



PLAYWORKS

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I join the Playworks marathon team?

Fill out an application available on this website and mail, fax, or email it using the provided contact information. Application deadline is Friday, October 28th.

Are there any requirements to join the team?

Yes. You must commit to a fundraising goal of at least \$4,000 (\$2,000 by February 1, 2012 and the balance by April 1, 2012), attend team training runs and info sessions (if local), be at least 18 years old on April 16, 2012, and be able to finish the 26.2 mile course in under 6 hours. You are also responsible for a \$150 team fee (charged immediately upon accepting the invitation to join the team in order to secure your number) and the \$300 B.A.A. Boston Marathon® registration fee. All fees are non-refundable.

Can I raise more than the \$4,000 minimum?

Of course! The "suggested" fundraising goal is \$5,000 per team member. We will be looking for team members who have a substantial fundraising goal.

What happens if I don't meet the \$4,000 fundraising minimum?

This is a minimum set by Boston Athletic Association®. When you agree to join the team, we will ask you for your credit card information. If you have raised less than the \$4,000 minimum by April 1, 2012, we will charge your credit card for the difference. However, we are hopeful that we will not face this situation and we remain available as a resource to help you reach your goal.

I've submitted my application — now what?

The application period is open through Friday, October 28. Once your application is received, you will be contacted to confirm receipt. Applicants will be notified on or around November 1, 2011.

What if I can't make any of the training runs?

Our goal is to build a strong team, and it is our hope that you will be able to attend as many meetings and training runs as possible. However, we understand that people have busy schedules or live out of town, so we ask that you let us know when you have a conflict.

What happens if I get injured or have to drop out?

If you are injured or have to drop out of the race before November 18, 2011, you are under no obligation to continue raising money for Playworks, and we will

keep any donations that you have received up to that point. We wish you a speedy recovery and hope that you stay in touch.

If you are injured or choose to drop out of the race after November 18th, 2011, it will be too late to find a new runner to take your place, and you are still responsible for the \$4,000 minimum.

Do I have to stay with the Playworks team during the Boston Marathon?

Absolutely not! We understand that everyone feels comfortable running at their own pace.

What happens if I don't finish the race?

We hope that together we can prepare for the challenge of the Boston Marathon and that you have a fulfilling experience on our team and during the race. However, it is all right if you are unable to finish the race.

What if one of my supporters wants more information about Playworks?

We are always happy to tell people about the great resources that Playworks offers. If someone wants to learn more about our organization and how to get involved, please have them contact cstrauss@playworks.org.

My friend is already qualified for the marathon. Can he/she join the team?

Yes! Any qualified runner (someone who has secured their own entry from the B.A.A. and is already entered into the 2012 B.A.A. Boston Marathon) is very welcome on our team. In addition to the \$150 team fee, we ask qualified runners to raise at least \$1,500, and we hope that any qualified runners are as motivated to support Playworks as you are.

How do I get more information about the Boston Marathon?

For more information about the marathon, visit the Boston Athletic Association website (www.baa.org).