

PRRO Circuit 2018-19 Summary

Overall 2018-19 Circuit event prize money exceeds \$330,000 including \$109,500 U.S.-only money; 42nd Lilac Bloomsday 12K opens current Circuit racing season on Sunday, May 6; Bloomsday to also present 2019 PRRO Championship

The **Lilac Bloomsday Run 12K**, on Sunday, May 6, opened the 2018-19 **PRRO Circuit** racing season. The PRRO Circuit showcases world class competition at four classic American road race events shorter than the marathon distance and offers more than \$330,000 in guaranteed prize money overall with \$109,500 available for U.S. athletes. The iconic U.S. road race that attracts 45,000 participants annually will also host the 2019 **PRRO Championship** on May 5.

Each Circuit event champion will automatically qualify for the \$10,000 PRRO Super Bonus available at the 2019 PRRO Championship. See current schedule below.

PRRO CIRCUIT 2018-19 SCHEDULE

Lilac Bloomsday Run 12K, May 6, 2018, Spokane, WA \$81,000 in prize money (\$20,000 U.S. prize money) Boilermaker 15K, July 8, 2018, Utica, NY \$66,000 in prize money (\$14,500 U.S. prize money) Publix Gasparilla Half Marathon, February 24, 2019, Tampa, FL \$40,000 in prize money (\$30,000 U.S. prize money) Credit Union Cherry Blossom Ten Mile April 7, 2019, Washington, DC \$65,000 in prize money (\$25,000 U.S. prize money) plus performance bonuses Lilac Bloomsday Run 12K: The PRRO Championship, May 5, 2019, Spokane, WA \$81,000 in prize money (\$20,000 U.S. prize money)

At the 24th **PRRO Championship**, reigning PRRO champions and any athlete who has won at least one of the 2018-19 Circuit events are eligible for the \$10,000 <u>PRRO Super Bonus</u>, which is awarded to the winner of the 2019 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 place in the top 10 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.

PRRO Circuit events have produced 17 world and 17 U.S. road records, awarded more than \$7.3 million in prize money and seen more than 2.4 million runners cross their finish lines (Bloomsday 2018). In addition, since 1996, the PRRO Championship race has paid out more than \$1.8 million including \$148,500 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 2017-18 season, there were more than 50 in-competition tests and an undisclosed number of pre-competition tests.

PRRO Championship and Circuit Year

The PRRO Circuit, launched in 1995, starts and finishes the Circuit Year at the same event that will also host the season ending PRRO Championship race. The reigning titlists of the PRRO Championship and the event winners on the current Circuit are eligible for the PRRO Super Bonus at the PRRO Championship.

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