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Perth Road Runners

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AGM Proposal Form

Club member proposing – PRR Committee, produced by Champs Organiser Caroline Hogarth
Outline of proposal – Pilot to Amalgamation of the Championship and summer Series into a new Grand Prix. Select a series of races across the year, covering a variety of distances and terrains, mainly road and some trail similar to Championship and Summer series is now. The idea is to get members attending the same events, enjoying the social side of racing and competing against each other in a friendly way. • **A set series of races:** Agreed by the committee the committee selection of 12 races. Races to range from 5K races to half marathons (and everything in between). • **Points for finishing position:** Runners earn 100 points for first place, 99 for second, 98 for third, and so on. (as is now) • **A minimum participation requirement:** Members must complete at least 7 of 12 to qualify for a completion medal. • **Overall champions:** Trophies go to the top male and female finishers across the series. • **Age-category prizes:** There are also awards for the first finisher in each age category, with the category fixed according to the runner's age at the first race of the year.

- **A focus on participation:** Everyone who completes the challenge receives a memento, not just the fastest runners.

The important point is that **the championship rewards both race performance and turning up consistently**. Members don't need to compete in every event to take part in the overall competition.

Keep the Marathon in the grand prix – would need to complete to be overall winner.

Proposed feature	**How it could work for PRR**
Annual club Grand prix	Select 12 races across the year.
Best-results scoring	Count a member's best 7 results, so missing some races doesn't rule them out.
Simple points system	Award points by finishing position at each selected race.
Variety of events	Include road, trail, and different distances, and a variety of locations to encourage wider participation.
Age-category awards	Recognise achievement across different age groups, alongside overall winners.
Participation award	Offer recognition to everyone who completes the minimum number of races. Would keep the Championship medal.
Published league table	Update standings after each race so members can track progress.

Benefit to the club?

Main benefits:

1. **Increase participation:** members can compete for the championship without having to attend every race

2. **Improve club spirit:** a shared calendar encourages members to attend races together and support one another.
3. **A fairer, more engaging competition:** points, age categories and participation awards can recognise more than just the fastest runners.
4. **Reduce cost of races**: as races are becoming more expensive, reducing the number of races across the series will allow members to select a number of races without worrying as much about the cost.

The aim would not be to remove the competitive element. It would be to make the grand prix something that more members can realistically take part in throughout the year.

There will still be Trophies awarded for:

- Winners of all the series – the new series, HAA etc
- Winners of the club's internal events
- Fastest times over the clubs recognised distances (including marathon)

My recommendation: keep the rules simple for the first year, publish the calendar early, count only each runner's best results, and review participation at the end of the season.

Other things to consider?

This would be pilot for a year to see if get more participation.

Races would be over the year Feb/March – November – allowing people to plan other races throughout the year and reduce the risk of injury. Less congestion over the summer months of races