



## Event update 2/16/2021

Many of you have reached out and asked if M2B is still a go for this coming May. Since October, we have been trying to get an answer to that very question from our city, county and state among other entities. As you can imagine with ever changing guidelines and restrictions, it has proven very difficult to get someone to commit to a Yes or a No. That is, until now. We had a conversation with a governing body that permits a significant portion of our event and due to their role in testing and the vaccine rollout, we are unable to hold our event on their property at least till the Summer. Their decision and the ongoing uncertainty around our other permits, is forcing us to officially Cancel the traditional in person event for 2021.

- **Postpone to the fall?**

As most of you know, many races have already postponed to the fall making for a very “packed” racing calendar in less than half the year. Because of that and our very good relationship with the Ventura Marathon slated for late October (check them out, those people are awesome!) and our role to help produce the Malibu Half Marathon in November and the Santa to the Sea Half Marathon in early December, we will NOT postpone to the Fall of 2021. The next traditional M2B is slated for Memorial Day weekend 2022.

- **New In-Person touchless event?**

You’ve already been training and the prospect of any traditional events before the Fall is very unlikely. With that in mind, new to this year, we are now offering a In-person touchless event for anyone who wants to join us in May. Yes, it is new and different, but you still get to come and run in-person. You will get 7-10 days to come and run our route and enjoy Ventura County with social distancing of course. Using our partner app Race Joy, which is included in registration, your results and pace and the route will be right at your fingertips the entire way. Oh, and don’t forget to pickup your Goodie bag and other perks at our popup store. (mailing options will be available) All details can be found here- [Touchless M2B 2021](#)

- **What are my options for my 2021 Registration?**

From the day we opened Registration for 2021, we wanted you all to know that you could register with us with confidence. It is very important to us that you know you can trust our integrity and that we simply will never leave you empty handed. The option to Donate, Defer and get a refund for any registration fee paid in 2021 is available. If you were a deferral from 2019 or 2020, refunds are not available but we will simply defer you again free of charge.

\* It is a little more complicated than last year. Go to our website [here](#) and scroll down till you find the category that fits your situation and your next steps will be explained.

### From the Race Director-

*“This past year has been hard for everyone. My heart and thoughts go out to all those who have been impacted by this global pandemic. We here at M2B, have been keeping a close eye on how things are trending and have had many talks with local government agencies and I can tell you this, there is reason to be optimistic. Yes, 2021 is not going to happen in a “traditional way,” but it will pass. We will be back together soon, and we will be stronger because of it. I cannot over state my gratitude and humility for those of you who have participated in and continue to help to make M2B what it is. I am lucky...and I will never forget that as I strive to continue to give you an ever better experience every May. I know the best is still yet to come. Until we meet again, Stay Safe, Stay Active and most of all...Stay Hopeful.” Ben DeWitt-Race Director*