

2008 Runner of the Year Series

2008 RUNNER OF THE YEAR FINAL STANDINGS

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Womens Open	Points
Kari Corrao (25)	215 (7) R-O-Y
Missy Burgin (23)	250 (5)*
Mens Open	Points
Tim Korte (28)	390 (8) R-O-Y
Mark Biros (30)	360 (8)
Womens Masters (40+)	Points
Brenda Gutman (49) #	170 (9) R-O-Y
Kathy Inzer (49)	110 (7)
Rebecca Quinkert (50)	115 (6)*
Mens Masters (40+)	Points
Chuck Crowley (50)	135 (7) R-O-Y
Jeff Mires (44)	155 (6)*
Jerry Orange (55)	110 (6)*
WOMEN'S GRANDMASTERS (50+)	Points
Rebecca Quinkert (50)	190 (8) R-O-Y
Michelle Wagner (50)	170 (8)
MEN'S GRANDMASTERS (50+)	Points
Chuck Crowley (50)	195 (8)
Jerry Orange (55)	135 (6)* R-O-Y**

* Have not met the very minimum number of races.

Is 50 now, but was 49 at beginning of season

** Since Crowley won Masters, 2nd place moves up to 1 st place.

In order to win, a runner must score in seven events. If no one scores in 7, the number drops to 6. If no one scores in 6, the number drops to 5. If no one scores in 4, there is no winner.

If runner A has 150 pts and has scored in 8 races, he/she defeats runner B who has 250 pts in 6 races! If both runners A and B have scored in at least seven races (or the maximum for that group), the runner with the most points wins.

PRIZE MONEY

Experienced race starters know that for maximum impact last-minute instructions at the starting line should be few and brief. So in an effort to expedite the start at the nine races in the 2007 *On the Run*- Runner of the Year Series let the word go out that in addition to the nice plaque and feature story that accompanies the overall winner of the respective divisions, this year's champions will receive \$500 in cash.

In an effort to thank local runners that have supported his business, encourage participation, and reward excellence by local runners, Mike Stallings of Pacers and Racers Running/Walking Store in New Albany, the only specialty running store on the Sunny Side of the Ohio, proposed the cash incentive.

“Runners are a self-motivated group of folks who make personal sacrifices and overcome obstacles to accomplish what most people are unwilling to even attempt. Anyone who has gone to bed late and risen early on a bitterly cold morning to do mile repeats knows that success doesn't just happen. The ROY should be acknowledged and rewarded for a job well done.”

There will also be \$200 available for champions in the Masters (40+) and Grand-Masters (50+) Divisions.

No doubt an \$1800 non-solicited contribution for prize-money is sizeable, given what has become a more fitness-related rather than competition-oriented sport. But Stallings as well as yours truly believes that something must be done to encourage the talented younger runners to maintain their running skills and healthy life-style that running demands.

“They don't have cheerleaders or adoring spectators or lucrative endorsement deals, but runners – young and old – know that when they cross the finish line, albeit in oxygen debt and with muscles screaming, they've done something special. We need to encourage and reward their efforts. Pacers & Racers is honored to partner with the wonderful tradition that Freddie began years ago, with the ROY Series.”

While some say that the prize monies may bring in running bounty- hunters with no ties to his store or the immediate area, keep in mind that the rules of the 21-year-old series clearly spell out residency requirements (in Floyd, Clark, Harrison, Crawford, Scott, and Washington counties based on tax address and/or occupation); and that the winner cannot be gaining sizeable support from running, in other words, no shoe/clothing contracts.

Finally, depending on the reception of the initial offerings this year, additional

inducements may be added in the future. "Freddie and I have discussed the feasibility of eventually rewarding not only the overall winners, but the individual Age Group runners – male and female – who have distinguished themselves by finishing first in their respective divisions."

**Rules and race Information regarding the 22 nd *On the Run*- Runner of the Year Series is available at Pacers and Racers Running/Walking Store at 3602 Northgate Plaza on Grant line Road or www.pacersandraces.com.

RULES

Here are the rules for the upcoming season. For you non-runners, cut this out and send it to a running friend.

Residents of Clark, Floyd, Harrison, Scott, Crawford and Washington counties are eligible. Points start to count when you move into the area. Unless you already have won the division outright, points are dropped if you move out of the area.

Points in the Open races are accumulated by finishing in the top 10 positions in the races listed below. Points are awarded in decreasing five-point intervals (10 points in the 100-point race) through tenth place.

The rules are the same for both "Open", "Masters" (40 and over), and "Grand Masters" (50 and over) with the following exceptions: Masters points will be based on the first five finishers (25-20-15-10-5). The points are doubled at Lanesville because of the length and difficulty of the course.

If a Master places in the top ten overall positions in a race, he/she will be awarded points in both the Open and Masters award races. If at the end of the season the overall winner is over 40, the Masters Award will be presented to the next over-40 runner in the competition who meets the qualifications.

For Grand Masters (50+) the same rules as above apply. However, if a GM does not finish in the top ten overall masters, he/she will not receive any points. In other words, we aren't digging very deep for your results!

A runner enter/leaves an age division on his/her birth date and cannot carry points from one division to another. To be eligible for the Masters/Grand Masters awards, ONLY those points scored since his/her birthdate will be counted.

Runners must be of post-high school age relative to their graduating class and may not be on a college racing team, nor may they be receiving significant money/equipment from a sponsor. Upon graduation (or loss of eligibility) from high school or college, a runner becomes eligible the following September.

Runners must score in at least seven of the designated races. In order to win, a runner must score in seven events. If no one scores in 7, the number drops to 6. If no one scores in 6, the number drops to 5. If no one scores in 4, there is no winner.

Also, be sure to encourage the race director to make sure he/she forwards the necessary information so we can tally your points. If a race is cancelled, or if we fail to receive results, which happened in 2006, that means no points for anyone!

All races are worth 50 points except Lanesville, which is worth 100 points.