

2017 USATF-New England Grand Prix Race Presentation Meeting Information
December 7, 2016

When: The 2017 USATF-New England Grand Prix Road Race meeting will be held on Wednesday, Dec 7 from 6:30-9pm at Brandeis University in the Napoli Room of the Gosman Athletic Center

Why: To come together with **members of clubs that have participated in the last year's Grand Prix Series** to go over the voting of the membership and determine if the slate created by the popular vote creates a sufficiently geographically balanced slate, while minimizing conflicts with other significant races. If the clubs collectively agree that changes need to be made after a brief presentation of bids and discussion of potential conflicts, a new slate will be determined. Time permitting, the LDR Committee would like this time to be an opportunity to talk about questions, comments, concerns, or ideas pertaining the the USATF NE Grand Prix Series.

Ground Rules:

1. We ask attendees at the meeting to refrain from social media posting during and up to 24 hours after the meeting, or until the results have been published on the USATF-NE Grand Prix website, whichever is first. (If there is a consensus from the meeting, the LDR committee still needs up to 24 hours to notify the race directors that bid win or lose) **Not adhering to this request will result in not being able to attend the next year's meeting, as well as removal from the current meeting if found out during the meeting**
2. Once a consensus is reached on a full slate (whether from popular vote, board recommended, or other), **that full slate will be the 2017 LDR Grand Prix Series.**
3. If a consensus on a slate is reached, remember that it has been reached in the best interest of the region as a whole and **this decision was made by the collective group, with thought, discussion, and input from all parties in the meeting.**
4. In the event of a tie on the slate as a whole, or parts of the slate, **the LDR Chairs will make the final decision on breaking the tie**, using every piece of knowledge gained from the discussions in order to achieve the most geographically balanced, popular, and conflict minimized slate.
5. In the event that two similar distances are selected (e.g. Half Marathon or 10 Miler), the race that has the highest popular vote from the individual voting would be deemed the USATF-NE Grand Prix Championship Event for that distance. The other race would be a USATF-NE Grand Prix Series Event.

How:

1. We will ask multiple members of the same club to sit together and designate one member to have voting privileges for the club, **provided their club has competed in the Grand Prix Series the past year.**
2. **Clubs that did not participate in last year's series may not have a vote in the slate selection.** Members of those clubs are welcome to come to the meeting and may be present for the discussion and voice their opinion or knowledge of bids, **but may not have a vote in the proceedings.**
3. We will ask anyone that has a relationship to a particular race announce it so that everyone in attendance is made aware of it. **This will not disqualify anyone from being at the meeting and giving their opinion on certain races in the slate,** but is useful knowledge for all parties involved to know going into the discussion.
4. A brief introduction that will go over the goals of the meeting (the details of **Why**)
5. A brief presentation of known merits and conflicts or issues with past policies that have been in place (e.g. No first year events are eligible whether or not the race director is experienced).
6. The results of the popular vote, along with the corresponding slate created from it
7. **If different than the slate created from the popular vote,** a board recommended slate will be presented with reasons from diverging from the popular vote slate.
8. The floor would be open for discussion and comments on a race with positives or conflicts of particular races that have not already been mentioned.
9. The first vote will be a **yes/no on the slate created from popular vote.**
10. The next slate that will be voted on if necessary is the **LDR Chairs recommended slate.**
11. If there is no majority from the LDR Chairs recommended slate, **there will be a discussion on what the clubs feel should be tweaked from either slate voted on so far to make it approvable with consensus.**
12. From the discussion in *Step 11*, **there will then be a vote (started in chronological order of the slate that the clubs felt needed the least amount of changes) on each race in particular.** Once that slate is finalized, **there will be a vote on that slate as a whole.**
13. If no consensus is reached on the vote in *Step 12*, **there will be a brief discussion on what is keeping the slate from being approved.**

14. Once those concerns are voiced, we will try one more time to go through **race by race in chronological order on the slate created in *Step 12* and vote on that new slate as a whole.**
15. **If at that time, a consensus is not reached after the slate created in *Step 14*, then the LDR Chairs will decide the slate,** taking into consideration the popular vote, as well as the slate that was most recently voted on with the new information gained from the discussions during the club meeting. **In this case, the decision of the LDR Chairs will be final and the slate determined from their decision.**
16. If time permits, clubs and individuals will have the opportunity to ask questions, make comments on the series, or suggest ideas for future Grand Prix LDR series.