

# **GULF WINDS TRACK CLUB**

## **AWARDS/GRAND PRIX**

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

**2006-1**

**(Replaced by 2008-1)**

#### **Grand Prix Guidelines**

##### **I. Scoring**

The first 10 male and first 10 female finishers in open competition 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 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:

9 and under	30-34	55-59
10-14	35-39	60-64
15-19	40-44	65-69
20-24	45-49	70-74
25-29	50-54	75-79
		80 and over

### **III. Awards**

The five runners 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 (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 GP committee based on participation in the age group.

Only GWTC members who have paid their membership dues on or before the date of the race are eligible. Nonmembers may, however, join the club on the day of a race and be eligible for points for that race forward. Furthermore, to be eligible for awards, GWTC members must compete in and complete at least three Grand Prix races.

### **IV. Children's Races**

A child runner age 14 and under on January 1 of the Grand Prix year may earn points only in 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. However, if the child chooses to compete in both then he/she will receive Grand Prix points for the 1-mile race only.

### **IV. Eligible races**

The Awards Committee shall develop a schedule of races to be designated Grand Prix races by October 1 each year. There should be 10 to 14 adult races and 6 to 10 children's 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. 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 Grand Prix Committee may accept an application if the certification is pending and the committee has reason to believe the course was properly measured; 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;

3. Obtain a signed waiver that complies with the example provided by GWTC (no variance) from each race participant;
4. Offer a “No T-shirt option” for a reduced entry fee;
5. Assure that there is adequate race course supervision and traffic control to ensure the safety of the runners;
6. Demonstrate that there is a system for accurately recording the time, age, and order of finish for all race participants;
7. Assure there is a method for accurately identifying runners, either by race number or other method;
8. Provide at least one water stop for each 5K of distance;
9. Clearly identify mile or kilometer marks and to the extent possible provide splits at those marks;
10. 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 80 and over; and
11. 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 Race Director Coordinator or another GWTC official designated prior to race day.

Event\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Event\_\_\_\_\_

Location\_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Agreement\_\_\_\_\_