



MANITOBA RUNNERS' ASSOCIATION

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Report to Athletics Manitoba

- **Membership:** We have started out the year with a bang! 2025 membership is already at 431, including 34 AM members and 65 youth.
- **MRA Track Club:** Winter Session registration filled in a day and a half (50)! I'm waiting until after the 2nd workout to decide if we can let in any of the 15 people that I have on a waiting list.
- **Race Calendar:** Our 2025 Race Calendar already has 42 sanctioned events. I am waiting on 9 others that were on the calendar in 2024, plus a couple that have indicated interest. The Suffer on Centennial Trail Provincial Championship is back on our 2025 calendar. The first edition of our official 2025 Race Calendar will be published by February 15th, along with all of the Series calendars.
- **2024 MRA Awards Celebration:** This event, held on December 1st at the Caboto Centre was a huge success. We had 230 people in attendance. As well as presenting a total of 57 trophies in the Classic Series, 107 participation medals and 17 competitive trophies in the Youth Series, 64 medals in the Celebration Series and 12 medals in the Indigenous Run Series, we also awarded our 2024 Road Runner of the Year awards. Congratulations goes out to Carmen Crouch, Darolyn Walker, Sam Vincent and Johnny Coffin!
- **MRA Ambassador Program:** A new MRA program has been developed in order to extend our reach into the road and trail running community. Six Ambassadors have been chosen for a two-year term. We are excited to see how this affects our profile in the community and our membership numbers.
- **2025 MRA Hall of Fame:** Planning has begun for the Hall of Fame on Monday, April 28th at the Caboto Centre. Inductees are: Bruce Soulsby (Athlete), Gregg Gemmell (Athlete), Darolyn Walker (Athlete) and Nick Paulet (Builder, Race Director of the Winnipeg Police Half Marathon-WPS). Our Master of Ceremonies will be Mike Cook, and we are in the process of finding a Keynote Speaker.

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