

Flagger Volunteer Instructions

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO MAKE THE CHERRY PIE RR POSSIBLE!!!

You have the most important and difficult job. We can not thank you enough for doing this job! Please **dress as warm as possible** and bring rain gear just in case.

The safety of the race is dependent on you so please make every decision with safety as your first priority. IF there are any safety concerns when the racers approach use your radio to contact the lead driver and official. The following are detailed instructions for each of the intersections that require flaggers.

Arrive: 9:00 am at Registration – Valley Catering. Fill out the Cherry Pie Entry and Release of Liability and leave at Registration. If you are working only the PM session, you need to arrive at the Park by 11:30.

Departure: You will need to be in place until the last field goes by. This will likely be between 12 and 1pm for the AM sessions and between 3 and 4pm for the PM sessions (depending on where you are on course). It is a good idea to have a vehicle nearby in which to warm up. If you need a nature break, please contact Jim or Heather to get you a replacement. This may be difficult, however, to pull off in the middle of the race.

- **Ryals Ave. and Independence Hwy and Palestine and Independence Hwy.**
(2 people)

1. You will be flagging at the intersection of Ryals Ave. and Independence Hwy. This is location **B** on the **course map**. Racers will be turning left across traffic onto a high speed back road – Independence Hwy.
2. Collect the flagger equipment and instructions. This equipment includes:
 - 1-Radio (tune to 3-15), 2 stop / slow paddles, instructions, road signs, 3-6 cones and 2 vests. Check that the radio is working before you leave and once you're in position.
 - Road signs include: 6 tripods, 2 each – “Flagger”, “Prepare to stop” & “Bike Race Ahead”
3. Please station yourself at the first location at or before 9:40 a.m as indicated on graphic.
4. Refer to the attached traffic control instructions titled “**Traffic control instructions – Ryals & Independence Hwy.**”
5. Place the signs as indicated on the attached graphic.
6. When racers approach, stop traffic in **both** directions on Independence Hwy.
7. There will be six fields for the morning session. Once the last field of the morning session (Men 5 group 2) have all passed, proceed to the Palestine and Independence Hwy intersection. This intersection is location **C** on the course map.
8. At the Palestine and Independence Hwy location, you will also stop traffic in both directions on Independence Hwy as the racers ride through the intersection. Racers may cross over the centerline into the southbound lane of Independence Hwy, so position yourself and the stopped southbound traffic accordingly. Refer to the attached traffic control instructions titled “**Traffic control instructions – Palestine & Independence Hwy.**”
9. Place yourselves and the signs as indicated on the graphic.

10. At this point in the race, the only field doing more than one lap will be the Men 4. All of the other riders will be returning to the staging area, so point them the correct direction and help them watch for traffic when crossing the intersection.
 11. You will be informed as to who the last Men 4 racer is. When that racer passes, please return to the Ryals Ave. and Independence Hwy intersection for the next start.
 12. Flag this intersection stopping traffic in both directions as the next six fields go through. The last field to ride through this intersection will be “Women 1 / 2 and 3. Once this field has passed proceed to the Palestine and Independence intersection, again.
 13. Flag this intersection (Palestine and Independence Hwy) until you are instructed that all of the racers are done. For the PM session, all of the fields (except Tandems) will be racing two laps. Most likely, when the women 3s come through, you’ll be finished. This should be around 3-4 pm.
 14. Please hang around to help guide riders back after they finish racing. Even though they will not be racing when you see them at 3-4pm, it will be important to stop traffic as large groups get back onto Independence Hwy heading south back to their cars at the Park.
 15. When the flow of racers has let up (big groups have finished and headed back), please pick up all the gear and deposit it back at the registration pavilions in the park.
- **Buena Vista and Springhill Dr. (2 people + sheriff)**
 1. You will be flagging at the intersection of Buena Vista and Springhill Dr. This is location **J** on the **course map**.
 2. The racers will be turning across traffic so it’s imperative that both lanes of traffic on Springhill Dr. are stopped.
 3. Collect the flagger equipment and instructions from Jim Fischer or Heather Paris. This equipment includes:
 - 1-Radio (tune to 3-15), 2 stop / slow paddles, instructions, road signs, 3-6 cones and 2 vests. Check that the radio is working before you leave and once you’re in position.
 - Road signs include: 6 tripods, 2 each – “Flagger”, “Prepare to stop” & “Bike Race Ahead”
 4. Please station yourself at the first location at or before 10:20 a.m.
 5. Refer to the attached traffic control instructions titled “**Traffic control instructions – Buena Vista and Springhill Dr.**”
 6. Place the signs as indicated on the attached graphic.
 7. When racers approach, stop traffic in **both** directions on Springhill Dr.. You should have assistance from the Benton County Sheriffs office.
 8. There is a morning and afternoon session so you may encounter large gaps of time where there are no racers. You will be relieved when the race is over which will be around 3-4 p.m., most likely when the Women 3 come through.
 9. Please pick up all your gear and any trash, and deposit it all back at the registration pavilions in the Park.
 - **Springhill Dr. and Scenic Dr. (2 people)**
 1. You will be flagging at the intersection of Springhill Dr. and Scenic Dr. This is location **K** on the **course map**.
 2. Collect the flagger equipment and instructions from Jim Fischer or Heather Paris. This equipment includes:

