

Color Me Mutt 5K, 1mile & Pet Parade FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is the Color Me Mutt 5K timed?

The Color Me Mutt 5K is a timed event. Prizes will be given to the top 3 age category finishers. Color Me Mutt 5K is all about a crazy color day with our furry friends and family. You can jog, run, or walk with your favorite canine. We suggest self-timing for anyone desiring a finish time. However, don't forget the Pet Parade begins at 9:15 a.m. so you'll want to finish your walk by then.

Is the Color Me Mutt 5K safe?

The color powder used at the Color Me Mutt 5K is all made in the USA, certified non-toxic and free of any heavy metals. Our bright colors are a combination of cornstarch, baking soda, and FD&C dyes. As with any substance, you want to keep it out of your eyes and our "certified" color throwers make sure to aim low as you pass by. The color throwers will not attempt to color your dog. Some runners/walkers opt to wear glasses or goggles for their eyes and use a bandana or dust mask for their mouths.

How is the color administered along the course?

You will see a couple of smiling faces along the course whose main goal is to douse you in a colorful powder to ensure that you look like you ran through a beautiful rainbow by the time you cross the finish line. Our "certified" color throwers make sure to aim low as you pass by. Our color throwers will not attempt to color your dog.

Will the color ruin clothes or running shoes?

The color does mostly wash out after the event. As with anything dirty, the sooner you wash it the better. We suggest wearing items that you wouldn't mind getting colorful.

Are cameras and phones safe to have in the color zones?

Our race photographers are generally fine shooting from a medium distance of 50 feet, but to be totally safe, we always recommend covering cameras and phones with a protective dust wrap. Those colorful powder particles are sneaky and the Color Me Mutt 5K is not liable for any damage that might be done to your camera or phone.

Can spectators attend the post-race Finish Festival?

Absolutely! You'll want to attend the Pet Parade at 9:15 a.m. and visit our fabulous Vendor Marketplace for unique items by local artisans and craftsmen.

What happens is there if bad weather?

A little rain won't stop the happiest 5K! It even makes the colors brighter! In the event that severe weather does threaten on the weekend of the event, we will inform and update via email.

What if I have a question that isn't answered here?

Please send us an email at bob.baldwin@parc-foundation.org to contact us and we'll get right back to you with an answer. If your question is awesome enough, we might even publish it right here on the official Color Me Mutt 5K FAQs page.