



MPSSAA CROSS COUNTRY BULLETIN

State Championships - November 13, 2021

Hereford High School

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association is the official governing body for the Cross Country championships. Plans for the meet were formulated by the State Cross Country Committee and approved by the Board of Control.
- B. Schools choosing to enter the championship meet have the responsibility for reading and adhering to the rules and regulations stated in Section I of this publication as well as those appearing within this Cross Country Bulletin. Unless specifically stated, all rules and regulations stipulated in the NFHS Cross Country Rule Book will be followed.
- C. Eligibility rules for all participants are defined in MPSSAA Bylaw .02, found in the current MPSSAA Handbook.
- D. General regulations for all state tournaments are contained in MPSSAA Bylaw .07, found in both the current Handbook and in Section I of this publication.

II. REGION AND STATE MEETS

A. Meet Organization

- 1. A CONTESTANT, in order to qualify, must be on the active Cross Country roster of the school team by October 25, 2021 and must have verifiable participation in a minimum of two Varsity Cross Country races with the school's Cross Country team (see MPSSAA handbook page 31 .03B regarding Varsity 'A', Varsity 'B' squads) prior to November 1st when the school in which the contestant is registered has a Cross Country team.
- 2. A TEAM, in order to qualify, must have officially participated in at least two regular season VARSITY meets prior to October 25th.
- 3. A maximum of seven athletes from a school will be permitted to represent that school in the race in which that school is scheduled to compete. An athlete may run in only one race.
- 4. A school may run fewer than five athletes, but a school must finish at least five athletes to set back, to score, or to be entitled to team awards. Any MALE runner to score must finish within 30 minutes of the start of the race and any FEMALE runner to score must finish within 33 minutes of the start of the race.
- 5. The maximum team roster is twelve. The twelve athletes as of the entry deadline (10 a.m. on 11/1) shall be the twelve athletes available to run in the region and state meets. Substitutions are NOT permitted.

B. Playing Rules

- 1. National Federation rules will apply.
- 2. All contestants will run a course between three miles and 5,000 meters.

2021 CROSS COUNTRY TIME LINE		
Aug. 11....First practice date	REGION MEETS	STATE MEETS
Sept. 3First play date		
Oct. 25Application deadline for Region Meet entry	Nov. 4Region Meets	Nov. 13State Meets
Nov. 1.....Deadline for final Region Meet qualifiers	Nov. 7Organization meeting for State Meets	Dec. 15Reimbursement request due

III. REGION MEET

A. Meet Organization

1. All MPSSAA member schools are eligible to enter into their respective regional meet. Formal application of schools entering must be made by submitting an online entry prior to Monday, October 25th. Any initial entries submitted after the deadline will incur a \$100 late fee made payable to the MPSSAA or the entry will be invalid. In no case will a team be entered into the region meet if an online entry form is not filled out by 10 a.m. on Monday, November 1st.
2. Schools will have until Monday, November 1st at 10 a.m. to submit final rosters. Schools may change their initial submitted form as many times as they want up until the 10 a.m. deadline on November 1st. The entry system will close at 10 a.m. on November 1st and region meets will be set.
3. The following online method for entry must be used. Please follow these directions for submitting entries.
 - a. Go to <md.milesplit.com>, the site hosting the online entry process.
 - b. Log in to your coach account.
 - c. Click on the “Calendar” tab and select your Region Meet from the list of meets.
 - d. On the “Region Meet” page, click on “Enter Online Now”.
 - e. Check to make sure you are entering the correct region meet and then click on “Enter School”.
 - f. Enter/confirm your contact info and select the gender(s) in which you wish to complete entries for and then click “Enter Team”.
 - g. You are now able to enter a maximum of twelve athletes on the roster for the region meet. From that roster of twelve, coaches may declare any seven to run in the meet.
 - h. After completing entries, print a confirmation copy of your entries by clicking on the “Print Confirmation” link at the top of your entry summary. The coach must bring a copy of this entry confirmation to the region meet.
4. The state organizational meeting for district representatives and region meet directors will be Sunday, November 7th, at TBA starting at 9:00 a.m. Meet directors are to bring Region Meet results in HyTek format to the meeting.
5. **Competitors that are entered into, compete in, and qualify from their region meet are expected to participate in their State Championship Meet or be subject to “misconduct detrimental to the tournament” and its’ penalties as found in the MPSSAA Handbook.**
6. Advancement to the state meet
 - a. The number of teams advancing to the state meet from each region shall be based on the total number of teams entered by the deadline onto the MPSSAA website with the minimum of five runners:

