



HOUSTON STRIDERS

POLICY

RACE OF THE QUARTER POLICY (ROTQ)

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Approved by **Striders Board of Directors**

Revision	Proposed by	Adopted On	Description
2017.1	Chadwick Holmes	13 th August 2017	Original policy.
2019.1	Rich Fredrich	11 th March 2019	Change to ROTQ selection process for Q2 and Q3 if HARRA relay races are offered. Change to reimbursement eligibility for relay's team.

Houston Striders Mission

"Houston Striders Inc. is a non-profit, citywide running club organized to support the fitness and training goals of runners and walkers at all levels, while promoting resources, education, networking and fellowship through a variety of programs, events and volunteer opportunities."

Member of Road Runners Club of America (RRCA)

Race of the Quarter (ROTQ) Policy

One of the many benefits offered to members is the Race of the Quarter (ROTQ) reimbursement which subsidizes race entry fees up to \$15 each race and no more than four times a year, to all eligible members who run the selected race.

1. Race Selection Process

The process each quarter for selecting a race is as follows:

- a. The Race of the Quarter for the first and fourth quarters (Q1 and Q4) should be decided by vote of the active club members. Active club members are sent a survey which includes a selection of no less than three races scheduled within that quarter. The Race of the Quarter for the second and third quarters (Q2 and Q3) will automatically be assigned to the HARRA Spring and Fall Series relay races, should they be offered. If the relays are not offered, the Q2 and Q3 selections will also be decided by membership vote.
- b. All Houston Area Road Runners Association (HARRA) races will be included (when available) and additional races will be added to ensure there is no less than three races listed.
- c. The race that receives the most votes will be selected as the Race of the Quarter.
- d. If more than one event is held on the same day, only the race distance listed on the survey will be eligible for reimbursement.

2. Houston Striders Member Eligibility

In order for members to be eligible for this benefit, the following conditions must be met:

- a. Member dues must be current.
- b. Members must be an active member of the HARRA.
- c. Members must list the Houston Striders as their running club with HARRA.
- d. Members must run the race of the quarter.
- e. Reimbursement request must be submitted within 90 days of the event.
- f. When the ROTQ is a HARRA relay race, all members of the relay team must be active Strider and HARRA members for any relay member to be eligible for ROTQ reimbursement. However on an exception basis, the Relay Director may approve individual reimbursement for members not satisfying that criteria in instance where a final team needs to be completed.

3. Reimbursement Process

Members that complete the race and meet all the conditions listed in this policy should request reimbursement from the club treasurer using one of the following options:

- a. Scan and email a copy of the bib to the club treasurer.
- b. Mail a hard copy of the bib to the club treasurer.
- c. Give a copy of the bib to the club treasurer in person.

Reimbursements will be sent out within two weeks from the date received.