

# NYRR 9+1 Program for Guaranteed Entry to the ING New York City Marathon

Please note that NYRR members as of January 2012 who entered the 2012 ING New York City Marathon will receive 9+1 race qualifying credit for their entry. Members should check their NYRR member profile starting December 11, 2012, to ensure that they've received the credit.

Members of New York Road Runners since January of a calendar year who completed at least nine NYRR-scored, qualifying races and volunteered for one event that year are eligible for guaranteed entry to the next year's ING New York City Marathon. The volunteer component of this "9+1 Program" supports NYRR's community-service mission and our goal of encouraging volunteerism among our members. Adding to our corps of race volunteers also helps NYRR ensure a safe and cooperative race environment at our events throughout the year.

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Please note the following important points about the 9+1 Program:

**For eligibility for guaranteed entry to the ING New York City Marathon 2013, an applicant must:**

- be a member of NYRR as of January 31, 2012, throughout the year 2012, and at the time of application to the marathon;
- complete nine (9) NYRR-scored, qualifying races during 2012 and have a current membership on race day;
- volunteer for one (1) NYRR event posted on the volunteer website (weekly races, registration/pickup, kiosk, etc.) during 2012. [**Volunteer Registration**]

## **ABOUT VOLUNTEERING**

Volunteer capacity is limited for each race. Over the course of the year, about 15,000 volunteer spots are available—more than enough to accommodate the number of NYRR members who qualify for marathon guaranteed entry. In fact, more than 2,000 volunteer spots went unfilled in 2011—most at races early in the year (January-March) and at larger races, such as half-marathons. Races late in the year tend to reach their volunteer capacity early. Due to this limited capacity, volunteers **SHOULD** register to volunteer early in 2012 to ensure a volunteer spot in 2012. Remember- You do not have to run your 9 races **BEFORE** you volunteer. The sooner you volunteer, the less you have to be concerned with falling short at the end of the year. When a race has reached its volunteer capacity, the race will be removed as a volunteer registration choice on the website. [**Volunteer Registration**]

Volunteer activities are usually posted no later than one month before that volunteer activity is to take place

**Volunteering in 2012 satisfies the volunteering requirement for the 2013 marathon only—not the 2012 marathon.**

**Volunteering on race day (November 4th) of the 2012 ING New York City Marathon will not count towards the 9 + 1 Guaranteed Entry requirements**

**You may however, sign up to volunteer for the ING NYC Marathon pre race activities (ING NYC Marathon Health and Fitness Expo, Marathon Eve Dinner) and have that volunteer activity count towards your 9 +1 requirements**

**Volunteering is not limited to race-day duties.** Volunteer spots for pre race registration, the NYRR kiosk, etc. will also be posted throughout the year

**- You can meet your 9+1 Program volunteering requirement by sending a substitute volunteer.** This person simply indicates at the race that he/she is volunteering on your behalf.

You may NOT however send someone to volunteer for you at a race while you run in that same race. If you do this, you will not receive credit for either.