



PRRO Circuit 2017-18 Summary

Overall Circuit event prize money exceeds \$340,000 including \$124,700 U.S.-only money available; Publix Gasparilla Half Marathon in Tampa, FL opens 2018 racing season on Sunday, February 25; Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile to present 2018 PRRO Championship

The **45th Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile** on April 2, 2017 opened the **PRRO Circuit 2017-18**, showcasing world class competition at 5 classic American road race events shorter than the marathon distance and featuring more than \$340,000 in prize money overall with \$124,700 available for U.S. athletes. The annual spring classic road race will also host the **PRRO Championship** race on April 8, 2018.

The **Publix Gasparilla Half Marathon** in Tampa, FL, kicks off the 2018 racing season on Sunday, February 25. The 14th edition will offer a U.S.-only prize purse totaling \$30,000 that goes 5-deep (\$8000, \$3500, \$2000, \$1000 and \$500) as well as a local purse of \$10,000. One of four PGDC Race Weekend Events, the Half Marathon is run on a fast, flat and beautiful USATF-certified course that includes quaint waterfront neighborhoods, the iconic Bayshore Boulevard that borders Tampa Bay, and if the timing is right, the dawn arrival of one of Tampa's cruise lines.

PRRO CIRCUIT SCHEDULE 2017-18

[45th Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile](#), April 2, 2017, Washington, DC
\$65,000 in prize money (\$25,000 U.S. prize money) plus bonuses

[Lilac Bloomsday Run 12K](#), May 7, 2017, Spokane, WA
\$81,000 in prize money (\$25,000 U.S. prize money)

[40th Boilermaker 15K](#), July 9, 2017, Utica, NY
\$66,000 in prize money (\$14,500 U.S. prize money)

[5th EQT Pittsburgh 10 Miler: The PRRO Championship](#), November 5, 2017, Pittsburgh, PA
\$26,200 in prize money (\$5200 U.S. prize money)

[Publix Gasparilla Half Marathon](#), February 25, 2018, Tampa, FL
\$40,000 in prize money (\$30,000 U.S. prize money)

[Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile: The PRRO Championship](#), April 8, 2018, Washington, DC
\$65,000 in prize money (\$25,000 U.S. prize money) plus bonuses

At the **PRRO Championship**, reigning champions and any athlete who has won one of the 2017-18 Circuit events are eligible for the \$10,000 [PRRO Super Bonus](#), which is awarded to the winner of the 2018 PRRO Championship (split if an eligible male and female win the PRRO titles). Those aforementioned runners are also eligible for the **PRRO Event Champion's Bonus** (\$1500 cumulative for eligible athletes who do not win the PRRO Championship but do win Open prize money at the PRRO Championship). Any athlete who wins the PRRO Super Bonus is not eligible for the PRRO Event Champion's Bonus.

If the male and female winners of the PRRO Championship have not won any of the events on the current Circuit, they will win \$2500 each as the PRRO Circuit champions in addition to the prize money at the PRRO Championship event.

Below are the \$10,000 PRRO Super Bonus & Event Champion's Bonus qualifiers to-date for the 2018 PRRO Championship *presented by the Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile*.

45th Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile, April 2, 2017, Washington, DC

Stanley Kebenei, USA, 46:36

Hiwot Gebrekidan, Ethiopia, 53:37

Lilac Bloomsday Run 12K, May 7, 2017, Spokane, WA

Gabriel Geay, Tanzania, 34:31

Buze Diriba, Ethiopia, 40:19

Boilermaker 15K, July 9, 2017, Utica, NY

Silas Kipruto, Kenya, 43:55

Mary Wacera, Kenya, 49:18

5th EQT Pittsburgh 10 Miler: The PRRO Championship, November 5, 2017, Pittsburgh, PA

Paniel Mkungo, Kenya, 47:03

Buze Diriba, Ethiopia, 52:11

PRRO Circuit events have produced 17 world and 17 U.S. road records, awarded more than \$7.1 million in prize money and seen more than 2.3 million runners cross their finish lines. In addition, since 1996, the PRRO Championship race has paid out more than \$1.7 million including \$134,500 in PRRO Championship bonus money.

The PRRO Circuit, a long-time pioneer and champion of a clean sport, has funded drug testing at its events since 2006. During the 2016-17 season, USADA conducted more than 50 in-competition tests and an undisclosed number of pre-competition tests.

Don Kardong, 1976 Olympic marathoner and Lilac Bloomsday race director, is the current PRRO Circuit President.

PRRO Championship and Circuit Year

The PRRO Circuit, launched in 1995, rotates among the PRRO Circuit races with the Circuit Year starting and finishing at the same event. The winners of 2017 PRRO Championship at the EQT Pittsburgh 10 Miler as well as the event winners on the 2017-18 Circuit serve as qualifiers for the PRRO final at the 2018 Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile.

In February 2017, the Publix Gasparilla Half Marathon in Tampa, FL joined the PRRO Circuit 2017-18 to become the 5th Circuit event member. The Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile will host the PRRO Championship 2018 on Sunday, April 8.

Visit PRRO.org for more information including its history as well as how to join the PRRO Circuit.

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The PRRO Circuit will rotate among the PRRO Circuit races with the Circuit Year starting and finishing at the same event. The event will serve as a PRRO Championship qualifier the first time it is held and will host the PRRO Championship the second time it is held.

- The 2017-18 PRRO Circuit will begin with the Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile on April 2, 2017 and will conclude with the Credit Union Cherry Blossom in April 8, 2018.

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