



LONG ISLAND
TRACK & FIELD 2024



Dear Race Director,

We want to thank those of you who participated in the 2023 Road Grand Prix Series (RGPS). Now is the time to start the application process for the 2024 Series. This year the RGPS is again the beneficiary of the **USATF Grow to Impact Grant**. This grant from our national governing body will encourage membership growth and participation. We look forward to the return of many events and the addition of a number of new ones.

Applications for the 2024 RGPS are required in order to finalize the program in scope and size. While it is necessary for races to comply with these requirements, we guarantee that USATF-Long Island will remain essentially transparent to your event. We are there to assist and help increase participation while assuring a safe environment and friendly competition for the athletes.

Grand Prix Series Event Requirements

- **USATF Sanction** – A fully approved sanction is required no later than 30 days prior to your event and filed through USATF-LI.
- **USATF Certified Course** – Any potential record setting performances require that your course is certified prior to race day.
- **USATF-LI & GP Logos** – need to appear on race applications, T-shirts, Finish Line banner and/or other promotional items.
- **Media Releases/Advertising** – shall include a statement saying that the event is part of the USATF-LI 2024 Grand Prix Series.
- **Awards** – Five year age categories, male and female up to 90 +
- **Computerized Scoring** – Results to be sent to USATF-LI Grand Prix Scorer within 48 hours of the event in an excel format with times rounded up to the highest whole second.
- **Safety Accommodations** – Roads closed to traffic and/or carefully controlled. Medical assistance must be available. For the safety of all concerned, there should be no baby joggers, strollers, roller blades, roller skates, bicycles or animals in the race. Use of “ear phones” is discouraged. **Championship designated races must enforce these rules.**
- **Table at the Registration** – for USATF-LI information
- **10 Free Entries** – to be raffled off prior to your event for publicity.
- **Administration Fee - \$300 for Member clubs or organizations; \$500 for non-member groups** *Members, who pay the Administration Fee when the applications are submitted, will enjoy a discounted fee of \$250.00. If your race is not accepted, the fee will be returned.*

PLEASE RETURN THE TWO-PAGE APPLICATION FOR THE GRAND PRIX SERIES to president@longisland.usatf.org. Should you owe an ADMINISTRATION FEE, Make CHECKS payable to USATF-LI and send to: USATF-LI Road Grand Prix Series, [1988 Bergen Street, Bellmore, NY 11710](https://www.usatf.org/locations/long-island). Check with us about electronic payment methods.

Benefits of the Grand Prix Series

- **Increased Participation in Your Event** - Races that have been part of the Grand Prix Series have enjoyed a 10-20 % increase in registration and participation
- **Insurance Coverage** – Liability Insurance can be purchased at extremely reasonable rates from USATF, check our sanctions page.
- **Publicity** – Your event will be listed on the USATF-LI website and on the USATF National Website. The Grand Prix e-Brochure, which contains information about your event, will be available on line and sent periodically to all USATF-LI members throughout the year.
- **Results** – Grand Prix standings will be updated after each Grand Prix event and made available to all participants. We ask that races send results within a reasonable amount of time after the event.
- **Prestige** – Being part of the Series runs under the auspices of our parent organization USA Track & Field (USATF). The US Olympic Committee has recognized, accredited and certified USATF as the National Governing Body (NGB) of Track & Field, Long Distance Running, and Race Walking throughout the United States and provides Olympic Team members to Team USA for domestic and international competitions. Your event will be part of this prestigious movement.
- **Membership** – Organizations that are members of USATF-LI and USATF enjoy increased member benefits. While races run by non-member groups are eligible to be part of the Grand Prix, preference is given to member groups.
- **Discounted Fee** – Membership in USATF-LI costs only \$50 for the year and entitles your event to a lower and discounted entry fee.

Whether or not your event is included in the 2024 Road Grand Prix Series, all USATF sanctioned road races will be posted on the USATF Calendar of Road Races. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the USATF-LI office (516) 349-9157.

On behalf of the LDR Committee of the USATF-LI, we wish you and your event the very best possible success in 2024.

Sincerely,

Alex J. Cuozzo LDR Chair, Ron Nardo Vice-Chair, Lori Mangual Secretary, Rob Lemke Masters Chair