

2008 X-C Grand Prix scoring and rules for NE/USATF members.

For 2008 the Grand Prix will consist of 8 events. The scoring this year will feature a 'best of' format with team and individual score totals tabulated based on the best 5 performances. The New England Championships is weighted 50% more than any other event.

Divisions:

OPEN

MASTER (40 & older)

SENIOR (50 & older)

VETERAN (60 & older)

Individual points

Place	Open Men Masters Men	Open Women Masters Women	Masters Women - Senior Men	Senior Women Veteran Men	Veteran Women
1	100		50	25	
2	90		42	20	
3	81		35	18	
4	73		32	16	
5	69		29	14	
6	66		26	12	
7	63		23	10	
8	60		21	8	
9	57		19	6	
10	54		17	4	
11	51		15	2	
12	48		13	1	
13	45		11		
14	43		9		
15	40		7		
16	37		5		
17	34		3		
18	31		1		
19	28				
20	25				
21	22				

22	20		
23	18		
24	16		
25	14		
26	12		
27	10		
28	8		
29	6		
30	4		
31	2		
32	1		

Team points:

The basic team scoring for each Grand Prix event will be as follows:

1st place - 15 points

2nd - 12

3rd - 10

4th - 8

5th - 6

6th - 5

7th - 4

8th - 3

9th - 2

10th - 1.

A traditional cross country scoring system, which uses place instead of time as is done in Roads, will be used to score teams

Only runners with current USATFNE memberships, competing for a USATFNE team, will be scored.

Runners on "incomplete" teams, unattached runners, runners not on USATFNE teams, and runners without valid USATF memberships WILL NOT be included in team scoring.

In Men's Open and Masters and Women's Open divisions, only the team's top 5 runners will score, with the 6th and 7th runners acting as displacers. Runners finishing 8th and above for a team WILL NOT be included in scoring. If one of these teams fails to finish 5 runners, they are considered "incomplete" and WILL NOT be included in team scoring.

In Women's Masters and Senior and Veterans divisions and Men's Seniors and Veterans the top 3 runners (with 2 displacers) will be scored. If one of these teams fails to finish 3 runners, they are considered "incomplete" and WILL NOT be included in team scoring.

The sum total of the top 5 or top 3 runners' points (depending on division) will constitute the team score, with the low score winning. In the case of a tie, the team with the lower placed sixth (or fourth) runner wins.

Runners may earn individual points even if they fail to score for their team.

Teams DO NOT need to declare their runners prior to competition. USATFNE membership required prior to race to count.

Runners dropping down in age divisions for team scoring purposes must run in the appropriate age division race. (Individual points will only be awarded for the age division race in which the runner competed in. If there are separate Open and Masters races, and a Master runner competes in the Open race for team scoring purposes, that runner may earn individual points in the Open division, but no points will be awarded in the Masters individual division.)

Each individual and team will score season-end points. The USATFNE Championship race is not required, but The New England Championships will be weighted 50% higher or 1.5X the individual/team point value.

All grand prix award winners must be USATFNE members.

Complimentary Entries: For Open divisions only, the top three individuals in the season-end grand prix standings will receive complimentary entries to all grand prix events in the following season. In order to receive a complimentary entry to a race, an athlete who has earned complimentary entries must pre-register with the race.

Detailed club team scores for each X-C Grand Prix race will be posted on the USATF-NE web site. USATF-NE Clubs contacts will be mailed or emailed notification that results have been posted. Clubs have 10 days after this notification to reply to the Association X-C Chair and resolve any corrections, disputes, or other matters concerning the team scores. Team scores become official at the conclusion of the 10-day period.

Current X-C GP standings for individuals and teams will be posted at each event. In addition, current standings are available on world wide web sites on the Internet, and by e-mail by request. Requests to be placed on the e-mail list should be sent to the X-C chair.

An unofficial team score board will be posted at each X-C Grand Prix event upon which competing clubs can unofficially record the finishing times for their teams on the day of the race. This is voluntary and is the responsibility of each club. This is merely to serve as an unofficial quick check of team results. Team results become official only through the process described above.

In order for an event to be considered for inclusion in the Grand Prix, it must meet the following requirements:

- A. USATF-sanctioned event.
- B. Safety to athletes.
- C. Ability to handle a medical emergency.
- D. Well-marked course.
- E. Accurate timing.
- F. Reasonably well-measured course for X-C.
- G. Timely, organized results, received by the Grand Prix scorer or the USATF-NE

- H. Indication of each competitor's age (open, 40-49, 50-59, 60-plus) on entry forms/results (in order to score age division competition).
- I. Adequate refreshments and restroom facilities at the start/finish line.
- J. Share in promotion of other XC Grand Prix events.
- K. Assist with promotion of sponsors.
- L. X-C Grand Prix events in the same age division may not be held the same weekend as one another.

All selections of Grand Prix events, rules decisions, and protests will be considered by the USATF-NE board. Rules and policies will be in keeping with those of USA Track & Field.

*Mayor's Cup has general guidelines for competing in the men's and women's 8K and 5K Championship races. 30:00 for guys, 21:00 for gals. Please enter the Franklin park open 5K if you cannot come close to these times. Scoring for both individuals and teams will cross over between races and use IAAF point tables to determine NE X-C GP point and team winners.