



Dear Connecticut Race Director!

USA Track & Field-Connecticut (USATF-CT) would like to offer you the opportunity to bid on a unique opportunity – to be incorporated into our USATF-CT Road Grand Prix 2018 and 2019 series! A great way to get your race out there to the Connecticut running community!

Who We Are:

Our membership is growing, currently including over 1,700 members. There are currently about 10 adult club teams competing in our Road Grand Prix, with Male and Female divisions in age bracket categories of Open, 40+, 50+, and 60+. We offer team recognition and prize money, and with the incorporation of a Series Sponsor we are now able to offer individual series winners and age-graded high performers swag prizes as well.

What We Can Do For You:

Historically we have brought 100+ adult runners to each of the 7-9 races included in our Road Grand Prix. In addition to the added registrants we bring a level of friendly competition and quality running. Races involved in the series benefit from extra registrants and elevated competition, as well as added attention and advertisement - from our club teams, members, email blast to members, social media posts, recognition on www.usatf-ct.org and a listing on the national calendar at www.usatf.org. In addition, each race selected will be refunded the Connecticut portion of the sanction fees.

Every two years we solicit races to be involved in the upcoming series. Currently we are accepting bids for the 2018-2019 USATF-CT Road Grand Prix series. Would you like to nominate one of your races to be in the series? If so, please see the below listing of criteria, and complete the 'USATF-CT Road Grand Prix Race Application'.

2018-2019 USATF-CT Road Grand Prix series

Criteria: In order to accommodate the runners, we do have a few requirements for races that are elected to be in the series:

- Required:
 - Your course must be certified by USATF (at latest 1 month prior to race date, to enable runners to preview course).

- The purpose of the USATF course certification program is to produce road race courses of accurately measured distances. Most runners like to compare performances run on different courses, and such comparisons are difficult if course distances are not reliable. No one can truly establish a personal best if the course distance is not accurate.
 - The easiest way to have your course certified is to hire someone who is already skilled at measuring courses for certification. Alternatively, you can measure it yourself if you are sufficiently motivated and willing to devote the time and attention that it requires.
 - For more information see Course Certifications at www.usatf.org, Products Services. The Road Course Certifier (measuring supervisor) for Connecticut is Jane Parks, janehp3@gmail.com, 973 349-0033.
 - Your race must be USATF sanctioned:
 - Most governmental entities including cities, counties, state highway departments, parks and community centers require general liability insurance for all events. The cost of a sanction is very inexpensive compared to the prices of most event insurance policies. It is important to know that events that are already insured may choose to waive the insurance coverage and pay a lower sanction fee.
 - A USATF sanction is an official designation issued by USATF, that assures athletes the event is being run according to applicable competition rules. The sanction is also a contract, which evidences the event's commitment to follow national and international rules and regulations of the sport and to provide a safe environment for the participants and spectators.
 - For more information see Event Sanctions at www.usatf.org, Products/Services. The Connecticut Sanctions Chair is Alan MacDougall, cyberpunk@icloud.com, 203 932-7054
 - Races in the Series are asked to help offset the team prize money USATF-CT issues at the end of the season to entice participation. Races almost always make these funds back in additional race registrants.
 - If selected, payments are due 90 days prior to race date: \$1,250 in 1st year, \$750 in 2nd year.
- *Ideal*, but not required – will be considered by teams when selecting races:
 - Electronic results: Preference is for race results to be made available in electronic form promptly after the conclusion of the race, preference in csv format. We have a scorer who will run the race results through some macros to promptly come up with team results by each of our age bracket categories. This is a desire, to ensure we are able to promptly issue results, but we understand not all races have the same IT capabilities.

- Chip time: Team scoring is based upon net time whenever possible – if not available, we will use gun time.
- Race day registration

Timeline and Race Selection Process:

We have a democratic process to select races to be included in the series, with one representative from each scoring men's and each scoring women's team given the authority to vote.

- July 28, 2017: Bids due. If interested in bidding, please email your completed application to Chair Kristina Miner (KRMiner@gmail.com).
- September 20th: Group, consisting of athletes taking part in the series, will meet for discussion of each bid. Race directors are invited to attend the to speak to their race and be available for Q&A from athletes.
- October 18th: Closed door meeting when voting meeting will take place, 1 vote per scoring team.
- November 1st: Decision made on who is in series. Races will be contacted promptly, via the contact information provided in each bid.

I hope you will considering submitting a bid to join our series, and working with USATF-CT to promote the sport of long distance running in Connecticut!

Sincerely,



Kristina Miner
USATF-CT Open LDR Chair



Pete Hawley
USATF-CT Masters LDR Chair



USATF-CT Road Grand Prix Race Application

Race Name: _____

Race Distance: _____

Race Date: _____

Location (address of start):

Street: _____

Town/City: _____

Zip Code: _____

Race Contact Name: _____

Race Contact Email: _____

Race Director Contact Address (for invoicing purposes if email not preferred):

Will the race distance be Certified?: (Yes) (No)

Will the race be USATF Sanctioned?: (Yes) (No)

Name of Timing Service?: _____

Is there a Race Cap?: (Yes) (No)

If Yes, race cap, how many?: _____

Will you be able to accommodate USATF-CT race day entries?: (Yes) (No)

Cost of Entry Pre-Race Day: \$ _____

Cost of Entry Race Day: \$ _____

Will you be offering overall prizes?: (Yes) (No)

Will you be offering USATF members a discount on registration?: (Yes) (No)

If Yes, please describe or quantify: _____

Will you be able to supply USATF with an electronic copy/file of the race results after race/day-of race?: (Yes) (No)

Do you have chip time (net time) capabilities that will be utilized?: (Yes) (No)