

## 2016 USATF-NE XC GRAND PRIX

### Schedule

Date	Event	Location
September 11, 2016	GBTC XC Invitational	Elm Bank Park, Wellesley MA
September 18, 2016	WMDP XC Invitational	Smith College, Northampton, MA
October 9, 2016	Wayland XC Festival	Wayland, MA
October 23, 2016	Mayor's Cup	Franklin Park, Boston, MA
November 6, 2016	USATF-NE XC Champs	Franklin Park, Boston, 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.
  - 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 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.
  - Ex: two Open runners tie for first place in the standings, the first (\$250.00) and second (\$125.00) place prize money will be summed then divided by two; each athlete will receive \$187.50.

### Scoring – Team

- Traditional team cross country scoring will be used.
- Teams must complete at least four races to be eligible to receive prize money.
  - Must race USATF-NE XC Championships to be eligible for 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 6<sup>th</sup> finisher will be the displacer used to determine the tiebreaker.
  - In all other divisions, the team’s 4<sup>th</sup> 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 (\$500.00) and second (\$400.00) place prize money will be summed then divided by two; each athlete will receive \$450.00.

## Prizes

Team Cash Prizes		Individual Cash Prizes	
Open Men/Women		Open Men/Women	
1	\$500.00	1	\$250.00
2	\$400.00	2	\$125.00
3	\$300.00	3	\$75.00
4	\$200.00		
5	\$100.00	Men/Women 40-49	
		1	\$200.00
Men/Women 40+		2	\$100.00
1	\$250.00		
2	\$125.00	Men/Women 50-59	
3	\$75.00	1	\$100.00
		2	\$50.00
Men/Women 50+			
1	\$200.00	Men/Women 60+	
2	\$100.00	1	\$50.00
Men/Women 60+			
1	\$50.00		

## 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.

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.