

# **NEW FOR 2010: IPICO TRANSPONDER TIMING FOR CLUB RACES**

## **WHAT TO DO: SUMMARY for MCRRC MEMBERS**



Sign the 2010 waiver. Pay the one-time \$5.00 chip deposit. Look up your bib/chip number. Pick them up.



Look at your bib and your chip. Ensure they have the same number – the one that is assigned to you – only.



Attach your chip to your shoe securely using your laces or a cable tie.



Pin your bib to the front of your shirt so that it is clearly visible to our timers at the finish line as you approach the finish line.



After your race, retain both your chip and your bib for the next race.

## **SUMMARY FOR NON-MEMBERS**

- ☆ Same as above except you will receive a single-use bib and single-use chip (no deposit required) when you have paid the \$10.00 entry fee. Match the chip to the label on your bib. Return the chip as you finish.

## **EXPANDED EXPLANATION**

Starting with our first race in January 2010, MCRRC will time and score most of its low-key races electronically instead of with place cards. This exciting development comes after more than a year's experience with our Ipico timing system in events both small and large. Our goal is to produce simple race results in near-real-time and post them at the finish line of every race.

Remember that our race scoring is always a cooperative agreement between you the runner and our scoring team. Though potentially simpler and more convenient than manual timing systems, fast and accurate transponder timing still requires you to complete certain steps each time you enter a low-key MCRRC race. The following outlines these new steps so that you may be properly oriented for your first and every electronically-timed low-key MCRRC race.

- ☆ You will sign the new 2010 waiver at the first race you enter. This one-time signing will cover any low-key MCRRC race you enter in 2010.
- ☆ All MCRRC members will pick up a pre-assigned bib number as always at the first race we enter in 2010. New: you will also be issued an Ipico SporTag ("chip") that is marked with your bib number. This bib and this chip are yours to use for the entire year. The chip will not be valid in any entry-fee race.

- ☆ Attach the bib to the front of your shirt so that it is visible on the course, and especially at the finish – as always. We need to see your bib number both for runner recognition announcements and for our backup timing systems.
- ☆ Attach the chip securely to your shoe using your shoelaces or the provided cable tie. If you do not wear your chip on your shoe in a race, you will not be scored in that race.
- ☆ Most MCRRC low-key races will employ timing mats at the finish, and not at the start. This is because most of us will get over the start line within seconds. Therefore, we will (usually) employ “gun time” for results, not “net time”.
- ☆ As you finish, you will step on at least one of the two timing mats with the foot on which you are wearing your chip (it is hard not to).
- ☆ Move away from the finish line quickly to allow other runners to cross unimpeded.
- ☆ You may remove your chip and/or your bib – but do not give them to anyone. Keep your bib and your chip in a secure place so that you have them for the next race.
- ☆ If you lose your chip or forget to bring it, you must pay \$5.00 for a replacement chip and to have it re-registered with your bib number. Please turn in your old chip if you find it. DO NOT attempt to use the old chip. It will no longer be recognized by our timing system.

### A REQUEST

Please work with our race scoring team to produce quick, accurate results for you and for your fellow race registrants. Ensure that the chip AND the bib you wear in the race are only the chip and the bib that are assigned to *you* in the race database. Look at your bib as you pin it on and ensure it is yours and no one else's. Non-MCRRC runners: look at the chip as you attach it to your shoe and ensure that the last 4 or 5 alphanumeric characters in the 12-character string on this chip match the appropriate characters on your bib.

If you sense any discrepancy, contact a race official immediately for assistance in correcting this discrepancy. If you do not run with your chip and your bib, you may cause a disruption to the race scoring, you may make extra work for the scoring team, and you may be disqualified for this event.

Enjoy!