- 1-Radio (tune to 3-15), 2 stop / slow paddles, instructions, road signs, 3-6 cones and 2 vests. Check that the radio is working before you leave and once you're in position.
 - Road signs include: 6 tripods, 2 each – “Flagger”, “Prepare to stop” & “Bike Race Ahead”
3. Please station yourself at the first location at or before 10:20 a.m.
 4. Refer to the attached traffic control instructions titled “**Traffic control instructions – Springhill Dr. and Scenic Dr.**”
 5. Place the signs as indicated on the attached graphic.
 6. When racers approach, stop traffic coming from Scenic Dr. towards Springhill Dr. Stop them back from the intersection so the riders can swing wide as they come around the corner.
 7. There is a morning and afternoon session so you may encounter large gaps of time where there are no racers. You will be relieved when the race is over which will be around 3-4 p.m., most likely when the Women 3 come through.
 8. Please pick up all your gear and any trash, and deposit it all back at the registration pavilions in the Park.
- **Palestine and Scenic (1 person – 1 optional for the gnarly mailbox @ 1K on Scenic)**
 1. You will be flagging at the intersection of Palestine and Scenic Dr. This is location **L** on the **course map**.
 2. Collect the flagger equipment and instructions from Jim Fischer or Heather Paris. This equipment includes:
 - 1-Radio (tune to 3-15), 1 stop / slow paddle, instructions, road signs, 3 cones and 2 vests (one for you and one for the mailbox radio relay person). Check that the radio is working before you leave and once you're in position.
 - Road signs include: 3 tripods, 1 each – “Flagger”, “Prepare to stop” & “Bike Race Ahead” Place signs according to attached graphic.
 3. Check that radio is working to the finish line and to Scenic and Springhill. If not, put a relay person at the 1K mark where the gnarly green fortified mailbox is on Scenic. They'll be on top of a little rise and will probably have better radio reception than the corner of Scenic and Palestine.
 4. When the main pack approaches the 2K-to-go (or intersection of Springhill and Scenic), the lead driver will announce over the radio to stop traffic. This allows the racers to occupy both lanes when turning from Scenic onto Palestine and sprinting for the finish line.
 5. When you hear the lead car announcement over the radio, stop northbound traffic on Scenic at Scenic and Palestine.
 6. After the lead driver announces the arrival of their field, radio to the finish line that you are stopping traffic. This will signal the traffic control person downstream of the finish line to stop traffic that might be heading down Palestine.
 7. Refer to attached graphic for positioning.
 8. There is a morning and afternoon session so you may encounter large gaps of time where there are no racers. You will be relieved when the race is over which will be around 3-4 p.m., most likely when the Women 3 come through.
 9. Please pick up all your gear and any trash, and deposit it all back at the registration pavilions in the Park.

- **Finish Line (2 person)**

1. You will be flagging at the Finish Line. This is the location marked as **Finish** on the **course map**.
2. Collect the flagger equipment and instructions from Jim Fischer or Heather Paris. This equipment includes:
 - 1-Radio (tune to 3-15), 1 stop / slow paddle, instructions, road signs, 3 cones and 2 vests (one for you and one for the mailbox radio relay person). Check that the radio is working before you leave and once you're in position.
 - Road signs include: 3 tripods, 1 each – “Flagger”, “Prepare to stop” & “Bike Race Ahead” Place signs according to attached graphic.
3. Make sure you can hear the folks at Scenic and Springhill and at Scenic and Palestine.
4. When the main pack approaches 2K to go, make sure to stop all eastbound traffic on Palestine 100yds beyond the finish line. We need to make sure the road is open for both lanes at the finish line. You should be able to hear the folks at Scenic and Springhill when they announce the arrival of a field.
5. We really need to avoid anybody driving down Palestine or being at the bottom when the field comes around the corner. People could get hurt if there is a vehicle at that intersection when the field comes by.
6. Confirm you are stopping traffic once you hear the request from either the Scenic/Springhill folks, or from the finish line officials.
7. Refer to attached graphic for positioning.
8. There is a morning and afternoon session so you may encounter large gaps of time where there are no racers. You will be relieved when the race is over which will be around 3-4 p.m., most likely when the Women 3 come through.
9. Please pick up all your gear and any trash, and deposit it all back at the registration pavilions in the Park.

- **Corvallis Rd. & Buena Vista / Buena Vista & Wigrich Rd. / Oak Grove and Palestine (3 people)**

1. You will be flagging at the Corvallis Rd. & Buena Vista or Buena Vista & Wigrich Rd. or Oak Grove and Palestine intersections. This is location **G**, **H**, and **M** on the **course map** respectfully.
2. Collect the flagger equipment and instructions. This equipment includes:
 - One radio (tuned to 3-15), one Stop / Slow paddle and one yellow vest.
3. When the fields approach observe the surrounding intersection for hazard. If there is a hazard inform the lead car of the approaching field using the radio. Use the stop / slow paddle in the hazardous situation warrants it's use. Error on the side of safety and caution.
4. The approaching field may not know which direction the race course goes. Use your arms and voice to direct the field in the correct direction for the race.

If you have any questions or problems please contact Jim or Heather at:

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