

# ***MRC Guidelines\* for Obtaining a Boston Marathon Number from the Melrose Running Club***

*Each year under the Boston Athletic Association's (BAA) Marathon Invitational Program, the Melrose Running Club (MRC) receives complimentary entries for the Boston Marathon. The entries are available to MRC members through a weighted lottery basis. One number is distributed by MRC Board of Directors based on their discretion by a majority vote of the review committee\*\*. In both cases, the guidelines listed below apply to all candidates interested in obtaining marathon numbers from MRC.*

1. You must be an **active** club member for at least **two consecutive membership years prior to** the Boston Marathon (in the last two years).
2. MRC annual membership dues **must be paid up to date**.
3. You must have volunteered for at least **two** events representing the Melrose Running Club during the past year. **Participation in either the Melrose Run For Women or The Assault on Mt. Hood is mandatory.** Participation must be considered "**integral**" to the event in the opinion of the Race Director.

**Other MRC sponsored events that you may volunteer for include:** MRC's Walk To Run program, MRC's Adopt-A-Site Program, the Victorian Fair EMARC Roadrace and/or Booth, Healthy Melrose, Magazine Contribution, the Mill Cities Relay, and the Sunday Long Run Program.

4. By representing the Melrose Running Club, you agree to abide by the rules and regulations set in place by the Boston Athletic Association.
5. Numbers are **non-transferable** and must be used by you. In the event you are unable to participate in the marathon, the number must be returned to the Melrose Running Club as soon as possible. The person next on the alternate list will be entitled to the number.
6. In accepting an MRC marathon number, you agree to pay **all fees** associated with this event, make every effort to wear some sort of MRC apparel and support the MRC long run program at the discretion of the SLR coordinator.
7. You **cannot** receive an MRC number for the Boston Marathon more than **once in four runnings of the Boston Marathon** i.e. if you receive a Boston Marathon number from MRC, you will be ineligible to receive a number for the next **three** consecutive Boston Marathons. For example, if you receive a number for the 2012 Boston Marathon, you will be ineligible for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 MRC marathon lottery.
8. Board members are automatically eligible for the lottery; however, the four-year rule is applicable (See Rule No. 7 above)
9. All members seeking a marathon number are required to fill out an application for a Boston Marathon number. A committee consisting of current Board members will review the application, to determine if in fact all of the above guidelines have been met. All applicants that have met the above criteria will be entered in a weighted average lottery (if the number of applicants is greater than the number of marathon numbers). The number of chances each applicant will receive is based on:
  - **1 Vote** for each event volunteered for
  - **5 Votes** if the applicant is a board member (current or previous year)
  - There are also **2 discretionary votes** per board member (except by those committee members who are also applicants)

*\*Guidelines pertain to Boston Marathon Numbers awarded to MRC from the BAA!*

*\*\*Review Committee consists of board members minus those applying for a marathon bib*

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