



The 2026 Coldwell Banker Elite Grand Prix Race Series is a competitive series of 12 races with many ways to participate and win awards. Here are the ways you can participate:

1. Series Competitor- Runners compete in at least seven in-person races and will score points in each race. The runner's best seven scores will be accumulated to get their championship points. Runners in this category are competing for cash awards/ age group awards. Perfect for the competitive runner or one looking to push themselves out of their comfort zone. See "How Points Are Scored" for complete details.
2. Series participants- Runners will receive incentives for running multiple races in the series. Races may be in-person, virtual, or a combination of in-person and virtual. Runners will receive a unique award for completing seven series races and other incentives for running more. Perfect for the new runner, those recovering from injury, the more recreational runner or those training for different events. It's the same great races without all the pressure. See "Rules and Awards" for complete details.

Separate signup is not required for the Coldwell Banker Elite Grand Prix Race Series, nor is a designation of participation level. Just sign up for races within the series and follow the 2026 rules, and we'll track your progress. Check the Grand Prix website for updates.

### **Rules and Awards:**

For 2026, there are 12 races. To win any prize, you must finish at least seven (7) in-person, virtual, or a combination of races that are part of the series.

1. All runners finishing seven Grand Prix races will receive a unique award recognizing their accomplishments.
2. Cash titles will be awarded as follows:
  - The top 3 Overall males and females will receive overall titles and cash awards of \$400, \$350, and \$300
  - The top 3 male and female Masters, runners 40 years or older, will receive Masters titles and cash awards of \$300, \$250, and \$200.
  - The top 3 male and female Grand Masters, runners 50 years or older, will receive Grand Masters titles and cash awards of \$200, \$150, and \$100.
  - A runner winning multiple titles will receive only one prize award, the highest value, and will be removed from the other title category.
  - Note: Runners who earn a cash prize but are eligible to compete in high school or college will be awarded a prize that is worth at least the amount earned, but that will not jeopardize their eligibility.
3. Runners winning cash title awards will be removed from age group awards.
4. The top three males and females in each age group will receive an award.
5. The top male and female in the Clydesdale and Athena categories will receive an award.
6. The Coldwell Banker Elite Grand Prix Awards will be given out in January 2027 at the FARC Grand Prix Series Awards Banquet..
7. Rules may be modified at the discretion of the Grand Prix Director if the race schedule is modified

due to public health and safety reasons. Any changes to rules will be updated and published on the Grand Prix website.

### **AGE GROUPS:**

Age groups for male and female runners are 14 and under, 15-19, 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, 85-89, 90-94, 95-99, 100+. Your age on August 1, 2026, will determine your age group. So, if you turn 40 on or before August 1, 2026, you will be scored in the 40-44 category for the Grand Prix series. Runners younger than 15 years old will not receive points in races longer than 10km.

### **HOW POINTS ARE SCORED:**

Males run only against males, and females run only against females when scoring Grand Prix points. Consider each sex as a separate race. In each race, the first-place finisher will receive 1000 points; each subsequent finisher will receive two fewer points than the finisher before them. The first 10 finishers will be: first-1000, second-998, third-996, fourth-994, fifth-992, sixth-990, seventh-988, eighth-986, ninth 984 and tenth-982, etc. Grand Champions are determined by adding a runner's best seven scores to get their total championship points. Total championship points are used for overall titles.

In races without multiple start waves, places and finish times are from the gun. Places and finish times are calculated net times in races with numerous start waves.

### **TIEBREAKERS**

Two-way ties

- 1) Head-to-head results in races run in common.
- 2) Total points scored in races run in common.
- 3) Total finish times in races run in common.

More than two-way ties

Eliminate one competitor until two remain, then use the two-way tie procedure. 1) In races run in common, award one point for the first finisher, two points for the second, three for the third, etc. The competitor with the most points is eliminated.

- 2) In races run in common, the competitor with the fewest total points scored is eliminated
- 3) In races run in common, the competitor with the highest total finish times is eliminated.

### **CLYDESDALE & ATHENA:**

You must register for Clydesdale or Athena divisions by August 1, 2026, to qualify for awards. A Clydesdale is any aged male weighing over 210 pounds. An Athena is any aged female weighing over 160 pounds. Register by sending an email to [grandprix@runfarc.com](mailto:grandprix@runfarc.com). Runners declaring for the Clydesdale or Athena categories are not eligible for age group awards.

### **QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT ANY RULES:**

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