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### **Boilermaker 15K Opens PRRO Circuit 2024-25 on July 14 in Utica, NY**

*Race champions will be eligible for \$20,000 PRRO Super Bonus at 2025  
PRRO Championship hosted by Boilermaker*

UTICA, NY – (July 8, 2024) – Anticipation is running high for the **2024-25 PRRO Circuit** season-opener at the 47th **Boilermaker 15K** presented by *Excellus BlueCross BlueShield* on Sunday, July 14. The Boilermaker male and female winners will earn eligibility for the **PRRO Super Bonus**, now at \$20,000 (split if an eligible male and female win at the championship), to be awarded at the **2025 PRRO Championship**. This year, the guaranteed \$40,500 race prize money at Boilermaker goes ten deep, with each winner earning \$7000 plus an American purse of \$14,500 for the top five American finishers. The 2024 Boilermaker, which sold-out with 10,000 entrants, will also host the 28th **PRRO Championship** in July 2025.

“The Boilermaker Road Race is a summertime community classic with world-class competition, and we look forward to some hot racing at the PRRO Circuit opener,” said **Don Kardong**, Professional Road Running Organization (PRRO) Circuit President. “The excitement will be further

enhanced by the two winners earning a chance to take home the \$20,000 PRRO Super Bonus at next year's race."

The **PRRO Circuit** showcases world class competition at four of *America's Classic Road Races*<sup>™</sup>, the **Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile** in Washington, DC; the **Lilac Bloomsday Run 12K** in Spokane, WA; the **Boilermaker 15K** in Utica, NY; and the **Quad-City Times Bix 7** in Davenport, IA. The 2024-25 PRRO Circuit offers more than \$340,000 in guaranteed prize money overall with \$97,600 for U.S. athletes. The PRRO Circuit, a nationwide series of premier non-marathon road racing events, is organized and promoted by the Professional Road Running Organization (PRRO), an alliance of race directors.

### THE PRRO CIRCUIT 2024-25 SCHEDULE:

[Boilermaker 15K](#), July 14, 2024, Utica, NY  
\$65,100 in prize money (\$14,500 U.S. prize money)

[50th Quad-City Times Bix 7](#), July 27, 2024, Davenport, IA  
\$50,000 in prize money

[Credit Union Cherry Blossom 10 Mile](#), April 6, 2025, Washington, DC  
\$80,600 in prize money (\$48,600 US prize money) plus performance bonuses

[Lilac Bloomsday Run 12K](#), May 4, 2025, Spokane, WA  
\$81,000 in prize money (\$20,000 U.S. prize money)

### THE 28th PRRO CHAMPIONSHIP

[Boilermaker 15K](#), July 13, 2025, Utica, NY  
\$65,100 in prize money (\$14,500 U.S. prize money) as well as:

- \$20,000 PRRO Super Bonus to eligible male or female (split if both eligible male and female win)
- \$2500 to male and female non-eligible PRRO champions
- \$1500 to eligible males and females finishing in places 2-10

Reigning PRRO champions **Tebello Ramakongoana** and **Sarah Naibei**, who won the 2024 PRRO Championship at the Lilac Bloomsday 12K on May 5, were the first two athletes to earn a chance to compete for the \$20,000 [PRRO Super Bonus](#). They will be joined by all the athletes who win one of the 2024-25 Circuit events listed above. Those qualified 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 finish in places 2-10 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 next summer's PRRO Championship at Boilermaker have not won any of the events on the current Circuit, they will be awarded \$2500 each as the PRRO Championship winners in addition to the prize money at the PRRO Championship event.

To-date, PRRO Circuit events have produced 17 world and 19 U.S. road records, awarded more than \$8.4 million in prize money and seen more than 2.7 million runners cross their finish lines. In addition, since 1996, the PRRO Championship race has paid out more than \$2.2 million including \$188,500 in PRRO Championship bonus money.

### **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 to compete for the [PRRO Super Bonus](#) at the PRRO Championship.

Visit [PRRO.org](http://PRRO.org) for more information, including its history and past champions, as well as how to join the PRRO Circuit.

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