



FAQs about the Grand Prix and Feedback Nov 2025

❖ What drives the USATF-NE Road Grand Prix Schedule?

We are tied to the races that bid.

We try to spread the events over the calendar with these rules in place:

The schedule cannot have an event within 15 days prior or 15 days after a marathon.

The schedule cannot have an event within 13 days prior or 13 days after an event 12K-30K

The selected cannot have an event within 7 days prior to or 7 days after an event 10K or shorter.

We try to look at the schedule overall and reduce conflicts with other association events or national events that affect our association members. (Boston Marathon, XC Series, James Joyce 10K, etc).

If you know of a good race that avoids conflicts with other association events, please encourage them to submit a bid during bidding.

❖ Why isn't there a race in each of the USATF-NE states (MA, NH, RI, VT,)?

We are tied to the races that bid.

We try to diversify the location of the races as best we can, but no races in Vermont or Western, MA bid and we received only 1 race bid from RI. If you know of a good race that would help diversify our geographic location, please encourage it to bid during the bidding process.

NOTE ME and CT are not part of the USATF-NE association, they are each their own association. Therefore, we do not solicit races in these states.

❖ Why is the USATF-NE Mile Championships automatically included in the Grand Prix?

USATF-NE owns the USATF-NE Mile Championships, and therefore we have automatically included it in the series.

Runners of every level and ability are welcome to run the Championship Events, provided they have a USATF-NE membership.

There are also community events for non-USATF members and youth.

It originally started to generate revenue in order to help pay for the end of series prizes and reduce the costs bidding races incur for hosting championship races. (In 2025, we increased the End of Series prizes in all categories, expanded the number of teams receiving prizes in the 40+ and 50+ categories, and added age categories 85-89, and 90+ for the individual awards. In 2026, we reduced the championship fee for other bidding races by 33%.)

❖ Why isn't the marathon in the series?

We did not receive any bids for the marathon distance for the 2026 USATF-NE Road Grand Prix.

- In 2024, we moved the marathon to the alternative distances based on association feedback.
- In 2024, it was a stand alone championship with very little participation.
- In a 2024 survey to club leaders, only 17.4% responded that the marathon should be in the series.

❖ What was the selection criteria for the 2026 USATF-NE Road Grand Prix?

The criteria used to establish the grand prix series included minimizing conflicts with other USATF events such as cross country, spacing of events across the calendar, trust in the event to put on a successful USATF championship race, member feedback from the survey, geographic diversity, and year-to-year variability.

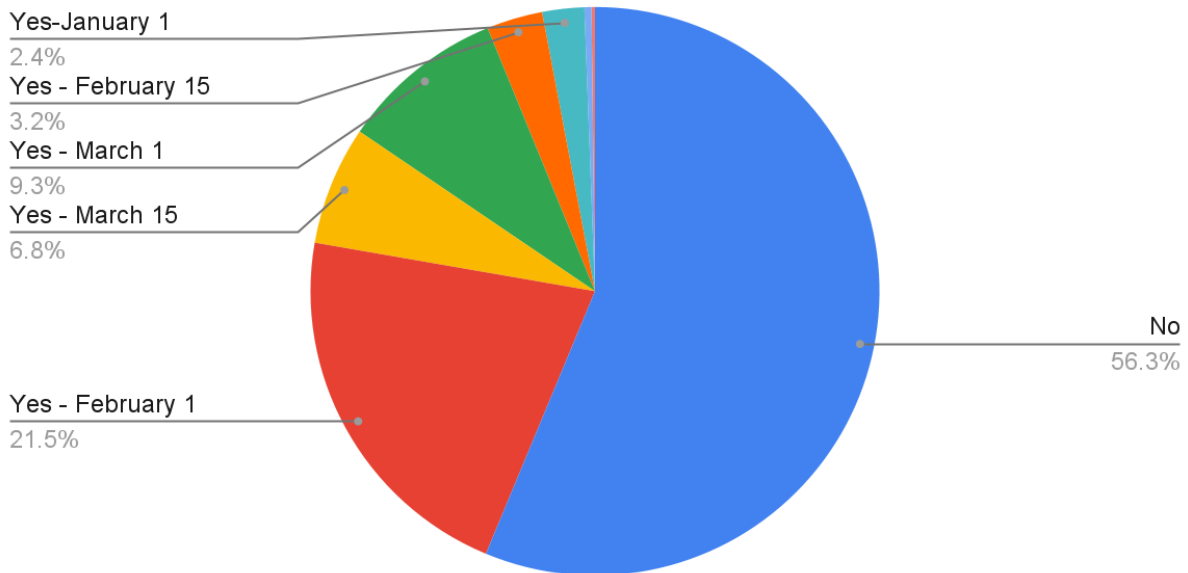
❖ Why does it take time for standing to be updated?

