

Grand Prix Competition Guidelines

The USATF NE Grand Prix consists of seven road races of various distances where participants accrue individual and team points. Prize money is awarded in the team and individual competitions.

For participating road race requirements, team eligibility and other information, please view the General Rules page.

1. Team Competition

- a) Competition is held in the following categories:
 - Open division (19-39)- men and women
 - Age 40-and-over division - men and women
 - Age 50-and-over division - men and women
 - Age 60-and-over division - men and women
 - Age 70-and-over division - men and women
- b) Points are awarded to all scoring teams in all divisions, men and women. The first place team in each division will receive points equal to the number of scoring teams in that division, with a minimum of five points. The following team will receive one point less, and so on down to one point.
- c) Team scoring is by total time of the required number of runners in a division, low total time wins. Runners may score in any age division for which they are eligible. Older runners may score in any younger division as well as their own age division. Thus, open teams may include runners in their 40's, 50's, 60's and older; A 40+ team may include any runner over age 40, a 50+ team may include any runner over age 50.
- d) Only current USATF-NE member clubs are eligible to score for a team in Grand Prix competition. Only one team per division per member club will be scored (no a, b, c teams).
- e) All scorers for a club team must have current individual USATF membership
- f) The number of runners required to score for a team at various distances are as follows

MEN – Age Division	10 km and shorter	over 10 km – 25 km	Over 25 km
Open (19-39)	5	5	3
Masters 40+	5	5	3
50+	5	5	3
60+	3	3	3
70+	3	3	3

WOMEN – Age Division	10 km and shorter	over 10 km – 25 km	Over 25 km
Open (19-39)	5	5	3
Masters 40+	5	3	3
50+	5	3	3
60+	3	3	3
70+	3	3	3

- g) At the end of the series, prize money will be awarded to those clubs with the highest number of accumulated points as long **as the team scored in at least five races***. The total amount will be determined annually by the USATF-NE Board of Governors. Men's and women's teams will receive equal amounts for the same places in each division and the total amount for each division will be determined by the LDR Committee. ***This assumes there will be 7 races and will be reassessed if any races are canceled.**

2. Individual Competition

- a) Only current USATF-NE members are eligible for Grand Prix individual scoring. Membership is required before the start of the race.
- b) Individual competition is scored for both men and women for 19-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, and 80 and over.
- c) In the open division, points are awarded to the top 20 USATF-NE finishers. The winner will receive twenty points, and the next finishers are awarded nineteen, eighteen, seventeen, etc., points, respectively down to one point.
- d) For all other divisions, points are awarded to the top ten USATF-NE finishers. The winner will receive ten points, and the next finishers are awarded nine, eight, seven, six, etc., points, respectively, down to one point.

- e) At the end of the series, the three runners with the overall highest point totals and **who have run 5 out of 7 races*** will receive cash prize awards. Men and women will receive equal amounts. ***This assumes 7 races and will be reassessed if any races are canceled.**
- f) Age-graded scoring will be done after each race for runners who are 40+. The three age-graded runners with the highest point totals and **who have run 5 out of 7 races** will receive cash prize awards. Men and women will receive equal amounts. ***This assumes 7 races and will be reassessed if any races are canceled.**
- g) At the end of the series, awards will be presented to those athletes with the highest point total in each division.
- h) In the event that there is a tie for first place in the overall, age graded, or an age division, the tie will be broken by comparing head to head competition.
- i) **Runners score in the individual age groups based on age on race day. As of 2014, runners aging into another division during the year will accrue points in the age category in which they began the Grand Prix. They will also begin accruing points in their new age category in any race that happen on or after their birthday.**

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