

GENERAL INFORMATION BULLETIN

1. ENTRY BLANK - The CROSS COUNTRY RUN REGIONAL AND GIRLS CLASS D FINAL ENTRY BLANK AND an Eligibility List must be in the hands of the designated Managers of the Cross Country Runs to which your school is assigned, NOT LATER THAN 4:00 P.M., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1986. No individual or team may participate in a Michigan High School Athletic Association event unless accompanied to the event by the coach, administrator or appointee of the school. NOTE: If your school is not planning to enter the Regional Run, please notify the Manager of the Run as soon as possible.
2. ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS TO REGIONALS - The Cross Country Committee, using the following criteria as listed, has assigned schools to Regional sites:
 - A. Approximately the same number of schools have been assigned to each Regional site.
 - B. Schools have been assigned to the closest site.
 - C. Schools assigned to different sites should not cross paths in traveling to their respective Regional sites.
3. UNIFORMS FOR CROSS COUNTRY - Each team member shall wear the same color and design school uniform (jersey and trunks). When other apparel is worn under the jersey by more than one team member, that apparel must be the same color.
4. COMPETITOR NUMBERS - Each competitor is to be provided a number by the Regional Manager. The Cross Country Committee recommends that the number be placed on the back of the contestant.
5. TEAM QUALIFICATION FROM REGIONAL RUNS TO THE FINAL RUN -
 - A. Coaches of qualifiers are to obtain from Regional Managers, packets of information about the Final Runs. There are no Regional Runs for Class D Girls. Five runners must finish a Regional Run for a school if that school is to qualify a team to the Final Run.
 - B. Three teams will qualify from the Regional to the Final Run. THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TEAMS QUALIFYING FROM A REGIONAL CANNOT EXCEED FOUR. (Determined as indicated in (C.))
 - C. If a school finishes fourth in the Regional meet and has four or more runners who qualified for the Final Meet as individuals, that team must be listed as the fourth school qualifying a full team.
6. INDIVIDUAL QUALIFICATIONS FROM REGIONAL RUNS TO THE FINAL RUN - The first ten (10) finishers who are not members of a qualifying team, will qualify to the Lower Peninsula Final Run for that class. In addition, any of the first fifteen (15) finishers, who have not already qualified as indicated above, also qualify.
7. REPORT OF QUALIFIERS - The Regional Meet Manager will forward the names of qualifying teams (and their Eligibility List) and individuals to the Final Meet Manager. If a qualifying team coach desires to make changes on the list of contestants for the Finals, he/she must notify the Regional Manager immediately after the Regional Run. If changes by the coach are not made, the names on the Regional Entry Blank will be submitted to the Final Manager.

8. SCORING AND TIES - At Regionals and Finals -- See Rule 9, Section 2 of the 1986 National Federation Track and Field Rule Book. All contestants are expected to maintain their position in the chute until released. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

9. AWARDS - The awards are to be presented following the conclusion of the fourth or last race and in the same order the races were run.

Regionals - 1 trophy awarded each winning school (1st place)
7 team medals awarded to each first place team
15 medals awarded to first fifteen (15) individuals in each class or section at each Regional

Finals - 1 trophy awarded each winning school (1st place)
1 trophy awarded each runner-up school (2nd place)
7 medals awarded to each first place team
7 medals awarded to each runner-up team
15 medals awarded to first fifteen (15) individuals in each class (Individuals Run)
15 medals awarded to first fifteen (15) individuals in each class (Team Run)

10. STARTING TIME AND ORDER OF COMPETITION FOR REGIONAL AND FINAL CROSS COUNTRY RUNS

A. Boys Regionals and Final Cross Country Runs are to be conducted first during odd numbered years. Therefore, Girls Regional and Final Cross Country Runs are to be conducted first during even numbered years. (1986 - even)

B. At all Regional and Final Runs, the first run will start at 12:30 p.m. Where there are two classes, the smallest class will compete first. (Section 1 will precede Section 2).

C. In the Finals, the team run for a class or section will precede the individual run for that class or section. (Example: Finals - Girls Class C Team Run, Girls Class C Individual Run, Boys Class C Team Run, Boys Class C Individual Run.)

11. EXPENSES OF COMPETING TEAMS - Schools will defray their own expenses both at Regional and Final Runs.

12. LENGTH OF COURSE - The length of the course at Regional and Final Runs will be 5000 Meters.

13. NUMBER OF COMPETITORS FROM EACH SCHOOL - A school may compete with a maximum of seven entries and a minimum of one entry. At least five individuals must finish in order to be considered a complete team. Only complete teams will be scored. Individuals on the Eligibility List may be used as substitutes for team entries.

