

2014 USATF-NE XC GRAND PRIX

Schedule

Date	Event	Location
September 7, 2014	GBTC XC Invitational	Elm Bank, Wellesley, MA
October 5, 2014	WMDP XC Festival	Ashley Reservoir, Holyoke, MA
October 26, 2014	Boston Mayor's Cup	Franklin Park, Boston, MA
November 9, 2014	USATF-NE XC Champs	Franklin Park, Boston, MA
November 30, 2014	Warrior Run	Larz Anderson, Brookline, MA

Eligibility

Athletes must have a current USATF membership by the start of the race to score in the Grand Prix. Team and individual Grand Prix prize money will be limited to USATF-NE members only.

Scoring – Individual

- Individual USATF-NE membership is required prior to race to count in scoring.
- Athletes must complete at least four races to be eligible to receive prize money.
 - Boston Mayor's Cup Championship Race for open runners, 5k for 40+
 - Must race USATF-NE XC 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+
- The following point system will be used:

Place	Points
1	15
2	14
3	13
4	12
5	11
6	10
7	9
8	8
9	7
10	6
11	5
12	4
13	3
14	2
15	1

- Points will be awarded for the age division that the runner competed in.
 - 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.

Scoring – Team

- Traditional team cross country scoring will be used.
- 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, Men’s Seniors 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.

Prizes

Team Cash Prizes		Individual Cash Prizes	
Open Men/Women		Open Men/Women	
1	\$1,000	1	\$250
2	\$500	2	\$150
3	\$300	3	\$100
4	\$200		
5	\$100	Masters 40-49 M/W	
		1	\$150
Masters 40+ Men/Women			
1	\$250	Seniors 50-59 M/W	
2	\$100	1	\$50
3	\$50		
		Veterans 60+ M/W	
		1	\$50

Event Eligibility

For an event to be considered for the Grand Prix, it must 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 XC Grand Prix events.
- J. Assist with promotion of sponsors.

USATF-NE XC Grand Prix events may not be scheduled on the same day as another USATF national or association championship. 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.