



# Press Release

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## **Marine Corps Marathon Offers Deferment Option** *Runners Have Through September 30 to Defer to 2011 Marathon*

**QUANTICO, VA (May 5, 2010)** – Runners who have already registered for the 35<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) on Sunday, October 31 but will not be able to participate in the 2010 marathon can defer their entry to 2011.

Because the MCM maintains a no refund policy, runners will pay \$30 to defer their 2010 registration to the following year's event. Runners who have officially registered must go to the registration page on the MCM website at [www.marinemarathon.com](http://www.marinemarathon.com) to access the required form.

Runners will not be able to extend deferment requests past 2011. All deferment requests for the 2010 race will be accepted through September 30.

Beginning in January 2011, those runners who have deferred will receive email reminders with a one-time password in which they must re-register to run the MCM in 2011. Once a deferment is made, no additional fees will be required to re-register for the 2011 MCM.

For more information about the 35<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Marathon or deferments, link to the website at [www.marinemarathon.com](http://www.marinemarathon.com) or call 1-800-RUN-USMC.

*Voted the best marathon for families, the Marine Corps Marathon honors the dedication, sportsmanship and patriotism of its participants. Runners from all walks of life participate in the largest marathon not to offer prize money, earning the nickname as "The People's Marathon." The MCM is the fourth largest marathon in the United States and the eighth largest in the world. The 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary Marine Corps Marathon will be held on October 31, in Arlington, VA. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement is implied.*

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