14. LIST ACCORDING TO BEST TIME - List individuals on the Entry Blank in order of best times during the current season.

15. COACHES ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES -

- A. Coaches should advise their contestants against the wearing of unnecessary adornment (WRIST WATCHES, dangling earrings, necklaces, chains, loose bracelets, or any other piece of apparel that, when contacted or dislodged, presents a safety hazard to the contestants wearing it or to an opponent).
- B. Coaches are to advise their contestants that no radios, tape players, stereo boxes, or similar appliances are to be allowed at M.H.S.A.A. Cross Country meet sites.
- C. Coaches are to notify Managers as soon as their team has less than five (5) runners competing in the run. (Before the run begins or after it has started)

16. CHECKING-IN AT THE FINAL RUN - A representative from each competing school (teams or individuals) is to check in with the Final Manager immediately upon arrival at the Final Run site.

17. SUPERVISION OF TEAMS - Coaches and other school officials are responsible for the supervision of team members at the Cross Country Runs. School competitors are to be ladies and gentlemen at all times. Help retain the good will of the persons managing the runs, as well as schools, park departments and golf courses or country clubs. Use proper receptacles for used tape, bandages and other debris.

18. GAMES COMMITTEE - A Games Committee of five is to serve at all Regional and Final Meets and is to be comprised of the Meet Manager, Referee-Starter and three coaches. This Committee shall assist in the administration of the Run.

All Regional and Final Cross Country Run Managers are to invite three area coaches to review his course layout prior to printing the map of the course and prior to competition. These three coaches are to meet, if possible, and review the course as a group. The names of these individuals are to be listed in the Regional information which is distributed to competing schools.

19. TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT EXPENSES - The M.H.S.A.A. will reimburse host schools for the cost of administering the run. Parking fees are permitted only when attendants are necessary to control parking. The fee charged should be for the purpose of covering cost of the parking attendants.

20. PROGRAMS - It is recommended that the entertaining schools supply programs which list at least the schools competing and the individual contestants. Some Tournament Managers may want to enlarge their program by securing local advertising. When programs are listed as a meet expense, and the cost is expected to exceed \$100.00, programs are to be sold for a maximum of \$1.00. Advertisers should be selected with care. Advertisements should not mention tobacco, liquor, beer, bars, cocktail lounges, etc.

21. PRESS - Adequate arrangements should be made to take care of working or other press representatives at the Meets.

22. PUBLICITY - It is suggested that Tournament Managers secure cuts of the teams competing in their tournaments and run them in local and nearby papers for purposes of publicity and interest. Local and nearby papers may be interested in carrying articles supplied by the Tournament Manager concerning competing teams, schedule of Meets, etc. Radio and television stations may also furnish good opportunities for distributing tournament information and securing local cooperation. EACH COACH IS ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE HIS LOCAL MEDIA WITH REGIONAL RUN RESULTS.

23. NOTE: NO SCHOOL IS TO PERMIT ANY OF ITS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM MEMBERS TO PRACTICE, WALK, RUN, OR TOUR IN ANY OTHER WAY THE FINAL RUN COURSE DURING THE WEEK PRECEDING THE FINAL RUN.

THE CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE IS OF THE OPINION THAT THIS CROSS COUNTRY "GENERAL INFORMATION BULLETIN" SHOULD BE RETAINED BY EACH SCHOOL AND USED TO SET UP THEIR DUAL MEET AND INVITATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY RUNS FOR NEXT SEASON.

24. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL CROSS COUNTRY RUNS OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM STANDARDS:

A. Review pages 53-58 of the 1986 National Federation Track and Field Rule Book. NOTE: The funnel leading to the chute is to be at least 75 feet long.

B. The awards ceremony should be staged in an elevated area so that it may be witnessed by a majority of the spectators.

C. Team scores should be posted high and in large figures so that it is readily visible.

D. A map of the 5000 Meter course is to be distributed to all competing schools upon their arrival the day of competition.

E. A visible starting line must be used. Space should be sufficient so that five runners from each team may be on the front line.

F. An equal number of teams are to be assigned to positions on either side of the center of the course at the starting line.

G. Rope off the area around the chute. This will prevent spectators from interfering with chute personnel and contestants.

H. If possible, all turns must go around natural or man-made barriers and be on level ground. Course markers, such as flag poles, should extend approximately six feet above ground level and be constructed of a rigid and non-flexible material.

I. There are to be no sharp turns.

J. There are to be no turns within 400 Meters of the finish line.

K. There must be an above ground finish line to mark the termination of the race.

L. Markers should be used to designate the 1600 Meter and 3200 Meter points on the course.

M. Instructions for all runs are to be given ten minutes before the start of each run. Runners are to remain in sweat suits for these instructions. Immediately following the conclusion of the instructions, each runner will remove sweat suits and report to assigned position on the starting line.

N. Where possible, the course is to be double marked by line and flags. Flag designations: a red flag indicates a turn to the left, a yellow flag indicates a turn to the right and a blue flag indicates a course straight ahead.

O. Competing schools are encouraged to notify the M.H.S.A.A. in writing of all improperly marked courses.

25. MEMBERS OF THE 1986 CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE:

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