

GULF WINDS TRACK CLUB

AWARDS/GRAND PRIX POLICY STATEMENT

2012-1

Grand Prix Guidelines

I. Scoring/Eligibility

Only GWTC members who have paid their membership dues on or before the date of the race are eligible to be scored for the Youth Grand Prix and the Grand Prix competitions. Nonmembers may, however, join the club on the day of a race and be eligible for points for that race forward

Children aged 14 and under as of January 1 of the Grand Prix year will be scored in the Youth Grand Prix. Participants aged 15 and older as of January 1 of the Grand Prix year will be scored in the Grand Prix.

The Annual Awards committee will work with Race Directors to resolve irregularities on a case by case basis where participants cannot verify the completion of a race, such as unofficial early starters, assisted finishers and participants who run an erroneous course.

The first 10 male and first 10 female finishers in open competition who are at least 15 years of age at designated races will receive points as follows:

1st place, 30 points	5th place, 13 points	8th place, 7 points
2nd place, 20 points	6th place, 11 points	9th place, 5 points
3rd place, 17 points	7th place, 9 points	10th place, 3 points
4th place, 15 points		

The first eight male and first eight female finishers in age divisions 15 and up at designated races will receive points as follows:

1st place, 20 points	4th place, 10 points	7th place, 4 points
2nd place, 15 points	5th place, 8 points	8th place, 2 points
3rd place, 12 points	6th place, 6 points	

II. Age Divisions

A competitor's age division is determined according to their age on January 1 of the Grand Prix year. For example, if a runner is 24 on January 1, their GWTC Grand Prix age division for that entire year will be 20-24 even though they turn 25 on January 10.

Male and female age divisions are:

<u>Youth Grand Prix:</u>	<u>Grand Prix</u>
9-under	15-19
10-14	20-24
	25-29
	30-34
	35-39
	40-44
	45-49
	50-54
	55-59
	60-64
	65-69
	70-74
	75-79
	80-84
	85 and up

III. Awards

To be eligible for awards, GWTC members must compete in and complete at least three Youth Grand Prix or Grand Prix races. GWTC members age 80 or over must compete in and complete at least two Grand Prix races to be eligible for awards. Participants do not have to score in the races to be eligible for year-end awards.

The five runners who are at least 15 years of age with the highest point totals in open competition will receive awards in this category and will not be eligible for age group recognition.

The top 3 to 5 finishers who are at least 15 years of age (excluding top 5 open competitors) in total points for each age group will receive awards. The number of finishers in each age group to receive awards shall be determined by the Annual Awards committee based on participation in the age group.

IV. Children's Races

A child runner age 14 and under on January 1 of the Grand Prix year may earn points only in Youth Grand Prix events of 5K or less. If both a 5K and a 1-mile race are offered at a particular event, the child may choose to compete in either or both races, unless the schedule specifies a

distance. However, if the child chooses to compete in both then he/she will receive Grand Prix points for the 1-mile race only.

V. Eligible races

The Awards Committee shall develop a schedule of races to be designated Grand Prix races and Youth Grand Prix races by October 1 each year. There should be 10 to 14 Grand Prix and 5 to 7 Youth Grand Prix races on the circuit each year. The Committee shall present the schedule to the Board at the October meeting for the Board's final approval. Grand Prix races shall meet the Grand Prix Race Qualification Standards stated below:

Grand Prix Race Qualification Standards

Whereas the undersigned has applied to have the _____ race considered as a Grand Prix Race for the GWTC Grand Prix, on behalf of the race organizers, sponsors and directors it is agreed that if the race is selected to be on the GWTC Grand Prix circuit the race directors or race organizers will:

1. Maintain appropriate liability insurance for the race. Such insurance shall provide coverage in an amount of at least \$500,000;
2. Agree to adopt the standards, rules and procedures in accordance with USATF guidelines;
3. Provide evidence that the course will be accurately measured and certified in accordance with USATF guidelines unless the course is an off road course or there are special circumstances that warrant a waiver of this requirement by GWTC. The Annual Awards Committee may accept an application if the certification is pending and the committee has reason to believe the course was properly measured;
4. Provide a copy of the race flier for distribution (paper and electronic) to the GWTC Race Director Coordinator at least 45 days before the race date. The flier should contain, at a minimum, the date, time, and location of the race, as well as a contact person;
5. Obtain a signed waiver that complies with the example provided by GWTC (no variance) from each race participant;
6. Offer a "No T-shirt option" for a reduced entry fee;
7. Assure that there is adequate race course supervision and traffic control to ensure the safety of the runners;
8. Demonstrate that there is a system for accurately recording the time, age, and order of finish for all race participants. If an early start is provided, demonstrate that there is a system for accurately recording the time, age, and order of finish for

all early start race participants. All early start race participants must begin the race at the same time;

9. Assure there is a method for accurately identifying runners, either by race number or other method;
10. Provide at least one water stop for each 5K of distance;
11. Clearly identify mile or kilometer marks and to the extent possible provide splits at those marks;
12. Document “standard” 5-yr age divisions in accordance with GWTC’s Grand Prix Guidelines for purposes of Grand Prix recognition (i.e., 9-under, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, etc up to age 85-over; and
13. Compile race results (preferably in Excel) as soon as possible (preferably no later than the day after the race) and submit these to the GWTC Membership Coordinator or another GWTC official designated prior to race day.

Event _____

Date of Event _____

Location _____

Authorized Signature _____

Date of Agreement _____

Race Director Information:

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

e-mail _____