURS AND DO NOT CROSS THE FINISH LINE WITH BANDITS. TURN YOUR CHIP IN AFTER FINISHING. (This applies for chip races only)

You must control bandits. Station a person on the course looking for runners without numbers. A policeman would be very effective. If your event is on public property you have the right to issue citations. Signs at the start are also very effective. Bandit free races mean accurate, fast and professional results

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