

Boston Marathon Waiver Recipient Selection Process

Each year, the Boston Athletic Association provides the Colonial Road Runners with entry waivers for the upcoming Boston Marathon. The number of waivers we receive varies from year to year and is completely at the discretion of the B.A.A. (CRR receipt of waivers is not guaranteed). These waivers exempt the recipient from having to meet the qualifying standards for their respective age group. The waiver recipients are given an “invitational entry,” which has a higher registration fee than is paid by qualifying runners. In 2020, the invitational-entry registration fee was \$370.00.

Please note that the B.A.A. expects all participants to be able to finish the Boston Marathon within six hours (a pace of 13:43 per mile). Course support is discontinued, and roads are reopened to traffic, based on that standard. Finishing times are not recorded for runners who finish in more than six hours.

CRR members that have been a member for at least 2 years prior to December 1st in the year of the marathon waiver application are eligible to apply for a waiver.

CRR members are restricted from applying for a waiver to once every three years.

CRR does not know the number of waivers we will receive until early January. In the event that the number of applicants exceeds the number of available waivers, selection priority will be given to applicants using the following criteria:

- Applicants must have completed a marathon within 2 years prior to December 1st in the year of the waiver application.
- Applicants will be prioritized based on the level of volunteerism in club activities for the present and the immediate past year. (Running in an event is not considered volunteering)

Volunteering includes:

- Directing or assisting with races and training activities that CRR leads or officially supports
- Serving on the Board of Directors
- Organizing or assisting with club-sponsored social events
- Serving on committees that are appointed by the President to assist with club activities (For example, the Grand Prix and Waiver Selection Committees)
- Coordinating or assisting Coordinators to achieve club goals (For example, Membership, Communications, Equipment and Volunteer Coordinators)

- If an applicant returned a waiver from the previous year in time for an alternate to utilize the waiver, the applicant will receive additional priority consideration.

Note: Applicants or relatives of applicants will not be permitted to serve on the Waiver Selection Committee or participate in the Board of Directors vote to approve the Waiver Selection Committee's recommendations.