



42nd Annual Spirit Run, Sunday, October 18, 2026

Spirit Run's "Dash for Cash" Fundraiser

The "Dash for Cash" fundraiser is simple. The more students/team members and supporters who register to run or walk for your school/team, the more money your school/team raises.

You're probably familiar with See's Candies, wrapping paper, and dine-out fundraisers. At these fundraisers, school/team supporters purchase from a business, and the business pays your school/team a percentage (typically 10-25%) of the amount supporters spent, keeping the rest.

"Dash for Cash" is similar, but better! Your school/team earns a minimum of 25% and as much as 45%! Plus, it will be promoting health and fitness and school/team spirit as students/members and their supporters run or walk and enjoy the event expo together. Notably, the percentage of registration fees your school/team doesn't earn benefits other youth causes, not a for-profit business.

There are even more ways to earn funds: When they register, Spirit Run registrants are asked to credit the school, team, or youth cause they support. They are invited to make donations to the school, team, or other cause they credited and to set up online giving pages to seek credit card donations for them. Spirit Run pays your school/team 100% of these donations it collects for it. Finally, schools/teams are eligible for a bonus from Spirit Run for showing exceptional dedication to youth fitness or to promoting Spirit Run.

Please join us in celebrating youth fitness while raising money for your school or team! School principals or non-profits benefiting a school (e.g., PTAs, PTOs, etc.) may register and receive the school's donation. To sign up for "Dash for Cash," please complete the "Dash for Cash" application. Email dianedaruty@sbcglobal.net for the application and with any questions.

Spirit Run & Newport-Mesa Spirit Run, Inc.

Spirit Run is an adult and youth road race and expo event celebrating its 42nd year on October 18, 2026 at the Newport Dunes Resort in Upper Newport Bay. Spirit Run is presented by a 501(c)(3) non-profit public benefit corporation called Newport-Mesa Spirit Run, Inc. ("NMSRI"). NMSRI is managed by an all-volunteer board of directors whose mission is to promote youth fitness and to donate Spirit Run's net proceeds to benefit youth education, youth sports programs, and other youth causes. NMSRI wants to promote youth fitness throughout Southern California. It created "Dash for Cash" to spread Spirit Run's fitness, and to share its funds, throughout Southern California. To learn more about NMSRI visit <https://www.newportspirirun.org/about>.