Course Marshal (CM) Tips

Read Chuck Watson's "Race Protocols/Instructions" document - Volunteer Instructions page, www.mbgp.com

CMs assigned to Blanche, Highland, Turn 1, 15th/Ardmore, 17th, or 18th get a copy of excerpt for those locations at the SBW tent at the Race Protocol page above. Study it. Straightforward, but critical.

Bring sunscreen, hat, folding stool if needed, water bottle. SBW tent will have simple first aid, food, water and some sunblock.

Check in at first opportunity before or after course setup. Setup is first priority. Sign in = waiver + volunteer sheet checkoff. Always return to the SBW tent if you find yourself free. We need all the help we can get. Get a numbered chit for lunch and T-shirt.

Get your whistle & vest. Maybe T-shirt at the same time if they are sorted. Lunch will be served this year to volunteers in the SBW tent.

Radio users - those Course Marshals in the columns with "Radio" at the bottom. Pick up when you check in. We may send your replacement out with another. Return extras as soon as possible. They are valuable so keep them in the hands of responsible CMs.

Communication - read Chuck's important directions re use of radios by those designated at the bottom of the CM assignment column. The phrase "Command Post" is **NOT to be used except in an emergency**, as it may trigger a serious process in the city/police infrastructure.

Be courteous but firm - and don't let the race distract your attention at moments when bystanders may become vulnerable. Watch for pets, trash, and people dangling arms and cameras into the course. Blow the whistle when the peleton/pace car gets close to warn everyone. And watch out for stragglers and the trailing motorcycle. Also if you see suspicious activity, alert an MBPD crowd control officer or police as appropriate. Err on the safe side.

We will continue to adjust the assignments to share the load evenly. Let us know in the SBW tent (Chuck Watson or Steve Whitsitt) if you have ideas for improvement.