

National Meet Awards Process:

After discussion with our coaches including what is the basis of the All-American status, looking at the All-American guidelines of the large national running organizations (AAU and USATF), reviewing the qualifying methods for the meets, and looking at the numbers of runners competing at these meets, we have decided on the below policy. We wanted to start off post-season this year letting families know how we plan to hand out these honors at banquets.

Some Background:

For Track and Field Nationals, there are 2 qualifying rounds to get to the National meet in both AAU and USATF. At AAU and USATF Track and Field Nationals, the top 8 runners in each event are All-American. So, for Track and Field, it is clear that top 8 are All-American. AAU does single year age groups. USATF does double year age groups.

For AAU Cross Country Nationals, there is no qualifying meet in our area to get to the National meet. Anyone who wants can go. Currently at AAU X-C Nationals, top 25 get medals at the meet, but only the top 8 are given 'All-American' patches in the single year age group.

For USATF Cross Country Nationals, there is one qualifying meet. At Nationals, the top 25 in a double year age group are given All-American medals.

Given that for AAU Nationals there is not a qualifying meet and the numbers of runners in each single year age group is not that high, we feel it is appropriate to make Top 8 'All-American.' For USATF, since there is a qualifying meet and the number of runners in each race is large, we feel it is appropriate to give top 25 All-American honors.

CCCNYS (Cross Country Coaches National Youth Championships): This is a youth running organization that only has a National XC meet. Runners can enter this meet without running in a qualifying meet. While there are time standards, there appears to be no means of enforcement of those standards in the registration process. CCCNYS gives top 25 awards in single age groups at the meet. The numbers of runners are significantly smaller than USATF Cross-Country Youth National Championships.

Due to the fact that the CCCNYS meet does not draw runners as much from around the country and the numbers are not as large as USATF, we are going to stick with top 8 for awards/honors at the FPYC banquet.

Banquet Awards: To summarize, this is who will get honored at FPYC end-of-season banquets and given the special trophy for achieving 'All-American.'

AAU and USATF Track and Field - Top 8

AAU XC - Top 8

CCCNYS XC - Top 8

USATF XC - Top 25