

## **MASTERS RACE WALKING AWARDS AND CRITERIA 2020**

USATF Masters Race Walking selects a number of individual race walkers and club teams for end-of-year awards. The criteria and scoring for these awards varies. Some of these awards are determined by pre-defined scoring protocols. Others are determined by a vote of the Masters Race Walking Committee members and may be based on a number of relevant considerations.

Minimum age: is 35.

Events and Schedule: The events for the Grand Prix and Individual Age-Group competitions generally run from Nov. 1 of the prior year through Oct. 31 of the Championship year – but may vary slightly. Due to the uncertainties of scheduling events the schedule and events may vary by year. The Masters Race Walk Committee will endeavor to schedule up to 12 qualifying events per year.

### **MALE AND FEMALE RACE WALKERS OF THE YEAR**

The awards for Male and Female Race Walker of the Year are determined by a vote of the members of the Masters Race Walk Committee and have no predetermined criteria. Before voting the committee members determine their nominees and debate for their choices in an open discussion, citing the athletes' performances that merit their selection. Those performances include criteria noted below for other awards, but do not require eligibility for those other awards. Nor are the criteria limited to those required for the other awards; international and other domestic performances are considered.

The Male and Female Race Walker of the Year selectees become ineligible for the Masters Age-Group Race Walkers of the Year awards.

### **MALE AND FEMALE AGE GROUP WALKERS OF THE YEAR**

To be considered for these awards:

1. The athlete must compete in and complete races at a minimum of 2 National Masters Championship venues, with the Indoor (1-mile and 3000m) and Outdoor (5000m and 10K) Masters T&F Championships each counting as a single venue whether the athlete competes in one or both events.
2. The athlete must have at least one performance in a National Championship race with a minimum age-grading of 65%.

Selection for the awards is based upon a vote of the committee members and takes into account:

1. Head-to-head finishes against other in-age-group competitors.
2. Age-graded percentages achieved in the qualifying events.
3. *Sanction-eligible* age-group records set, including those not in USATF Championship events.
4. Standings in the Individual Grand Prix competition.
5. Any other relevant performances deemed important.

Note: The several judges may not all agree on the hierarchical value of each of the above.

## **2020 GRAND PRIX COMPETITION**

The Grand Prix competitions are based upon age-grade scores using the most recent Howard Grubb/wmawalk age-grade calculator.

### **Individual Competition – Female and Male**

Separate Grand Prix competitions are contested for Women and Men. In each event the top ten age-grades will be assigned points, 10 down to 1; a 2-point bonus will be given if the winner breaks the national record for the event distance. Grand Prix standings will be determined by accumulating each athletes best 6 event scores in the USATF Masters Championship events.

### **Club Team Competition**

The Club Team competition will be age-graded. The top 3 scorers (regardless of sex) for each team will determine each team's placement at each event. The scoring will be 50-40-30-20-10 for the top 5 teams. In addition, teams will receive bonus points for each additional athlete who completes the event – up to a maximum of 9 bonus points per event.

Events contested:

2019 Indoor 5,000m, Rochester, NY December 29, 2019

2020 Masters 50km Champs, Santee, CA Jan 25, 2020

2020 USATF Masters Indoor Champs 1 Mile/3,000m, Baton Rouge, LA March 13-15, 2020

2020 Masters 20km Champs, Whiting, NJ March 29, 2020

2020 USATF Masters Outdoor Champs 5,000/10k, Greensboro, NC July 9-12, 2020

2020 Designated Masters 15km Champs, Whiting, NJ Sept 13, 2020

2020 Designated Masters 35km Champs, Owego, NY Sept 26, 2020

2020 Designated Masters 5km Champs, TBD

2020 Designated Masters 1 Hour Champs, TBD