

MRC Guidelines for a Boston Marathon Number

The Melrose Running Club Board of Directors voted to make the following changes to the BAA Boston Marathon bid selection process.

These changes eliminate the Boston Marathon Number lottery and discretionary bid, 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.

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

- a. Tiered levels of participation in the following events (e.g. being a race Captain (5 pts) vs handing out flowers (1 point)):
 - i. Melrose Run for Women (Awarded by Race Director)
 1. Team leader (registration, tshirts, food, publicity, course, site, volunteer, kids race, sponsorship) 10 points
 2. Assisting Team leader-must 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 2 points
 4. Contributor-contribute goods or supplies to race 1point
 - ii. Assault on Mt. Hood (Awarded by Race Director)
 - iii. Victorian Fair (Awarded by MRC Board)
 - iv. MRC Walk to Run Program (Awarded by Program Coordinator)
 - v. MRC Relay coordination [ie Mill Cities] (Awarded by MRC Board)
 - vi. EMARC Race (Awarded by MRC Board)
- b. Additional non-tiered points
 - i. Current role as an MRC Club Officer
- c. Additional Minimum Requirements:
 - i. Membership in the MRC for at least 2 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. As part of the above, eliminate individual board member voting for candidates, other than for tie-breakers. 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 (subject to change) # of 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 even. For example:
 - a. When an event is complete, each candidate who participated will 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.
- Race Directors, Program Directors, and Volunteers
 - Each Race Director/Organizer must define participation levels for their event (ideally 3 max) and report back to the Melrose Running Club Board. Suggestions below:
 - Race Director/Organizer (10 points)
 - Race Captain (5 points)
 - Contributor (1 point)