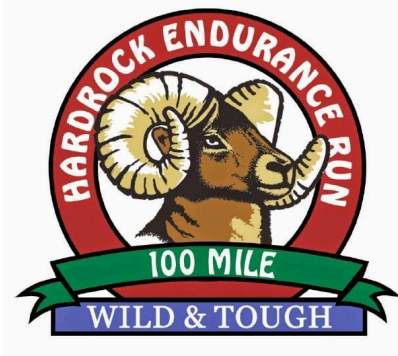




Hardrock Hundred Lottery Frequently Asked Questions

If you don't see the answer to your question here, be sure to check out our [Qualifying](#) and [Lottery](#) pages on our website. Still have questions? Contact us at lottery@hardrock100.com

*The 2027 Hardrock Hundred lottery application window will be open from **Oct. 1-Oct. 14, 2026**, MDT. The 2027 Hardrock Hundred lottery draw will be held on **Saturday, Dec. 5th, 2026***

Qualifying for the lottery

How do I qualify for the lottery?

To qualify for the lottery, you will need to have officially completed one of the qualifiers identified on our [Qualifying](#) page in the past 2 years (finishing Hardrock gives you an additional year).

What if I ran a qualifying race, but not in one of the years on the table? Or ran a race that used to be a qualifier, but is no longer on the table?

Only the editions of the races on our [Qualifying](#) page can be used for applying for the 2027 Hardrock Hundred .

What if my qualifying race offered an early start, extended cut-off window, or alternate route? Would that count?

If you are listed as an official finisher by the qualifying race, you can apply for the Hardrock lottery. Only the distances indicated on our [Qualifying](#) will be considered for our lottery.

If my qualifying race offered multiple distances, do all of those distances count?

No, only the ones indicated on our [Qualifying](#) page will be considered

I'm using this year's Lake Biwa, Diagonale des Fous 170K, Ultra Trail Cape Town or Grampian Peaks as my qualifier, and they occur after the lottery entry window. What do I need to do?

Enter the lottery as normal, indicating which one of those you hope to use as your qualifier. Hardrock will review official finisher lists and pull DNFs who applied for 2027 from the lottery entry list prior to the lottery in December. Need more information on this? You can read about it [here](#).

The lottery

Where/how do I enter the lottery?

Applying for the 2027 Hardrock Hundred lottery is done through your UltraSignup account. If you don't have an UltraSignup account, you will need to create one for our lottery.

When is the Hardrock lottery?

The 2027 Hardrock Hundred lottery will be held on Saturday, Dec.5th, 2026. We will be holding the lottery live as well as livestreaming it. Please check our website and social media for details and times.

What information will I need to apply?

1. Your qualifier from the list of acceptable [qualifying races](#)
2. Name under which you qualified
3. T-shirt size
4. How many years you have applied to Hardrock (including this year)
5. # of years volunteering at Hardrock
6. Valid major credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover)
7. Account on UltraSignup

Do I need to do my service requirement before I can apply to Hardrock?

No, although we hope every Hardrock applicant volunteers at another event, you will only need to submit your service requirement form if you're selected to run.

What happens if I miss the lottery entry window?

Due to the amount of work that needs to be done after the lottery application window closes, we cannot accept late entries.

How much is the entry fee?

The fee for the 2027 Hardrock Hundred is \$450, plus applicable UltraSignup processing fees. You will be asked to use a credit card to complete your registration. That card will only be charged if/when you are selected to run the 2027 Hardrock.

Why did you move the lottery entry period?

In 2026 we shortened the lottery application window from 3 weeks to 2 weeks and moved the application window from November to October. This was done to give our lottery committee additional time to calculate and check the increasing number of applications.

Is there any way to bypass the 2027 lottery and gain entry?

The first male and first female finisher from the 2026 Hardrock bypass the 2027 lottery. There are no other lottery bypasses or exemptions.

Do you reserve entries for elite or sponsored runners?

No.

Is there a minimum age to enter the lottery?

The Hardrock Hundred is open to all qualified runners over the age of 18

Is everyone in one big pool? How is the lottery structured?

Please see our [Lottery](#) page to see how the 146 spots are allocated between genders and Hardrock finishing status.

How (and when) do you determine the breakdown of how many slots go in each section of the lottery?

The number of spots in each of the sub groups (gender and HRH finisher/non finisher) will be determined prior to the lottery in December.

Can I attend the lottery in person? If so, do I get any lottery odds benefit from doing so?

We'd love to see you!! The 2027 lottery will be held live on the Front Range of Colorado and is open to the public. Watch our social media and email listserv for location and times. We will not be giving away any lottery spots or extra lottery tickets just for being there but it'll be a great time to share in the excitement of the lottery and join the rest of the Hardrock community

Is there any benefit to entering the lottery early / on the first day of the entry period?

No. Whether you enter on Oct. 1st at 12:01 AM MDT or Oct. 14th at 11:59 PM MDT, all applications are considered equally.

What is up with the special consideration picks? How do those work?

For the 2027 Hardrock, the Hardrock Run Director may select some runners for entry. Six qualified runners, balanced between genders, will be selected from a slate of 12 applicants proposed by the RD and approved by the Hardrock Board of Directors.

Your tickets for the lottery**How are the number of tickets each lottery entrant has calculated?**

Our [Lottery](#) page outlines how we calculate your ticket count.

Can I see how many tickets I have before the lottery happens? And contact someone if I think there's a mistake?

You bet. Preliminary ticket counts for each lottery applicant will be published prior to the lottery so you can check to make sure we have gotten your ticket count right, with instructions and contact info if you have questions.

What can I do to boost my lottery odds?

Our lottery is based on the number of years you have applied as well as the number of years you have finished Hardrock. We also allow applicants to increase their chances by accumulating service tickets. Details on how to do that are on our [Lottery](#) page.

I volunteered at Hardrock. How do I get credit for my service for extra lottery tickets?

One service ticket is awarded for each 3 years of service (which requires at least 8 hours of volunteering for each year). Volunteers who participated in both days of the official Hardrock Trail Work weekend also receive an extra ticket. Certain additional special roles also qualify for a service ticket. Need more info? See the service ticket section on our [Lottery](#) page.

What if I can't remember how many years I volunteered or applied?

Give it your best approximation. We will use our records and collected data to verify volunteer and application years.

I got in !!

I think I want to run Hardrock but not sure, can I defer if I'm selected but change my mind?

We offer deferrals for couples having or adopting children (see our [Parental Entry Deferral Policy](#)), as well as runners who are called to active military duty. No other deferrals are offered.

Can I transfer my entry to another runner?

No

What do I do if I'm selected but choose not to run?

If you are selected to run in 2027 and notify the run of your decision not to start on or before June 1st, 2027, you will receive a 50% refund. You do NOT lose any lottery tickets that you have accumulated for a future lottery that you are qualified to enter (see our policy [here](#)). If you notify us after June 1, 2027, there's no refund, but you won't lose any lottery tickets that you have accumulated for any lottery in which you qualify.