

USATF New Jersey Lucky 7 Series Rules & Regulations

The USATF New Jersey Lucky 7 Series provides a unique opportunity to USATF New Jersey members who reside in the seven southern counties of New Jersey to compete in a series against their friends and neighbors who also reside in those seven counties.

I. Requirements for Athletes

A. The athlete must be a current member of the New Jersey Association of USATF.

B. Athletes that live within the geographical boundaries of Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland, Cape May and Atlantic counties are eligible to compete in the Lucky 7 Series.

C. Lucky 7 participants can compete in any New Balance Grand Prix (NBGP) race anywhere in New Jersey.

D. In order to score NBGP and therefore Lucky 7 points in any NBGP event, the athlete must enter his/her current, valid USATF number in the space provided on the event's entry form. Substitute numbers or phrases such as "yes" or "have it but left it home" may cause the athlete's performance to be excluded in the NBGP scoring.

II. Requirements for NBGP Points and Scoring

The rules of the New Balance Grand Prix points and scoring can be found in the New Balance North Jersey Individual Grand Prix Rules and Regulations available on the USATF New Jersey Long Distance Running page.

III. Requirements for Lucky 7 Points and Scoring

A. Lucky 7 participants may compete in an unlimited number of NBGP events during the year. Final Lucky 7 scoring for the year is determined by seven events in which the participant has scored his/her highest point values. These seven events are limited as follows:

1. A maximum of **three** from Category I (4 miles down to 3km)
2. A maximum of **two** from Category II (over 4 miles up to but not including 15km)
3. A maximum of **two** from Category III (15km and above)
4. Within each of the categories, a maximum of **one championship** may be scored with the additional score(s) being non-championship event(s).
5. In order to have his/her points counted in the end-of-the-year scoring, the athlete must have competed in a minimum of **five** NBGP events.

B. Lucky 7 Series scoring follows NBGP scoring age divisions and rules. The top Overall scorer will be recognized for being the winner of the Lucky 7 Series regardless of his and her age division.

The top overall male and female winners shall be removed from their age division at the end of the competitive season.

C. The overall and age group winners in the New Balance North Jersey Individual Grand Prix will be removed from the Lucky 7 Series in the final posting of the Lucky 7 Series at the end of the year.

D. NBGP and Lucky 7 Series scoring for any given event is subject to USATF Rules of Competition, including the appropriate rules for pacing, course cutting, and disqualification.

IV. Procedures, Protest, Appeals

1. All matters of interpretation of NBGP and/or Lucky 7 Series rules shall be submitted to the LDR committee for decision.
2. Protests must be filed in writing to the USATF New Jersey office, within thirty (30) days of the posting of the Lucky 7 Series standings on the USATF New Jersey website. The Lucky 7 Appeals Committee shall consist of the three LDR Chairs and three LDR Vice-Chairs with the LDR Division Chair serving as tie-breaker, if necessary.
3. Appeals of year-end final Lucky 7 standings must be filed in writing to the USATF New Jersey office, within five days of the posting of the Lucky 7 series final results on the USATF New Jersey website.