REGION MEET TEAMS	ADVANCING	REGION MEET TEAMS	ADVANCING
1.....	1	8.....	4
2.....	2	9.....	5
3.....	3	10.....	5
4.....	3	11.....	6
5.....	3	12.....	6
6.....	4	13.....	7
7.....	4	14.....	7

- (1) Complete teams will consist of a minimum of five runners and a maximum of seven runners who have participated in at least two varsity Cross Country meets prior to and including November 1st.

- (2) Official entry application must be submitted by the established deadline.
 - (3) Boys and girls will be counted separately.
 - (4) First year schools may compete.
 - (5) If five individual runners qualify in the region meet from a given school, these five shall be considered a team in the state meet.
- b. Formula used to determine individual qualifiers: 25 percent of the total number of competitors in the region race that day. A minimum of 15 runners will qualify.
 - c. Four races for both boys and girls (4A, 3A, 2A, and 1A) will be held as part of the state meet. Participating teams must have had 20 days of practice prior to the region meet. The race will include runners from schools that elected to field a separate girls team or who have individual girls who desire to participate in the meet. Girls may elect to run on the boys team when an equal opportunity is not provided for a school-sponsored girls team. They may decide at the region meet and qualify for either the boys race or the girls race.
7. Team and individual awards will be presented.
8. Region Meet Sites:

<p>4A West High Point Farm November 4 (2:30 p.m.)</p> <p>ContactEric DaSilva School.....Albert Einstein Phone.....703-298-2912</p>	<p>4A North Dulaney HS November 4 (2:30 p.m.)</p> <p>ContactEric Benjamin SchoolDulaney Phone.....443-655-0973</p>	<p>4A South Fort Washington November 4 (2:30 p.m.)</p> <p>Contact ..Kenneth Washington School.....Northwestern-PG Phone.....301-404-3851</p>	<p>4A East TBA November 4 (2:30 p.m.)</p> <p>ContactTBA School.....TBA PhoneTBA</p>
<p>3A West Gov. Thomas Johnson HS November 4 (2:30 p.m.)</p> <p>Contact.....Lawrence O’Hara School....Gov. Thos. Johnson Phone.....301-788-9296</p>	<p>3A North Dulaney HS November 4 (2:30 p.m.)</p> <p>ContactGil Stange School.....Towson Phone.....443-809-3608</p>	<p>3A South Oak Ridge Park November 4 (2:30 p.m.)</p> <p>ContactJosh Dawson SchoolNorthern-Calvert Phone.....443-350-2926</p>	<p>3A East Centennial HS November 4 (2:30 p.m.)</p> <p>ContactKevin McCoy SchoolCentennial Phone443-690-1374</p>
<p>2A West Liberty HS November 4 (3:00 p.m.)</p> <p>ContactDanny Jones SchoolLiberty Phone.....443-745-2983</p>	<p>2A North Pikesville HS November 4 (2:30 p.m.)</p> <p>ContactAndrew Parker SchoolLansdowne Phone.....301-503-8841</p>	<p>2A South Oak Ridge Park November 4 (2:30 p.m.)</p> <p>Contact.....Katie Schutte SchoolSt. Charles Phone716-208-5716</p>	<p>2A East Cambridge-SD HS November 4 (2:30 p.m.)</p> <p>Contact.....Sean Reincke SchoolCambridge-SD Phone.....443-205-5132</p>
<p>1A West Smithsburg November 4 (3:00 p.m.)</p> <p>Contact.....Ray Shriver SchoolSmithsburg Phone.....240-236-8331</p>	<p>1A North Pikesville HS November 4 (2:30 p.m.)</p> <p>ContactGreg Hrinda SchoolPikesville Phone.....814-882-7669</p>	<p>1A South Fort Washington November 4 (2:30 p.m.)</p> <p>Contact ..Kenneth Washington School.....Northwestern-PG Phone.....301-404-3851</p>	<p>1A East Cambridge-SD HS November 4 (2:30 p.m.)</p> <p>Contact.....Sean Reincke SchoolCambridge-SD Phone.....443-205-5132</p>
<p>Email addresses for regional directors can be found on the Cross Country page of mpssaa.org.</p>			

