



WCRC is offering an exciting incentive for members to participate in USATF-NE races and race for Team WCRC!

Why are we doing this?

- Participation in USATF-NE races is a great way to check out the running scene throughout New England and get exposed to some larger races. There are runners of all paces and experience levels at these races!
- For those WCRC members with some racing experience, the USATF-NE series provide an awesome opportunity to match up against other runners throughout the region and engage in friendly competition both on a club and individual level.
- USATF has their own participation program - challenge yourself to achieve an Iron Runner designation by participating in all races throughout each series.
- Let's show that we're proud to be WCRC! The USATF-NE race series are all about club pride – filled with runners wearing their team singlets and representing clubs throughout the region. The series has been missing our blue and yellow for far too long!

What is the USATF-NE Grand Prix series all about?

- The USATF-NE Grand Prix series consists of races of varying distances, ranging from the mile to the marathon (in 2025, the max distance is a half marathon), where participants accrue individual and team points. Competition is held in multiple categories and age-based divisions at both the club and individual levels. Points are awarded to all scoring teams, and at the end of the year, prize

money is awarded to those clubs with the highest number of accumulated points. On an individual level, points are also awarded to the top 10 finishers in each age group for each race, with total points tallied at the end of the season to determine individual age group winners.

For more information about the Grand Prix series, check out the USATF-NE website here: <http://newengland.usatf.org/Sports/Road-Running.aspx#calendar>

Sunday March 9	5 km	10:00 a.m.	St.Paddy's 5K Portsmouth NH	Team results Individual results Age Graded results
Saturday Apr 5	15 km	10:00 a.m.	Frank Nealon Boston Tune-Up 15K Upton MA	Team results Individual results Age Graded results
Sunday July	1 Mile	10:00 a.m.	USATF-NE Road Mile Hopkinton HS, Hopkinton MA	Team results Individual results Age Graded results
Sunday Aug 10	5 Mile	9:00 a.m.	Bobby Doyle 5 Mile, Narragansett RI	Team results Individual results Age Graded results
Sunday Sep 7	10 km	9:00 a.m.	Northshore RunFest 10K Salem MA	Team results Individual results Age Graded results
Sunday Oct 26	Half Marathon	11:00 a.m.	Newburyport Half Newburyport MA	Team results Individual results Age Graded results

How does it work?

- WCRC will reimburse USATF-NE race registration fees for any member who competes in USATF-NE Grand Prix races according to a matrix/calculation. Reimbursement will be capped at \$50 per race and \$250 per runner for the series; our rates will generally be calculated based on the earliest available pricing so it pays to register early. Higher levels of reimbursement are available for races requiring significant travel. See the below table for reimbursement available on a per race basis as well as participation requirements. Individual runners who place in the Top 10 of their age group at any individual race will be reimbursed the maximum for that race regardless of their overall participation level and above/beyond the series maximum if applicable.
- In order to be reimbursed before the end of the season, runners must take their reimbursement via Venmo or Circle Bucks. Runners who are comfortable waiting until the end of the season may request a check from the Treasurer.
- Runners are responsible to join/renew membership with USATF and affiliate their USATF-NE membership with the Winners Circle Running Club so that they are running under the WCRC team. Runners will also be responsible to register themselves for each race. Runners must start and finish a race in order to qualify for reimbursement in that race.
- Please wear club clothing when participating in USATF-NE races – it's all about the team spirit! Carpooling is strongly encouraged and we will help arrange carpools for races that are significant distances away from Salisbury.
- At the end of the season, the Board of Directors will hold a USATF social event to celebrate everyone's accomplishments. Depending on individual and team performance as well as overall participation, additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the Board. Cash prizes won by WCRC teams will be funneled back to the club to continue funding the USATF program.
- This program is subject to change each season based on the financial position of the club and approach by the then-current Board of Directors.

Race #	Date	Race	Distance	Location	Total Contribution	X1 Reimbursement	X2 Max Reimbursement
1	9-Mar	Paddy's 5K	5k	Portsmouth NH	TBD	\$35.00	NA
2	5-Apr	Frank Nealon	15k	Upton MA	TBD	\$25.00	\$50.00
3	1-Jul	USATF Road Mile	1 Mile	Hopkinton MA	TBD	\$25.00	\$50.00
4	10-Aug	Bobby Doyle 5M	5 Mile	Narragansett RI	TBD	\$25.00	\$50.00
5	7-Sep	N.S Runfest	10k	Salem MA	TBD	\$15.00	\$35.00
			Half				
6	26-Oct	Newburyport Half	Marathon	Newburyport MA	TBD	\$25.00	\$50.00

X1 Runner

Participated in fewer than 50% of the prior races that year

X2 Runner

Participated in more than 50% of the prior races so far that year

Examples:

For race #1 everyone is an X1 runner

For race #2, everyone that ran race #1 is an X2, others are X1

For race #3, everyone that ran the first 2 races is X2, others are X1

For race #4 everyone that ran 2 or more of the prior races is X2, others are X1

For race #5 everyone that ran 3 or more of the prior races is X2, others are X1

For race #6 everyone that ran 3 or more of the prior races is X2, others are X1