

Bylaws for 2015 USATF San Diego-Imperial Association / VS Athletics Cross Country Series

Races

* Races and schedule for the USATF San Diego-Imperial (SD-I) Association Cross Country Series will be determined by the USATF SD-I Association Long Distance Running Chair(s) and the Dirt Dog Cross Country Series Director.

* An advisory committee may be formed to evaluate proposed races and provide recommendations on the series schedule.

Series Entry

To enter the USATF SD-I Association Cross Country Series, runners must:

* Be a current USATF SD-I Association member and resident no later than the start of the third race in the series.

* Be 18 years of age or older by the date of the Championship race.

* By the third race:

- Be listed on a team roster, or

- If not listed on a team roster, run in one of the first 3 races, or contact the series director no later than the third race if unable to run one of the first 3 races.

* There is no entry fee for the series (of course, you still must pay to enter the individual races).

Awards

* Runners who complete all races will be recognized as Iron Dogs.

* Cash awards will be presented to the highest scoring individual runners and teams. Depth and amount of awards will depend upon series sponsorship.

* Every event director is to donate \$100 back to USATF SD-I Association.

USATF membership

* USATF SD-I Association membership will be based on membership data accessed from the USATF membership database immediately following each race through the third race. For information on joining USATF, or to check membership status, visit the Membership Page (www.usatf.org/membership/). Runners not listed in the USATF membership database will not score in the race although day of event applications may be accepted at some series races; competitors should not depend on this.

* Registration in a different USATF association must be transferred to the SD-I Association prior to being eligible to score in the series. The runner must coordinate and complete the transfer with USATF prior to the third race (send transfer request to membership@sandiego.usatf.org).

* Runners are responsible for accuracy of data in the USATF membership database, including name, age, and association (accessible at www.usatf.org/membership/). Incorrect data leading to scoring errors may be cause for disqualification.

Individual Scoring

* There are five divisions each for men and women: 39 & under, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 & over.

* A runner's division for the series is determined by his or her age on the date of the Championship races (November 14, 2015). For example, a runner turning 40 on November 1, 2015 would compete as a 40-year-old for series scoring purposes for the entire series.

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* Scoring for all divisions and for all races except the Championship will be on the basis: 100-90-81-73-66-59-53-48-43-39-35-32-29-26-23-21-19-17-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2 and 1 for all other eligible runners completing the race. No points will be awarded to disqualified runners.

* The point value of the Championship is doubled: 200-180-162...8-6-4-2 and 1 for all other eligible runners completing the race without disqualification.

* Runners must run and receive a positive score in at least two races in the USATF SD-I Association / VS Athletics Cross Country Series plus the Championship to be eligible for awards.

* A runner's total score for the series will be the score for the Championship plus the three best scores in other series races.

Team Scoring

* Team competition will be scored in accordance with the USATF Rules of Competition, Rule 7.6, scoring by place, as modified below.

- The team score shall be the total of the finishing positions of the scoring members. The team with the lowest total points is the team winner.

- For Men's Open teams, the first five declared members of each team shall count in that team's score. For Women's Open teams and Men's 40+ teams, the first four declared members of each team shall count in that team's score. For all other teams, the first three declared members of each team shall count in that team's score.

- For all teams, a maximum of eight runners shall retain their finishing positions and thereby displace other runners. Team entries not declared eligible for team scoring, and unattached or individual competitors will be eliminated from team scoring. Runners of incomplete teams will displace provided that the team could have scored as a complete team had all eligible runners shown for the race.

- When separate competitions are conducted simultaneously, each shall be scored independently. Runners on teams not eligible for a given competition will be eliminated from team scoring in that competition.

- In the event of a tie between two or more individual runners, each shall score the number of points determined by dividing the total of the finish places by the number of runners who have tied.

- Ties between two or more teams shall be resolved by determining which team's last scoring member finished nearest to first place. If the tie still exists, the next to last scoring members are compared in the same way, etc.

* Each team must be a current member and resident of USATF SD-I Association. To check membership statuses visit the USATF Club Membership page.
(<http://www.usatf.org/clubs/search/>)

* Each team member must meet the requirements for individual scoring listed above. If an individual does not meet the individual scoring requirements above (including running and scoring in at least two races in the USATF SD-I Association / VS Athletics Cross Country Series plus the Championship) they will not be scored for their team for the championship race.

* Team members must be declared to the series director or results coordinator in writing before each race.

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* Team members may be added to or deleted from rosters through the start of the third race event, but not later. Runners not registered with USATF SD-I Association by this date will be ineligible. Teams without enough eligible runners on their roster to score will be ineligible.

* There are five divisions each for men and Women's teams: Open, 40+, 50+, 60+, and 70+ based on ages as of the Championship race.

* A member club may form an "A" team and a "B" team in any division and maintain a roster for each.

* Runners may only be on one team. A runner may compete as a team member in a younger division than his/her individual division.

* Teams will score on a 20-14-10-7-5-4-3-2-1 basis for all races except the Championship.

* The point value of the Championship is doubled, plus an additional one-point finisher (40-28-20-14-10-8-6-4-2-1).

* A team's total score for the series will be the score for the Championship plus the three best scores in other series races.

* Highest scores win. Higher placing in the Championship race will break ties.

Individual and Team Scoring for Masters Division Races

* If a series race contests Masters divisions in a separate race, Masters division runners (including a runner who is 39 on race date but will turn 40 by the date of the championship race) must race with other Masters in the Masters Division race in order to be eligible for individual scoring or Masters team scoring.

* Masters division runners who are competing on an Open division team should run in the Masters division race and will be scored in the Open team competition based on where their time in the Masters division race would have finished in the Open division race.

* Runners under age 40 (based on age on the date of the championship race) must run with other Open division runners in the Open Division race in order to be eligible for either individual or team scoring.

Protests and Appeals

* Protests of eligibility, race results, or series scoring must be raised with the Series Director within 48 hours of initial posting or posting of amended results to www.dirtdogxc.com. The Series Director will respond to protests.

* Appeals must be raised to the Series Director within 24 hours of response to protests.

* A consideration fee of \$100 must be submitted with the written appeal. The fee will be refunded if the ruling is favorable to the appellant; otherwise the fee will be donated to USATF SD-I Association.

* The Board of Directors of USATF SD-I Association will name a Jury of Appeal consisting of 3 individuals without actual conflict of interest in the matter being appealed.

Call the series director Paul Greer at (858) 573-1500 for more information.