IV. STATE MEET

A. Meet Entries

1. The State Entry will come from the region meet director. For schools that qualify as a team those runners who competed and finished will be entered into the State Meet. If coaches intend to run one of their alternates or if one or more runners did not finish, they are reminded to make sure the regional meet director forwards the name and grade level of those athletes to the State Committee.
2. Entries will be posted on mpssaa.org on the Monday following the Region Meet. Each coach should verify his/her own entries. Please contact your region meet director with corrections.

B. Meet Organization

1. The 2021 meet will be held at Hereford High School, Parkton. **Directions from I-83 North:** Exit 27; right on Mt. Carmel Rd.; left on York Rd. for 1/2 mile to school on right.
2. The Games Committee, comprised of members of the State Cross Country Committee present at the meet, will rule on any questions and protests that arise. Meet officials will be provided to handle the finish chute/corral, see that the athletes start and finish properly, and see that the meet is run according to National Federation rules.
3. On arrival at the course, the coach or school representative should go to the registration desk for the team's packet, which contains numbers and final instructions.
4. Athletes should come dressed for participation. There will be locker room facilities for those who must travel greater distances and cannot travel dressed for participation in a cross country run. However, showers will not be available.
5. Tentative schedule: Times could be altered, subject to conditions.

8:30 a.m.— 1st walk of course	12:00 p.m. — 2nd walk of course
8:35 a.m.— Coaches' meeting (Class 4A & 3A)	12:05 p.m. — Coaches' meeting (Class 1A & 2A)
9:00 a.m. — Meeting for officials	1:30 p.m. — Class 1A Girls
10:00 a.m. — Class 3A Girls	2:00 p.m. — Class 2A Girls
10:30 a.m. — Class 4A Girls	2:30 p.m. — Class 1A Boys
11:00 a.m. — Class 3A Boys	3:00 p.m. — Class 2A Boys
11:30 a.m. — Class 4A Boys	4:00 - 4:25 p.m. — Class 1A Awards
12:30 - 12:55 p.m. — Class 3A Awards	4:25 - 4:35 p.m. — Break to clear gym
12:55 - 1:05 p.m. — Break to clear gym	4:35 - 5:00 p.m. — Class 2A Awards
1:05 - 1:30 p.m. — Class 4A Awards	

C. Playing Rules

1. WHITE LINES on the course path are official markings and take precedence over any other meet contested at that site. It is the coach's responsibility to instruct the competitors concerning the official markings.
2. Athletes are responsible for walking the course.
3. Starting line positions will be assigned a box start drawn at the state organization meeting.
4. Any MALE runner will have a maximum of 30 minutes to complete the race and any FEMALE runner will have a maximum of 33 minutes to complete the race before the course is cleared for the next event.
5. Only participants and credentialed attendants are allowed in the Starting line area.
6. Upon the start of the race, coaches MAY NOT move closer to the Finish line. The Finish line is a restricted area for race participants and officials only.

D. General Policies

1. Scoring ties shall be resolved by comparing sixth-place finishers from the tied teams. The team with the best sixth-place finisher shall prevail. If one team does not have a sixth-place finisher, the team with the sixth-place finisher shall prevail. If only five competitors finish, the tie shall be resolved by totaling the scores of the first four finishers.
2. Within each classification, the top two teams will receive a team plaque and **14** individual medals. The first 25 individual runners will receive medals.
3. Undesirable behavior on the part of the school participants or nonparticipants shall be grounds for disqualification, at the determination of the State Cross Country Committee. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action.

