

## Walkers Corner

New rules for the August 1 Memorial and the Aug 26 ECSC Races.

Recently we added a race to the Walking Grand Prix schedule because the race committee moved two races very close to each other. We have since been advised not to worry about the closeness of the 1 Aug Memorial race and the Aug 5 Strider 1 mile race because they are short races and most walkers should be able to handle the two races. They also said don't delete the newly added race but change the rules somewhat. We listened and here are the new rules:

1. The rules only concern the 1 Aug 2006 Memorial race and the Aug 26 ECSC race. The Aug 5 Strider Mile race continues to be a Strider Walking GP race and is not affected by the new rules.

2. You can only score in one of the two races, therefore if you only walk in one of the two races your score (points) will be based on how you placed in the race in which you participated.

3. If you walked in both races then your score will be based on the race in which you score the highest. If you score identically in both races then the Aug 1 race will be the one that counts. You won't accumulate points for the second race.

Example: If walker A finishes first in both races he/she will receive 20 points for the 1 Aug race and no points for the 26 Aug race.

4. If walker B finishes second in both races he/she will receive 20 points for the second race and no points for the first race. Remember, walker A no longer claims 1st in the second race.

5. If walker C finishes second in the Aug 1 race and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Aug 26 race, he/she would get credit for 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Aug 1 race because the Aug 1 race takes priority in the case of ties. (Note: Walker B was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> in the Aug 26<sup>th</sup> race)

6. One more example: If there are 4 walkers and they finish 1,2,3, and 4 in both races the points will be awarded as follows:

Walker 1 would get 20 points for the Aug 1 race only.

Walker 2 would get 20 points for the Aug 26 race only.

Walker 3 would get 15 points for the Aug 1 race only.

Walker 4 would get 15 points for the Aug 26 race only.

7. Participation points will be awarded for both races.

8. If this arrangement does not seem fair, think of it this way: It will cause points to be awarded to walkers who often don't place high enough to receive points.

