

## **2018 USATF-NE X-C Grand Prix Series**

### **Eligibility**

Athletes must have a current USATF membership to score in the Grand Prix final standings. Team and individual X-C Grand Prix prize money will be limited to USATF-NE members only.

### **Scoring-Individuals**

Runners score points based on their time as a percentage of the winner's overall time, making every second count. For example, an 8K winning time of 25:00 earns 100.00 points; a runner-up finish time of 25:45 is worth 97.00 points. A finish time of 37:30 receives 50.00 points (equivalent to 50% of the winning time). All finishers earn points with the runner's top 4 of 5 races finish scores totaled.

Individual USATF-NE membership is required prior to the second race in the series to count in the series awards and scoring.

Athletes must complete at least three races to be eligible to receive individual prize awards and be included in the final Grand Prix Series standings.

- Must race the USATF-NE X-C Championships to be eligible for prize money.

Individuals will be scored in the following categories:

- Open M/W
- M/W 40-49
- M/W 50-59
- M/W 60+

Points will be awarded for the age division the runner competed.

- If separate Open and 40+ races are offered, 40+ runners will earn points for the Open division if they compete in the Open race. No points will be awarded to them in the Masters division.

In the event of a tie in the final Grand Prix standings, the prize money will be split evenly among the competitors.

### **Scoring-Teams**

Traditional team cross country scoring will be used.

Teams must complete at least three series races one of which must include the USATF-NE X-C Championships to be eligible for team prize money.

Runners on incomplete teams, unattached runners, runners on non-USATF-NE teams and runners without a valid USATF-NE membership will not be included in team scoring.

Top 5 runners (with 2 displacers) will score for Open Men, Men 40+, Men 50+ and Open Women divisions. If a team in any above-mentioned division fails to finish 5 runners, they will be considered “incomplete” and will not be included in team scoring.

Top 3 runners (with 2 displacers) will score for Women 40+, Women 50+, Women 60+ and Men 60+ divisions. If a team in the above-mentioned division fails to finish 3 runners, they will be considered “incomplete” and will not be included in team scoring.

Teams do not need to declare eligible scoring runners prior to competition.

In the event of a tie, the team with the better placed displacer wins. In Men’s Open, Men’s Masters and Women’s Open divisions, the team’s 6th finisher will be the displacer used to determine the tiebreaker.

- In all other divisions, the team’s 4th finisher will be the displacer used to determine the tiebreaker.

Runners dropping down in age divisions for team scoring purposes must run in the appropriate age division race if there are separate age division races.

Points are awarded to all scoring teams in all divisions. The first-place team in each division will receive points equal to the number of scoring teams in that division, with a minimum of 5 points. The following team will receive one point less until all teams have been scored.

In the event of a tie in the final Grand Prix standings, the prize money will be split evenly among the competitors. Ex: two Open teams tie for first place in the standings, the first (\$300.00) and second (\$200.00) place prize money will be summed then divided by two; each team will receive \$250.00.

**Individual and Team Awards & Prizes:**

All USATF-NE X-C Grand Prix Series participants competing in at least 3 of 5 races will receive a unique USATF-NE GP X-C series winter beanie.

Individual competing in at least 3 of 5 races including the USATF-NE Championships are eligible for series cash awards.

USATF-NE club teams competing in at least 3 of 5 races including the USATF-NE Championships are eligible for team cash awards.

**Prizes**

Team Cash Prizes		Individual Cash & Awards Prizes	
Open Men/Women		Open Men/Women	
1	\$300	1	\$100 + plaque
2	\$200		\$50
3	\$100		

Team Cash Prizes		Individual Awards	
Men/Women 40+		Men/Women 40-49	
1	\$200	1	\$100 + plaque
2	\$100		\$50
3	\$50		
Men/Women 50+		Men/Women 50-59	
1	\$150	1	\$100 + plaque
2	\$75	2	\$50
Men/Women 60+		Men/Women 60+	
1	\$100		\$50

### Event Eligibility

For an event to be considered for the Grand Prix, it must agree to meet the following requirements:

- A. Obtain a USATF sanction.
- B. Have a written safety plan.
- C. Have medical supplies or medical personnel on hand, and a written emergency plan.
- D. Present a well-marked and reasonably well-measured course.
- E. Have accurate timing.
- F. Present timely organized results to the Grand Prix scorer or the USATF-NE representative on race day, and email final/corrected results to the GP scorer and USATF-NE office by the end of the first working day following the event.
- G. Indicate each competitor's actual age on both entry forms and in results (for age division scoring)
- H. Provide adequate water and restroom facilities at the start/finish area.
- I. Share in promotion of other X-C Grand Prix events.
- J. Assist with promotion of sponsors.

All selections of Grand Prix events, rules decisions and protests will be considered by a cross country working committee named before the start of the series. Rules and policies will be in keeping with those of USA Track & Field.