# NWANA News and Announcements

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## Athlete Cabinet Now Open on nwaofna.org

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Every athlete with published results in the NWANA Open Nordic Walking Series now has a personal Athlete Cabinet on the NWANA website.

Open the Athlete Cabinet, enter your name, and your season is in front of you: every race, your times, your places in your performance level, and your points.

The cabinet is built from the official published results and grows with every new publication. Athlete License holders are marked in their cabinets.

Open your Athlete Cabinet

## Priority Lists Open for the Inaugural U.S. and North American Nordic Walking Championships

Published: 2026-11-02

NWANA is building the first championship cycle in its history. The U.S. Nordic Walking Championships and the North American Nordic Walking Championships open their inaugural cycle in 2027–2028, and Priority List registration is open now.

Athletes on the Priority List receive the first invitations when championship dates and venues are announced.

Join the Priority List on the championship sites: uschamp.nwaofna.org and nachamp.nwaofna.org.

NWANA President Albert Fatikhov, a 2024 World Championship medalist, holds entry number one on the U.S. Priority List.

## Michael Blanchard wins Competitive level at NWANA Open 1K

Published: 2026-10-21

Michael Blanchard won the Competitive performance level at the 2026 NWANA Open 1K Nordic Walking Series on October 17, 2026, finishing in 7:28 — first place in his level.

His time sits under the 7:30 Competitive threshold for the 1K distance, securing Level Place 1.

Full results are published in the results section.

## Albert Fatikhov wins Elite level at NWANA Open 3K

Published: 2026-10-12

Albert Fatikhov won the Elite performance level in the October 10 stage of the 2026 NWANA Open 3K Nordic Walking Series, finishing in 18:34.

The result placed him first in the Elite level for the event.

View Official Results

## NWANA launches the Charity Challenge Series

Published: 2026-10-10

NWANA has launched the Charity Challenge Series — a new, permanent direction for the association and its community.

The Series is a set of free virtual challenges in Nordic Walking, Walking, Race Walking, Running, and Cycling — plus an Open Challenge for any activity. Participation is weekly: join free, log your miles, and follow your results on live leaderboards.

Participants can form and join teams, and every kilometer can become fundraising: the Series turns miles into funding for free Nordic Walking instructor education — training instructors for the organizations and communities that need them most.

Explore the NWANA Charity Challenge Series →

## Susan Otto wins Competitive level at NWANA Open 10K

Published: 2026-10-10

Susan Otto won the Competitive performance level at the 2026 NWANA Open 10K Nordic Walking Series on October 4, 2026, finishing in 1:16:41 — first place in her level.

Her time sits under the 1:20:00 Competitive threshold for the 10K distance, securing Level Place 1.

Full results are published in the results section.

## Congratulations: two series records at the NWANA Open 5K — September 27

Published: 2026-10-02

Three athletes, three level victories, and two new series records.

The September 27 round of the 2026 NWANA Open 5K Nordic Walking Series delivered standout performances across the board.

Albert Fatikhov won the Elite level in 30:38 — a new 5K series record.

Susan Otto won the Performance level in 36:35 — also a new series record.

Michael Blanchard won the Competitive level in 39:11.

Congratulations to all finishers.

## Sven Thorslund joins the NWANA Elite Athletes Club

Published: 2026-09-26

NWANA welcomes Sven Thorslund to the Elite Athletes Club. The Swedish-American Nordic walker won the silver medal in the M55 10K at the Nordic Walking World Championships in Lahti, Finland, in September 2026, finished 7th in the 5K, and was selected for the U.S. 5K Relay Team.

Read Sven's full profile →

## Albert Fatikhov sets a new 1K series record, 5:36

Published: 2026-09-22

Congratulations to Albert Fatikhov, winner of the 2026 NWANA Open 1K Nordic Walking Series on

September 19, 2026.

His time of 5:36 set a new series record in the Elite level, first place in his performance level. Every pace has its own podium: verified results, fair performance levels, and season standings that reward consistency.