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To: Kids Run the OC *presented by Nutrilite*® Participants, Coaches & Parents
From: The OC Marathon Foundation
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Re: May 5, 2018 Event Day

We are nearing the Kids Run the OC *presented by Nutrilite*® Final Mile Event Day, starting Saturday, May 5th at 8:00 a.m. Thank you for your support of our event, we couldn't do it without you. We have 150 schools and almost 10,000 students registered to run on May 5th. It's going to be a fun but busy day. As in the past, we continue to strive to enhance Event Day to make sure the experience is excellent for everyone.

This packet has everything you need to know about what will happen on Race Day, from what to bring, where to park and how to claim your child after the event is over. We have included guidelines for each participant, coach and parent for before, during and after the race. We have well marked maps on how to get there and where to park! Please read through it all to ensure the most wonderful Event Day for you and your family. Your child's safety and a fun Race Day experience for them are our two main goals – we make all our plans with those two main goals in mind.

Let's get started!

GETTING THERE

The OC Fair and Event Center is located at 88 Fair Drive in Costa Mesa.

- From the 405, 5 or 73 Freeways North or South, merge onto CA-55 South.
- Take Exit 4 toward Del Mar Ave./Fair Drive. Merge onto Newport Blvd.
- Turn right onto Fair Drive and your destination will be on the right.

The MAIN GATE is the best entrance for parking on Race Day. **There will be a \$8.00 fee to park (CASH ONLY).** Once you enter the Main Gate, go left and park as close to the Centennial Farms Entrance as you can. There will be a large KIDS RUN THE OC sign on the entrance gate. Please park with your child and walk through the parking lot and to the Park Plaza Festival Fields through the Main Gate (see close up map). We want to make sure every child finds their way to their coach and team safely.

FINAL HEAT TIMES:

8:00 am- OPEN HEAT #1 (9 & up)

8:30 am – OPEN HEAT #2 (5-8 year olds)

9:00 am – 11 & up

9:30 am – 10 year olds

10:00 am – 9 year olds

10:30 am – 8 year olds

11:00 am – 7 year olds

11:30 am – 6 & under

It is imperative that you read through all the information we have put together to ensure a safe, fun Race Day! Everything you need to know is in the documents we have included to help you to better understand Event Day. Each COACH running the course with their team is required to wear a COACH bib & sign a waiver. The COACH bibs will be provided to you at the Event Day Training your school attends. NO ONE is allowed on the course without a bib.

BIBS, D-TAGS AND TIMING!

The kids have worked very hard to improve their strength and endurance and get their final mile time! YouTube videos on bibs and timing system use and how to attach the D-Tag to the shoe have been posted on our web site at www.kidsruntheoc.org under the Event Day tab.

- Each participant will receive a "Bib" with a "D-Tag". The "Bib" has their "Bib Number" which is how we track them in our timing system. Attached to the "Bib" is a "D-Tag" which gives us each child's time. **The "D-Tag" MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE BIB AND ATTACHED TO THE PARTICIPANT'S SHOE.** This is the ONLY WAY to ensure an accurate time (see YouTube video online). If the D-Tag remains on the Bib or is not attached at all to the participant, they will not receive a time!



- On the “Bib” again this year are “Claim Tickets” for you to “retrieve” your child in the Kid Pick Up/Family Reunion Areas (see maps) after the race. It is very important that you remove this claim ticket when you remove the “D-Tag” as **this is the only way to retrieve your child from the secured areas after the race.**
- Once the “D-Tag” and “Claim Ticket” are removed, please attach the “Bib” to the front of the participant’s shirt with FOUR SAFETY pins in the four holes in each corner of the “Bib”. No child will be allowed into the Waiting Area without a “Bib” affixed to the front of their shirt.
- The start and timing – with 500-600 participants per heat, is very crowded at the start. **THE CHILD’S TIME IS STARTED WHEN THEY CROSS THE START LINE.** This is very important to communicate to your student(s)/child(ren)! This means two things – there is **NO NEED TO PUSH** to get to the front, the timing will begin when they cross the mat at the start time AND because the timing chip is activated at the crossing of the mat of the start, **IF A PARTICIPANT CROSSES THE FINISH LINE 1ST, 3RD, 5TH OR 8TH – IT DOES NOT MEAN THEY WILL REMAIN IN THAT PLACE WHEN THE RESULTS ARE POSTED. FOR EXAMPLE, SOMEONE AT THE BACK OF THE PACK OF 500 COULD BE FASTER, CROSS 6TH AND ACTUALLY POST AT 2ND, AHEAD OF THE 2ND CHILD TO PHYSICALLY CROSS THE FINISH LINE. If the D-Tag is affixed properly to the shoe, the time is what will determine the order in which the results appear, NOT THE ORDER OF HOW THEY CROSSED THE FINISH LINE.**

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- The course is a **SINGLE 1-MILE LOOP**. It is a closed course with monitors throughout the course. There are only four “crossing points” on the entire 1-mile course which are designated on the Kids Run Course Map as blue stars. It is imperative that you cross at the KROC Entrance point when arriving and departing. This will be the most efficient and convenient for you and the participants.
- Participants enter the **KIDS STAGING AREA (refer to Finish Line Festival Map)**. They will be held there until the last participant of the prior heat crosses the finish line. Please pay attention to your child’s heat time and make sure they are making their way into the **KIDS STAGING AREA** at least 15 minutes prior to their scheduled start time.
- Please listen for announcements regarding heats and other important information that will be broadcast throughout the festival field areas and the school tent areas.

FAMILY REUNION AREA/KID PICK-UP PROCESS

- Each “Bib” contains two claim tickets (one for mom, one for dad, or any two family members you choose to designate for pick up after the race. Please remember to remove them from the bib **PRIOR TO YOUR CHILD ENTERING THE KIDS STAGING AREA** (see maps).
- Once your child(ren) cross the finish line, they will enter the Post Food and Fuel Area to receive snacks and beverages. After receiving refreshments, they will proceed to the Family Reunion/Kid Pick Up Area and be lined up in rows according to their “bib” and “chute” number (see maps).
- The adult picking up a child after the event should proceed to the parent pick up line to wait your turn to be called to retrieve your child. The adult with the claim ticket will hand that ticket to the volunteer stationed at your child’s line and they will retrieve your child from the secure holding area and bring them to you. Due to how we number the bibs by school name and then last name, most of the students from the same schools should be in the same one or two lines. **Please be patient in this area and proceed to retrieve your child in a civilized and safe manner. You must have a claim ticket to pick up your child.**
- **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU DISCUSS A PLAN IF YOU GET SEPARATED FROM YOUR CHILD PRIOR TO RACE DAY. THERE IS A LOST PARENT TENT NEXT TO THE INFORMATION TOWER WHERE YOU CAN GO IF YOU GET SEPARATED FROM YOUR CHILD. YOUR CHILD SHOULD KNOW WHERE THIS TENT IS AS WELL! PLEASE LOOK AT OUR MAPS AND HAVE A PLAN FOR YOUR FAMILY!**

RUNNING ETIQUETTE

Please remind your children of the following “rules of the runner’s road”!

- 1) Keep your hands to yourself**
- 2) Move to the side if you need a break**
- 3) Run in a straight line**
- 4) Be aware of your surroundings**
- 5) If you need help, look for someone in a yello shirt**
- 6) HAVE FUN!**