



Dear Race Director,

As the 2009 Grand Prix Series of Road Races approaches the end of this year's schedule, I am pleased to announce that the 2009 Grand Prix grew in both size and popularity. The success USATF Long Island has experienced in managing the 2009 Grand Prix is directly the result of the hard work and planning that our race directors' and their team of supporters have put forth with each event.

Over the next few weeks, the Long Distance Running committee of USATF-LI will be assembling plans, finalizing details and selecting a new schedule for the 2010 Grand Prix Series. The window is now open for you to apply to have your event included on the 2010 Schedule of Events. If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity, please complete the enclosed two-page application and return to the address below no later than December 31, 2009.

The overall goal for the Grand Prix Series is to make each event as "user-friendly" as possible for everyone, for participants as well as race directors. Since the number of events in the Grand Prix is limited, the LDR committee will be unable to accept every application. Therefore, it is important that all applicants understand the following requirements/criteria for acceptance as a Grand Prix Event. The LDR committee also conducts an after event evaluation to determine participant satisfaction and adherence to requirements/criteria protocol.

Grand Prix Series Event Requirements and additional	criteria for suitability evaluation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USATF Sanctioned Event (must be filed no later than 30 days prior to the event) through USATF-LI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsoring USATF-LI Club/Organization
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USATF Certified Course (race course must be certified prior to race day) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sponsoring Non-USATF-LI Club/Organization(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USATF-LI & Grand Prix Logos Printed on Entry Blank, Finish Line Banner, Tee Shirt and promotional items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Race Location, Distance and Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media Releases/Advertising of event are at expense of the race sponsor and must include statement that event is part of the USATF-LI 2010 Grand Prix Series 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donate 10 Free Entries to participating event. Free Entries will be raffled at a race prior to the event.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a table and set up area near race registration for USATF-LI information distribution. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amenities to Athletes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computerized Scoring/Computerized Results 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Posting of results within reasonable amount of time after last participant crosses finish line
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awards presented in Five-Year Age Group Categories through 90 plus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judged Race Walk by Certified Judges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USATF Competition Rules DO NOT permit: baby joggers, strollers, roller skates, roller blades, or animals in the race! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athlete Participation from Previous Year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety of Competitors, Officials, Volunteers in general & specifically that the race course should be closed to traffic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application postmarked by <u>December 31, 2009</u>.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An Administrative Fee of \$250 for USATF-LI Member Clubs or Organizations and \$500 for Non-Member Clubs or Organizations. This fee pays for advertising, mailings and year-end awards. 	<div style="text-align: right;"> <p><i>LONG ISLAND</i> 2010 <i>TRACK & FIELD</i></p> <p>Grand Prix Series</p> </div>

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Whether or not your event is accepted for inclusion in the 2010 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, I wish you and your event the very best possible success in 2010. Sincerely,

Alex J. Cuozzo, Chairman, Long Distance Running Committee
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