There is a process that takes time to verify results.

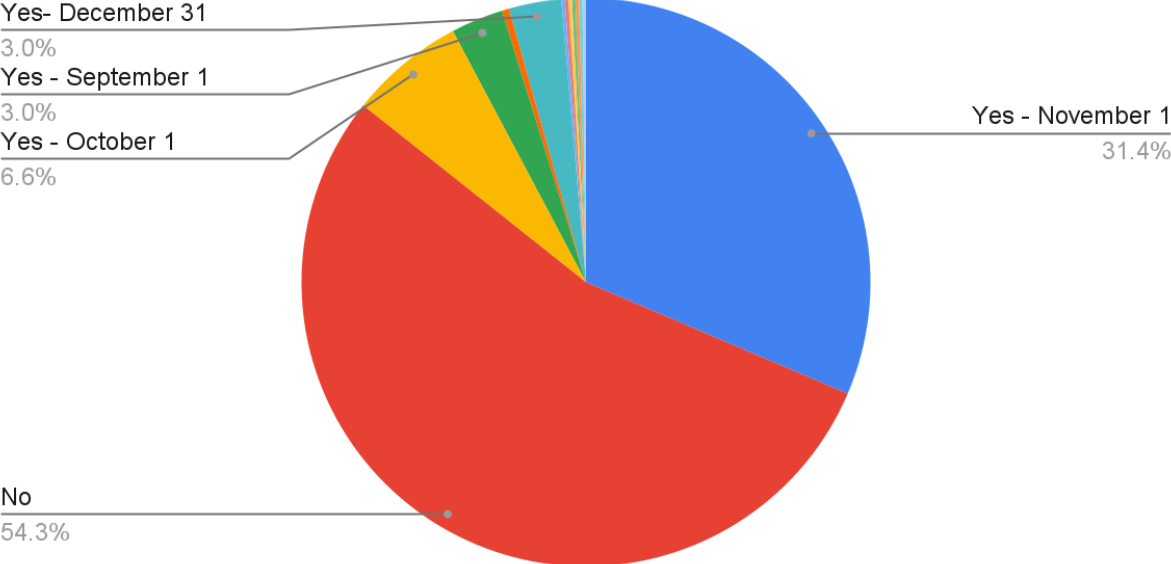
- After the race, club leaders are given 24 hours to submit corrections or issues with results from the time an email with the results are sent out.
 - Sometimes the email is sent out the morning after the race because the chairs have to drive a long (several hour) drive home from the event.
 - The Chairs have to verify that every runner in the USATF results has a current USATF-NE Membership and is associated with the correct team.
 - The Timers update the corrections from the team leaders and the chairs.
 - We then score EVERY runner in the series. This is 400-700 runners per event, and 1000+ individual participants in the USATF-NE Grand Prix Series. It takes time.
- We are volunteer chairs, doing this because we love the sport, but we also have other life obligations.

Responses to additional questions in the NOV 2025 Survey.

Should the Grand Prix have a defined start date, and if so what should it be?



Should the Grand Prix have a defined end date, and if so what should it be?



Should the mile be considered a standard distance which is always part of the series, or should it bid for the "alternative distance" spot?