PROJECTED MPSSAA CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP DATES		
2022 - November 12	2023 - November 11	2024 - November 9

2021-22 STATE CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE		
	Office	Other
DIRECTOR Michael Sye	Baltimore County.....443-809-2328	
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MEET DIR. Matthew Clever	Randallstown.....443-809-0756	443-676-3891
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DISTRICT 2 Chad Young	Bethesda-Chevy Chase.....240-740-0400	267-254-4275
DISTRICT 3 Kenneth Washington	Northwestern-PG.....301-860-3901	301-404-3851
DISTRICT 4 Jimmy Ball	North Point	301-753-1759
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	Phil Lang	Howard County.....443-745-6896
DISTRICT 6 Matthew Clever	Randallstown.....443-809-0756	443-676-3891
DISTRICT 7 Steve Pizzulli	Bohemia Manor.....410-885-2075	
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DISTRICT 9 Keysha Fearon.....	Forest Park	410-396-0753
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RULES INTERPRETER		
	Steve Smith.....	410-935-1219
Email addresses for committee members can be found on the Cross Country pages of mpssaa.org.		

2021 ALIGNMENT FOR CROSS COUNTRY

CLASS 4A-WEST		CLASS 4A-NORTH		CLASS 4A-SOUTH		CLASS 4A-EAST	
1. Urbana	Fre	1. Catonsville	B Co	1. Bladensburg	PG	1. Annapolis	AA
2. Bethesda-Chevy Chase	Mtg	2. Dulaney	B Co	2. Bowie	PG	2. Arundel	AA
3. Clarksburg	Mtg	3. Dundalk	B Co	3. C H Flowers	PG	3. Broadneck	AA
4. Gaithersburg	Mtg	4. Parkville	B Co	4. Dr. Henry A Wise Jr	PG	4. Glen Burnie	AA
5. Northwest	Mtg	5. Perry Hall	B Co	5. Duval	PG	5. Meade	AA
6. Quince Orchard	Mtg	6. Western	Balt	6. Eleanor Roosevelt	PG	6. North County	AA
7. Richard Montgomery	Mtg	7. Albert Einstein	Mtg	7. High Point	PG	7. Old Mill	AA
8. Seneca Valley	Mtg	8. James Blake	Mtg	8. Laurel	PG	8. Severna Park	AA
9. Thomas S. Wootton	Mtg	9. Montgomery Blair	Mtg	9. Northwestern (PG)	PG	9. South River	AA
10. Walt Whitman	Mtg	10. Northwood	Mtg	10. Parkdale	PG	10. North Point	Cha
11. Walter Johnson	Mtg	11. Paint Branch	Mtg	11. Suitland	PG	11. Leonardtown	StM
12. Winston Churchill	Mtg	12. Sherwood	Mtg				
		13. Wheaton	Mtg				
CLASS 3A-WEST		CLASS 3A-NORTH		CLASS 3A-SOUTH		CLASS 3A-EAST	
1. Frederick	Fre	1. Franklin	B Co	1. Chesapeake	AA	1. Manchester Valley	Car
2. Linganore	Fre	2. Kenwood	B Co	2. Crofton	AA	2. Westminster	Car
3. Oakdale	Fre	3. Patapsco	B Co	3. Huntingtown	Cal	3. Atholton	How
4. Thomas Johnson	Fre	4. Towson	B Co	4. Northern (Cal.)	Cal	4. Centennial	How
5. Tuscarora	Fre	5. Woodlawn	B Co	5. St. Charles	Cha	5. Howard	How
