

*Merrimack Valley Striders*  
*BAA Boston Marathon Invitational Numbers*

Once again the Merrimack Valley Striders have been granted invitational numbers for the famed Boston Marathon. Though there are strict qualification requirements, we have the opportunity to have a number of our members receive these special Invitational Numbers.

MVS Waiver Applications must be completed and submitted by Friday, October 21, 2011.

Please review the qualifications set forth by the BAA which are attached to this application. Failure to follow these puts our involvement in this program at risk. We will not make exceptions to their requirements.

**BAA Boston Marathon Applications will only be accepted until the maximum field size of 25,000 runners is reached. No substitutions will be made once the application has been processed. Runners will NOT be eligible for a deferment if unable to participate. The entry fee for these special waived numbers is \$250.**

**Please complete the following:**

Because the demand always exceeds the supply, difficult decisions must be made by the selection committee. Answers to the following will help determine the best distribution.

- 1. Are you a member of MVS for 2011?**
- 2. Have you renewed your membership for 2012?**  
(Please note, it is a BAA and MVS requirement that these numbers are only distributed to current MVS members. You must renew your membership for 2012 before your application will be considered)
- 3. Have you attempted to run a qualifying marathon?**
- 4. Did you participate in the MVS Sponsored coaching program in 2011?**
- 5. Have you enrolled in the 201/2012 MVS sponsored coaching program? If not, please describe your training plans for 2012.**
- 6. Have you received an MVS waived number in the past? If so, how many times and which years.**

**7. Please describe the volunteer work that you have done for MVS.**

**8. Are there any special circumstances that should be noted?**

(If you qualified for Boston, but were turned down at registration, please include your response from BAA)

**9. You will receive an e-mail from “Boston Application” indicating whether or not you have been chosen to receive a time waived application. Unless otherwise indicated, we will mail the application to you. Please list BOTH a current e-mail and mailing address below:**

**E-mail:**

**Mail:**

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND EMAIL IT TO:**

**[MVSBostonApp@MerrimackValleyStriders.com](mailto:MVSBostonApp@MerrimackValleyStriders.com)**

**Remember, applications must be received by October 21th.**

## BAA Time Waived Application Requirements

1. Each runner, in signing the race application, agrees to comply with terms and conditions including, but not restricted to, the following:
  - Able to complete the entire marathon course in approximately 4 hours, 30 minutes.
  - Not begin the race prior to the official start time.
  - Not complete in a manner which, in the judgement of the race officials, interferes with race operations or other participants.
  - Not produce or transfer their official bib number
2. Applications will only be accepted until the maximum field size of 25,000 has been reached. No substitutions will be made once an application has been processed. Runners are NOT eligible for deferment if they are unable to participate.
3. Applications must be used solely by official Merrimack Valley Striders.
4. No additional invitational applications will be made available.
5. Apart from the qualifying time standard, all other entry requirements must be met.
6. These applications may NOT be transferred to another party, or sold, auctioned, used as awards, or distributed in any other manner.
7. You will not allow or encourage athletes from your club to run the Boston Marathon as unofficial or "bandit" runners.
8. "BOSTON MARATHON", "B.A.A. MARATHON", and the B.A.A. Unicorn Logo are registered trademarks of the Boston Athletic Association. Use of these trademarks without written permission by the B.A.A. is prohibited.
9. Any sponsorship or promotion of this program, related benefits, must be reviewed and approved in advance by the B.A.A. and must not be in conflict with current Boston Marathon sponsors, as determined by the B.A.A.
10. MVS will indemnify and hold the B.A.A., its governors, officers, employees, sponsors, volunteers, agents and assigns harmless from any damages, liabilities, claims, losses and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs, arising in any way out of the Boston Marathon in connection with or as a result of this program.

Any conflicts will result in disqualification of the runner **and review of the club's standing** in the BAA Running Club Program.

If you are unsure of your membership status, you may contact Dana Kelley, our membership coordinator, at [dana\\_kelley@yahoo.com](mailto:dana_kelley@yahoo.com).