

2007 X-C Grand Prix scoring and rules for NE/USATF members.

The 2007 USATF-NE XC Grand Prix will consist of 7 events. 7 events will be team scored and 6 events will include individual scoring (The first event is a relay which only includes team scoring). The New England Championships is weighted 50% more.

Divisions: OPEN MASTER (40 & older) SENIOR (50 & older) VETERAN (60 & older)

Individual points

Place	Open Men and Open Women Masters Men	Masters Women and Senior Men	Senior Women, Veteran Men and 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		

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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 road race scoring, will be used to score teams

Only runners with current USATF-NE membership competing for a USATF-NE team will be scored. Runners on "incomplete" teams, unattached runners, runners not on USATF-NE teams, and runners without valid USATF memberships WILL NOT be included in team scoring.

In the Men's Open, Men's Masters, and Women's Open divisions, the team's top 5 runners will score, with the 6th and 7th runners displacing. Runners finishing 8th and above for a team WILL NOT be included in scoring. A team in these divisions failing to finish 5 runners is considered "incomplete" and WILL NOT be included in team scoring.

In Women's Masters, Women's Senior, Women's Veteran, Men's Seniors, and Men's Veterans divisions, the top 3 runners will score, with the 4th and 5th runners displacing. A team in these divisions failing to finish 3 runners is 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 sixth or fourth finishing runner closest to first place is the winning team.

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.

USATF-NE membership is required prior to race to score for a team or individually.

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

Each individual and team will total their points through the season regardless of the number of races contested. The USATF-NE Championship race is not a required race, but points in all divisions in the New England Championships will be weighted 50% higher or 1.5X the individual/team point value.

All grand prix award winners must be USATF-NE members.

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Complimentary Entries: In the Open men's and women's divisions only, the top three individuals in the grand prix standings at the end of the season 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. Entries are not transferable.

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 notified 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 will be posted on the USATF-NE website, and will be available by e-mail by request.

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 as a scoring event, the event must meet the following requirements:

- A. Obtain a USATF-sanctioned event.
- B. Safety to athletes.
- C. Ability to handle a medical emergency.
- D. Well-marked course.
- E. Accurate timing.
- F. Well-measured course.
- 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. Grand Prix events in the same age division may not be held the same weekend as 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.