



Volunteer Opportunities

If you've ever enjoyed a race or felt inspired by the camaraderie on the course, consider stepping in as a volunteer. It's a rewarding way to give back, connect with others, and help propel our club toward greater achievements.

Below is more information about current volunteer opportunities available.

Race Volunteers

Depending on the race size, each race involves dozens to hundreds of volunteers. Information about upcoming race volunteer opportunities is available on the annapolisstriders.org website under the Race Info link for each upcoming race. Volunteer needs are also announced in the [E-Streak](#) newsletter and posted on the Striders Facebook pages.

Race Directors

Each Striders race is led by a race director individual/team, who oversees the logistics and execution of the race, managing the event schedule, and ensuring that the race runs smoothly.

Current urgent need for race directors: Cherry Pit, Endless Summer

By-Laws Committees

- Nominating and Board Development Committee – recommends a nomination for each officer and director to the general membership and engages in activities that prepare members to assume positions of leadership in the organization.
- Charitable Contribution Committee – assists in evaluating charitable contribution requests and recognizes the organization's responsibility as a good citizen by contributing resources back to the organization's community.
- Finance Committee – assists the Treasurer as needed; regularly reviews the club's investments, including the Board Designated Fund, ensuring that it adheres to the organization's Investment Policy.

Additional details for the By-Laws Committee positions above are available in the club's [By-Laws](#).

Other Committees/Positions

- Social Committee – helps arrange for monthly social events and gatherings for club members to network and foster camaraderie; plans and coordinates monthly gatherings that bring members together in fun, engaging ways, which could include special running events or other gatherings, such as happy hours, restaurant dinners, live entertainment, educational demonstrations, etc.
- Awards Committee – helps organize the club's annual member recognition awards (Strider of the Year, Runner of the Year, Ultra Runner of the Year, Most Improved Runner of the Year, Junior Strider of the Year, Ben Moore Lifetime Achievement Award, Phoenix Award, Volunteer of the Year, Supportive Spouse

Award); solicits nominations from the membership, and works with the board to determine award winners.

- Merchandise Committee – helps manage the inventory of Striders merchandise (e.g., apparel and/or other items from previous races) and organizes efforts to sell excess merchandise (e.g., through online sales, bringing merchandise to race events to sell, etc.).
- Webmaster – works with the club’s website to ensure information is up to date. Familiarity or willingness to learn WordPress helpful.
- The Streak – coordinates preparation and publication of the club’s printed newsletter; collects member-submitted articles and works with the publishing company to print and mail copies to members.
- E-Streak – coordinates preparation of the club’s biweekly electronic newsletter. Familiarity or willingness to learn Constant Contact helpful.
- Champ Series Coordinator – organizes and maintains the records and standings for Champ Series race participants. Familiarity or willingness to learn C++, which is the software used to calculate series standings.
- Annual Banquet Coordinator – helps arrange the date, location, and venue for the club’s annual meeting and awards banquet.

Special Committees - Volunteers will be needed to help implement committee ideas.

- **Race Improvement Committee** - explores enhancements to the club races, with the goal of increasing community engagement and participation; develops strategies to invigorate events, fostering a more vibrant and enthusiastic running community with experiences that appeal to a broader audience.
- **Membership Enhancement Committee** - explores new approaches to enhancing Striders membership benefits to attract and retain a larger, more-engaged community of runners; strengthens the club’s appeal, ensuring members feel valued, motivated, and excited to be part of our growing running family.
- **Volunteer Appreciation Committee** – to increase the club's appreciation of its volunteers by identifying creative and meaningful ways to recognize their invaluable contributions.; recommends new appreciation initiatives, personalized gestures, engaging recognition programs, etc.

For further information and/or to express interest in helping with any of these opportunities, contact: president@annapolisstriders.org or vp_admin@annapolisstriders.org.