<mark>You are responsible for getting & preparing you own Bibs.</mark> **Pretzel City Sports does not provide bibs because some people want custom bibs with their race name on them, others want bibs with a door prize tab on the "tear off tags ", still others want color coded tear-offs for each age group, etc. So, we leave the purchase of these things up to the race. <mark>Most bib providers have a lead time of at least 2+ weeks so take that into consideration.</mark> To do the type of timing we do, we need a generic bib with tearoff tags and numbered bar codes on them. We do NOT suggest that you use a custom bib; they cost 5-6 times the amount of generic bibs and NO ONE ever did a race because their bib looked "pretty".**

As noted above, our timing system <u>MUST </u>use bibs with tearoff tags on the bottom and if the tearoff tag has an uncovered bar code on it, it greatly facilitates our posting of your results on the internet. 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 numbers. 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.)**

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.

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 Perkasie to do a 5k race. Be optimistic but also realistic.

Here is how to get the cheapest bibs we are aware of & how to get started:
1) Copy and Paste https://www.boulderbibs.com/collections/road-id into your browser

2) Click on the image of the race bib.

3) On the screen that comes up, enter the number that you need and the bib numbers they should match. VERY IMPORTANT: THE QUANTITY REPRESENTS A PACK OF 100 BIBS IN SEQUENTIAL ORDER. SO, A QUANTITY OF 1 GETS YOU 100 BIBS. IF YOU WANT 300 BIBS, THE QUANTITY SHOULD SAY "3" (WITHOUT THE QUOTES) AND THE BIBS SECTION SHOULD SAY "1-300"

4) Once you order your bibs, back arrow to the page that shows a box of pins. You can order pins from that page, once you click on the image.

5) You will also have to fill in an event or organization name and a date to be shipped. TODAY'S date cannot be selected. Instead, click on the first date on their drop down calendar that auto-fills in. It will probably be a week or so out. For example, I ordered bibs on Nov 19th and the first "ship" date it would allow was Nov 25th.

6) Keep in mind that they have a minimum order total of $25 but you will hit that with 1 pack of bibs and 1 box of pins.

They come in pre-packet packets of 100 and you must order them in sets of 100; if you need 150, you must order 200. Be sure to change the quantity you want in under quantity to 1 for each 100 unit packet you need; 1 for 100, 2 for 200, 3 for 300, etc. Also, be sure to change the bib #'s you need as well; 1 thru 200, 101 thru 500, 400-600, etc. I do NOT think they have to be sequential; other than within the 100 unit sequence; i.e an order could be 1-100, 300-400, 500-700. When you do type in the quantity, remember that each unit you order represents 100 bibs, so if you need 600 bibs, order 6 packs with a numbering such as 1-600.

The cost is $14/100. This is the lowest price we are aware of. They DO have a significant shipping cost; I paid the lowest shipping cost on a 500 bib order and the shipping cost of it was it was just a shade over $22. I later ordered 1000 bibs and the shipping cost remained almost the same amount. **Their turnaround appears to be about 2 weeks but I'd order them 3 weeks in advance to be sure.**

This company is also a good source for 2 other things. You can get your pins here at a much lower cost than what you would pay at a store. You can ALSO customize your bib to put almost anything on it you want, but your price per bib skyrockets when you do. And few runners care at all about what the bib looks like.

Another good source for pins is a site called www.cleanersupply.com. They also sell #1 closed safety pins at about the same price. They DO have a quicker turnaround time; about 1 week.

Hope you find this information useful.