6. Col. Zadok Magruder	Mtg	6. Mergenthaler	Balt	6. Oxon Hill	PG	6. Long Reach	How
7. Damascus	Mtg	7. City	Balt	7. Chopticon	StM	7. Marriotts Ridge	How
8. John F. Kennedy	Mtg	8. Digital Harbor	Balt	8. Great Mills	StM	8. Mt. Hebron	How
9. Rockville	Mtg	9. Poly	Balt	9. J. M. Bennett	Wic	9. Reservoir	How
10. Springbrook	Mtg	10. Aberdeen	Hfd	10. Stephen Decatur	Wor	10. River Hill	How
11. Watkins Mill	Mtg	11. Bel Air	Hfd			11. Wilde Lake	How
12. North Hagerstown	Was	12. C. Milton Wright	Hfd				
13. South Hagerstown	Was	13. Edgewood	Hfd				
CLASS 2A-WEST		CLASS 2A-NORTH		CLASS 2A-SOUTH		CLASS 2A-EAST	
1. Northeast (AA)	AA	1. Carver A&T	B Co	1. Calvert	Cal	1. Elkton	Cec
2. Southern (AA)	AA	2. Chesapeake	B Co	2. Patuxent	Cal	2. North East (Cecil)	Cec
3. Century	Car	3. Eastern Technical	B Co	3. La Plata	Cha	3. Rising Sun	Cec
4. Liberty	Car	4. Hereford	B Co	4. Lackey	Cha	4. North Caroline	Cin
5. Winters Mill	Car	5. Lansdowne	B Co	5. McDonough	Cha	5. Harford Tech	Hfd
6. Middletown	Fre	6. Milford Mill Academy	B Co	6. Thomas Stone	Cha	6. North Harford	Hfd
7. Walkersville	Fre	7. New Town	B Co	7. Westlake	Cha	7. Kent Island	Qa
8. Poolesville	Mtg	8. Overlea	B Co	8. Fairmont Heights	PG	8. Queen Anne's	Qa
9. Glenelg	How	9. Owings Mills	B Co	9. Frederick Douglass	PG	9. Easton	Tal
10. Hammond	How	10. Randallstown	B Co	10. Friendly	PG	10. Parkside	Wic
11. Oakland Mills	How	11. Sparrows Point	B Co	11. Gwynn Park	PG	11. Wicomico	Wic
		12. Carver Vo-Tech	Balt	12. Potomac	PG		
		13. Patterson	Balt				
		14. Southwestern	Balt				
CLASS 1A-WEST		CLASS 1A-NORTH		CLASS 1A-SOUTH		CLASS 1A-EAST	
1. Allegany	All	1. ACCE	Balt	1. Loch Raven	B Co	1. Bohemia Manor	Cec
2. Fort Hill	All	2. Benjamin Franklin	Balt	2. Pikesville	B Co	2. Perryville	Cec
3. Mountain Ridge	All	3. Coppin Academy	Balt	3. Western STES	B Co	3. Cambridge-SD	Dor
4. Brunswick	Fre	4. Dunbar	Balt	4. Francis Scott Key	Car	4. North Dorchester	Dor
5. Catocin	Fre	5. Edmondson/Westside	Balt	5. South Carroll	Car	5. Fallston	Hfd
6. Northern (Gar.)	G	6. Forest Park	Balt	6. Central	PG	6. Havre de Grace	Hfd
7. Southern (Gar.)	G	7. Frederick Douglass-B	Balt	7. Croom Vocational	PG	7. Joppatowne	Hfd
8. Boonsboro	Was	8. Lake Clifton	Balt	8. Crossland	PG	8. Patterson Mill	Hfd
9. Clear Spring	Was	9. National Academy (NAF)	Balt	9. Int. School at Langley Park	PG	9. Kent County	K
10. Smithsburg	Was	10. New Era Academy	Balt	10. Largo	PG	10. Crisfield	Som
11. Williamsport	Was	11. Reginald Lewis	Balt	11. Surrattsville	PG	11. Washington	Som
		12. Seed School of Maryland	MD			12. Mardela	Wic
						13. Pocomoke	Wor
						14. Snow Hill	Wor

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