

## SOURCES FOR RACE BIBS AND LARGE QUANTITIES OF PINS

**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING YOUR OWN BIBS!** Pretzel City Sports does not provide bibs because some people want custom bibs with their race name on them, others want bibs with “tear off tags ” for their door prizes, still others want color coded tear-offs for each age group, etc. So, we leave the purchase of these things up to the race. **Most bibs have a lead time of about 2 weeks so take that into consideration.**

The type of timing that Pretzel City does **requires** race numbers, also called race bibs, with a “tear off tag” at the bottom, preferably with a bar code on it. A day or two before the race, you’ll fill out each tear off tag with the name of the person to which it is assigned, along with their gender and age. An even easier approach is to print that info onto a 5160 or 8160 label and then attach the label to the bib assigned for that person, WITHOUT covering up ANY portion of the bar code. About 1 week before the event, Pretzel City will send you instructions on the easiest & most dependable way to fill out those bibs and the specific information that should be on them. We suggest that you wait until just a few days before assigning ANY of the bibs to individuals, since there are time and administrative advantages to alphabetizing your ENTIRE list before you assign bibs.

The race bib gets pinned to the front of the runner’s clothing, usually the shirt. When the runner finishes the race, Pretzel City will tear off the tag and post it on a numbered board so each runner will be able to see in what place they finished. Keep in mind that some tear-off tags include boxes for a variety of information; address, shirt size, email, etc. NONE of that needs to be written on the tear off tag; the only thing we need is first name, last name, sex and age. Listing the City and state is nice but not required.

**RACE BIBS THRU RoadID:** The lowest costing bibs that we are know of are thru [www.roadID.com](http://www.roadID.com). They sell them in packs of 100. Standard Race Bibs are \$10-12/pack and Custom Bibs are \$15 for a pack of 100 the last time we looked. You can also get pins there, for a very affordable price. Since we have not ordered any for ourself since their last price change, we are not sure if they have a charge for shipping or not. **VERY IMPORTANT NOTE: According to a recent call we made to their office, RoadID currently will not be supplying bibs until July 1, 2022 at the earliest. Production problems have taken them out of the mix until then. You can TRY them before then since they are the best deal available but do not get your hopes up.**

To purchase RoadID bibs, go to <https://events.roadid.com/collections/race-supplies>. Once your order is complete, they may take 2-4 weeks to arrive, so don’t wait too long to order. They will also send you door prizes for free.

How many bibs should you get?? THAT is the golden question! It is better to order too many than not enough; you can always keep the extras for next year. But keep it believable! 3000 people are NOT coming to Pottstown, Palmyra or Perkasio to do a 5k race. Be optimistic but also realistic.

**RACE BIBS THRU MARATHON PRINTING:** This is another good source of bibs. They ship them out of Oregon. The average cost of their bibs is just a shade above 20 cents a bib for non-custom bibs. To purchase from them, do the following:

Go onto [www.marathononline.com](http://www.marathononline.com)

mouse over “products” and click on “stock sports media”

select “stock bib-with tear off tag”

select either the A tag or the H tag option; there are pictures of both on the left side if you scroll down once on the ordering page

If you scroll down further, you will see a picture on the left that will also allow you to order pins.

**PINS:** Keep in mind that you will need 4 pins per entry, and such quantities cannot be found in most stores at an affordable rate. RoadID & Marathon Printing also sells the type of pins that are used in races. Another good source is [www.cleansupply.com](http://www.cleansupply.com) . Both charge about the same, and you should be able to get about 1400 for \$10 or less. The type of pin that you’ll need is referred to by Cleaner Supply as a #1 Premium Safety Pin, Closed. Both they and Road ID sell them in boxes of 1440.