

The logo features the text "McALLEN VR MARATHON" in orange and blue, with "SCOTT CRANE MEMORIAL RUN" in blue below it. A stylized orange and blue graphic resembling a flame or a runner's path is positioned behind the "VR" text.

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**SCOTT CRANE MEMORIAL RUN**

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## **2021 McAllen Marathon Scott Crane Memorial Run to be Held Virtually**

*Participants will have various registration options – including a virtual experience*

Due to the ongoing public health concerns of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and in consultation with City of McAllen officials, the 2021 McAllen Marathon Scott Crane Memorial Run will be held as a virtual race experience. The Virtual McAllen Marathon Scott Crane Memorial Run will be supported by a series of virtual events held throughout January 15-17, 2021, the third weekend of January, which has become the traditional McAllen Marathon date.

“With thousands of runners from around Texas, the country and even beyond that have come to look forward to this event every January, the decision to change the format of the 2021 McAllen Marathon Scott Crane Memorial Run was not one that was made lightly,” said McAllen Mayor Jim Darling. “However, in an abundance of caution, we decided that a virtual marathon event would allow everyone who would like to participate to do so safely and be ready for next the one.”

All participants who are currently registered for the 2021 event will be able to defer their entry to the 2022 race or take advantage of one of several options based on the race that they are currently registered for.

- Runners registered for the full marathon may participate in the 2021 virtual half marathon; defer their entry to 2022; or transfer to the 2021 virtual half marathon,
- For those runners who signed up for the half marathon, they may defer their entry to 2022 or participate in the 2021 virtual half marathon.
- Additionally, relay runners may defer their entry to 2022 or participate in the 2021 virtual relay marathon, half marathon or 10K run.
- Finally, those 5K and 10K runners can choose to defer their registration for the 2022 event or participate in the 2021 virtual run. Runners currently registered for the 2021 McAllen Marathon Scott Crane Memorial Run will receive an email with additional details on how to make their selection.

“While we will be celebrating the 2021 McAllen Marathon at a distance, we will continue to look forward to when we can come together again,” said McAllen City Manager Roel “Roy”

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Rodriguez, P.E. "As someone who has participated in the race myself, I understand how important the McAllen Marathon is to all the runners out there."

The 2021 Virtual McAllen Marathon Scott Crane Memorial Run will take place from January 15, 2020 to January 17, 2021. Runners will have the option to complete their race distance anywhere and anytime during those dates. All virtual participants will receive a runner box that will include a runner shirt and bib along with sponsor gifts.

Registration for the 2021 Virtual McAllen Marathon Scott Crane Memorial Run is currently available at [www.mcallenmarathon.com](http://www.mcallenmarathon.com).

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