

MRC Guidelines for a Boston Marathon Number

The 2019 MRC Board voted to make the following changes to the BAA Boston Marathon bib selection process. Minor updates were made for 2021's BAA bib selection.

These changes eliminate the Boston Marathon Number lottery and discretionary bib, replacing the awarding of the BAA Boston Marathon numbers strictly based on merit.

Additionally, in line with the BAA requirements, MRC requires entrants for the Invitational Number to meet time restriction requirements.

Interested MRC members with the most earned points will be awarded the BAA Boston Marathon Invitational Bib numbers. Points are awarded for the following:

- a. Tiered levels of participation in the following events, points assigned by leader in parenthesis:
 - i. Melrose Run for Women (Race Director)
 1. Race Director – Coordinate Team Leaders and host a successful event : 10 points
 2. Team Leader – Registration, T-Shirts, Food, Publicity, Course, Site, Volunteer Coordinator, Kids Race, Sponsorship : 10 points
 3. Assisting Team Leader - Attend meetings and/or provide significant assistance prior to the race day : 5 points
 4. Volunteer – Provide assistance in the days before or day of the race, must sign up with Volunteer Coordinator for tracking : 2 points
 5. Contributor - Contribute goods or supplies to race : 1point
 - ii. Assault on Mt. Hood (Race Director)
 1. Race Director – Coordinate and host a successful event : 10 points
 2. Assist Race Director - Attend meetings and/or provide significant assistance prior to the race day : 5 points
 3. Volunteer - Must sign up with Volunteer Coordinator for tracking. Days before or Day of assistance : 2 points
 4. Contributor - Contribute goods or supplies to race : 1point
 - iii. Victorian Fair (MRC Board)
 - iv. MRC Walk to Run Program (Program Coordinator)
 - v. MRC Sunday Long Run (Program Coordinator)
 - vi. MRC Relay coordination (MRC Board)

1. 1x26 Relay Coordinator
 2. Mill Cities Coordinator
- vii. Additional Club Organized Events (MRC Board)
- b. Additional non-tiered points (MRC President)
 - i. Current role as an MRC Club Officer
- c. Additional Minimum Requirements:
 - i. Membership in the MRC for at least 2 consecutive years.
 - ii. Not having been received a BAA number from MRC for any of the past 3 consecutive Boston Marathons
 - iii. Annual Membership Dues paid up
 - iv. Completion of a previous marathon in under 6 hours or half marathon in under 3 hours
2. In the event that two or more candidates have the same # of merit-based points, and not all bids have been already awarded to candidates with more points, the following will occur:
 - a. Each board member will have 5 votes and will indicate each of those votes on a separate piece of paper
 - b. All pieces of paper with candidate names will be placed into a receptacle and a number of unique candidate names will be pulled out of the hat to correspond with the remaining number of available bids, until all bids have been awarded
3. Reporting participation in the aforementioned events is now the responsibility of each candidate. Recording and tracking that participation will be the responsibility of the board, specifically the Race Director or organizer for each event. For example:
 - a. When an event is complete, each candidate who participated should send an email to the board indicating that they took part.
 - b. The Race Director/event organizer will confirm receipt with the candidate, will record the level of participation of all candidates who took part in that event, and will update the board.
- Assigning points (Event Leader)
 - Each Race Director/Organizer must define participation levels for their event (ideally 3 levels max) and report back to the board. Suggestions below:
 - Individual Leader (10 points)
 - Event Captains (5 points)
 - Event Contributors (1 point)