

# RACE DAY INSTRUCTIONS - 5K

## 2009 RACE UPDATE

### RACE DAY BAGGAGE CHECK :

**YOU MAY ONLY CHECK THE GOODIE BAG THAT YOU RECEIVE AT THE EXPO. NO OTHER BAGS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

A baggage ticket is included on the top part of your bib number. Detach the baggage check number and affix it to your goodie bag.

## RACE MORNING

- The George R. Brown Convention Center (GRB) will open at 5:00 a.m.
- Protestant and Catholic Prayer Services will be held at 5:45 a.m. inside the GRB.
- All participants will be scored using the ChampionChip system. You **MUST** wear a chip in order to be scored. Official results are based on chip time.
- Race numbers **MUST** be worn on the front of your shirt or shorts.

## PARKING and STREET CLOSURES

- A parking map is included in the Race Program and is posted on the website. Parking is available at privately owned lots around the Convention Center. Be prepared to pay cash to the lot owner for race day parking.
- Arrive early (BEFORE 6:00 a.m.) to allow for traffic and parking. The streets comprising the start line will close at 12:00 a.m. HPD will begin closing other streets in the downtown area at 6:00 a.m.

## START LINE and COURSE

YOU MUST HAVE A BIB TO BE ALLOWED INTO YOUR START LINE CORRAL.

- Participants should be at the start line by 7:10 a.m.
- The 5K will start on Crawford Street at **7:30 a.m.** after the marathon start.
- At the start line, please seed yourself according to your pace. Faster runners in front, slower participants in back.
- Any items discarded along the race course will **NOT** be returned. They will be collected and donated to a local charity.
- For your safety, run on the vehicular pathways only. **DO NOT RUN** on sidewalks, curbs, medians or similar structures.
- As you approach the finish line, make sure your bib is visible. **SPECTATORS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CROSS THE FINISH LINE WITH YOU.**

## POST-RACE

- You must return your timing chip upon completion of the race.
- The runner/family reunion area will be inside Hall C of the GRB. This area is designated by letters of the alphabet hanging from the ceiling, such as A-D and E-H, etc. Runners should encourage family members to meet them under the first letter of their last name.
- **ONLY RUNNERS** are allowed inside the Halls A & B of the GRB.
- Unofficial results will be posted inside the GRB and will include gun and chip time.
- Spectators will be able to purchase refreshments inside Hall C of the GRB.
- GRB closes at 2:00 p.m.

### Packet Pickup Checklist

**Step 1:** Check the information on your bib for accuracy.

Review the code on the back of the timing chip in your packet; confirm that it matches the Chip Code printed on your bib.  
If there are any errors, visit the Help Desk to correct them.

**Step 2:** Visit the 5K t-shirt booth inside the EXPO to pick up your t-shirt and goodie bag.

**Step 3:** **VERY IMPORTANT** - Read the Instructions in this packet.