

2020 Circuit Award Rules

There will be the Traditional Circuit Award to reward participation (running, volunteering, and participating in operating the club). There will also be the Age Group Circuit Award which allows those who are really competitive to see how they stack up against those in their age group. There will be two divisions of the Most Miles Award which are given to the person(s) who accumulates the most miles in each division. The three award systems will work as follows:

Traditional Circuit Award: A member qualifies for a circuit award by earning 7 circuit credits, which may be earned by running circuit races, volunteering in club activities, and up to one credit for running a half marathon, marathon, or longer race anywhere in the world. The one exception to the 7 circuit credit requirement is that any member age 14 or younger on January 1 will only be required to earn 5 circuit credits. All members who earn the required 7 (or 5) circuit points will receive the circuit award, which changes from year to year, but typically consists of club merchandise with a value of about \$30.

Those members who run 7 or more circuit races will be ranked against other runners on the basis of their age graded race scores, with the scoring done cross-country style. Age grading is done by using the Runner's World Age Grading Calculator (<https://www.runnersworld.com/advanced/a20801263/age-grade-calculator/>). For this grading, age is considered to be the age on race day, and time is input to the nearest second.

At year end, the top 3 ranked runners will be recognized at the annual banquet. The award for being one of the top ranked runners is in addition to the circuit award, and is a much more modest award, such as a plaque. In the event of a tie on the basis of the best 7 scores, additional races (best 8, best 9, etc.) will be compared until a winner is found. If that still does not break the tie, the runner with the most races will be declared the winner.

Age Group Circuit Award: Because of the club demographics, there are not enough members in some of the traditional 5 year (or even 10 year) age brackets to provide any meaningful competition. The board has reviewed the demographics (and intends to do so annually) and has agreed to continue using the 20 age groups (10 each for male and female) that were used for 2019 awards.

The age groups are: Under 15, 15-29, 30-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, and 70 & over. For the purpose of determining age group, age on January 1 will be used and nobody will be allowed to compete in two different age groups during the year. For example, a person aged 54 on January 1 who turns 55 in March will remain in the 50-54 age group for the entire year.

Scoring in the age groups will be done cross-country style, based on actual finish times rather than age graded scores. Ranking will be done on the basis of the best 7 race scores in each category except the under 15 category, which will only require 5 race scores. Winners in each age group will be recognized

at the annual banquet with a nominal award, such as a plaque or medal. The three top ranked members based on age graded scoring will not be eligible for age group awards. Finally, ties will be broken using additional races as described above.

Most Miles Award: The first division will be races of half marathon, marathon or anything in between that are run between January 1 and December 9. It is up to the individual member to report to the statistician who will then record it and keep a running total of miles run in such races. Any PSSR Circuit Race of half marathon or longer will count toward total miles, but will only count once toward the Circuit Award (i.e., it will count as a circuit race, but not as a long run).

The second division will be the ultramarathon division consisting of any races longer than the marathon (50K, 50 Mile, etc.) run between January 1 and December 9. Again it is up to the individual member to report to the statistician. The winner with most miles will be recognized with a nominal award, such as a plaque or medal.

Important Information Pertaining to Race Stats:

1. You need to be a member in good standing (i.e. dues paid up) when you run any race that will count towards any of the above awards. And, yes, you will be considered a member in good standing by signing up the day of that particular race.
2. You must notify the statistician of any corrections to be made in the race statistics within 6 weeks of the day of the race. The exception being the last 2 or 3 races of the year which will have an ending date of December 9th for any corrections.