



2017 CROSS COUNTRY FINALS INFORMATION

- **INFORMATION BULLETIN**
- **TIME SCHEDULE**
- **BOYS AND GIRLS TEAM QUALIFIER FORMS**

- Spectator admission is \$8.00 per person
- Online tickets can be purchased at www.MHSAA.com on the Cross Country page
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1. LOCATION: Michigan International Speedway, 12626 US-12, Brooklyn, MI 49230

- A. All access to Brooklyn Road can be reached from the north off of M-50 or from the south off US-12.
- B. Gate A – Lot A - Team Bus Parking (**THIS IS A NEW LOCATION FROM PREVIOUS YEARS – PLEASE SEE MAP FOUND ONLINE AT MHSAA.com**)
- C. Gate 11 & The Fan Plaza - Spectator Parking
- D. Tunnel Gate - Officials, workers and teams in vans less than 9' in height may park in designated areas on infield.
- E. Trams will be available for transport to infield.

2. FINALS QUALIFIER PACKET INCLUDES:

- A. Parking pass, which will permit your vehicle to park in the team parking area.
- B. TEAM QUALIFIERS: 12 team member admission wristband passes, 3 wristband passes for coach, manager and/or trainer.
- C. INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS will receive one wristband pass plus 2 others to include coach, manager or trainer.
- D. Visibly worn passes will allow coaches and officials to restricted areas other than infield and course.
- E. Please do not ask for additional free admission passes.
- F. Do not photocopy passes. School's administration will be notified of any unethical practices.

3. FINAL MEET PACKETS/COURSE PREVIEW/APPAREL PURCHASE

- A. Friday packet pickup will be at Michigan International Speedway in the Media Center from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. It will take place in the Media Center located in the buildings behind the finish area.
- B. Course preview from the starting line to the 4000 meter mark (just as you enter back into the track area.) will also be allowed from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. only on Friday, November 3rd – Weather permitting.
- C. No tents or vehicles may be left in the infield of MIS and the track must be cleared by 5 p.m. for course set up and preparation.
- D. Parking for the Friday packet pickup and course preview time will be done in the awards area and lots closest to pit row. (PLEASE SEE MAP ONLINE at MHSAA.com)
- E. Apparel sales from EA GRAPHICS will take place on Friday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- F. Saturday packet pickup will start at 7:30 am in the Media Center located in the buildings behind the finish area.
- G. It is the responsibility of the coach to pick up the meet packet and timing tags on either Friday or Saturday.

4. CHANGE AND CORRECTIONS FORM

- A. Coaches of team qualifiers may change team personnel for the Finals.
- B. Individual qualifiers may not be substituted.
- C. Division 4 and 3 teams must make their changes by 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4.
- D. Division 2 and 1 teams must make their changes by NOON on Saturday, Nov. 4.

- E. Change forms are provided in the meet packet found online. Online changes can also be made up until Friday at Noon by using the supplied Google Docs form found online at MHSAA.com.
- F. Turn the Change and Corrections Form into the packet pick-up area at the Media Center.

5. COURSE DESCRIPTION AND PREVIEW

- A. While the start and finish have restricted areas, coaches and spectators will be allowed along the course during races.
- B. NEW 2017: The first 4000 meters of the course will be open for previewing on Friday, November 3 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. This is the course from start line to where the course reenters the track area for the last 1000 meters.
- C. Please do not cross the timing pads at the one-mile, two-mile, and three-mile marks, while previewing the course on Saturday, November 4.
- D. Competitors may not preview the course after the three-mile mark on Saturday, November 4.
- E. Mile markers and timing clocks will designate the one-mile, two-mile, and three-mile marks.
- F. The use of a painted boundary lines, both inside and outside, will define the course. Additionally, artificial boundary markers, such as orange barrels may also be used. Athletes should stay between these lines, and must go around all other natural or man-made barriers.
- G. Additional flagging may be posted throughout the course: “Red to left”, “Yellow to right” and “Blue straight”
- H. Runners must cross both finish line timing pads and continue through the chute.

6. COMPETING TEAM EXPECTATIONS

- A. Schools will defray their own expenses for participating in the Finals.
- B. Coaches and other school officials are responsible for the supervision of team members at the Final site.
- C. Spikes are not allowed on “Pit Row” or on the car racetrack.

7. TIMING, SCORING AND RESULTS

Race Bibs

- A. Runners must wear their assigned race bib on the front of their jersey with the pins provided.
- B. Race bibs may not be altered (i.e. cut, folded, wrinkled, etc.)
- C. The race bib will be the primary timing system for a runner.
- D. Race bibs will use the following color scheme for the 2017 race.
Black bibs with white numerals – team racers for both boys and girls. Blue bibs with white numerals – Boys Individual racers. Red bibs with white numerals – Girls Individual racers.

Scoring and Ties

- A. Rule 8, Section 2 of the National Federation Track & Field/Cross Country Rule Book will be followed.
- B. All competitors are expected to move beyond the finish line and run/jog to their position in the exit area.
- C. Timing tags on bibs are the primary system and a camera video replay system is the back up.

Results

- A. Official results will be posted at the window of the Media Room.
- B. Results will be posted at MHSAA.com immediately after the races.
- C. **NEW 2017:** Online live timing and live team results will be posted online at MHSAA.com as the races are run. For more information, please check MHSAA.com.

8. AWARDS

- A. Each division and gender:

1 Trophy First Place – Team	1 Trophy Second Place - Team
7 Medals First Place – Team	7 Medals Second Place - Team
30 Medals Top	30 Finishers each race
- B. By Representative Council action, only MHSAA approved awards may be presented.
- C. Division 4 & 3 awards will begin at 12:15 p.m.
- D. Division 2 & 1 awards will begin at 4:00 p.m.

9. COMPETITION RULES & INSTRUCTIONS

STARTING LINE:

- A. Final race instructions will be given ten minutes prior to each race. At the conclusion of those instructions, athletes should remove their sweats and immediately report to the assigned positions on the starting line.

TEAMS:

- A. Qualifying teams may compete with a maximum of seven entries and a minimum of one entry.
- B. At least five individuals must finish in order to be considered a complete team.
- C. Only complete teams will be scored.
- D. Individuals on the Master Eligibility List may be used as substitutes for team entries only. There are no substitutions for racers in the individual races.

JEWELRY: Athletes may wear jewelry during competition without penalty. This includes watches and sunglasses.

UNIFORM RULE: National Federation Rule 8-6 will be enforced as written regarding competitor uniforms.

Referees/umpires throughout the course will be watching competitors closely for uniform compliance as well as rules of the course and sportsmanship compliance.

10. APPEALS

- A. Appeals in writing denoting a specific rule will first come to this group before making the final decision on any appeal. The length of the appeal time 20 minutes after the posting of results near the awards area.
- B. The Games committee shall have final authority over rules disputes.

Games Committee:

Rudy Godefroidt, ATOM, official's coordinator
Wayne McDonald, Meet Referee
Cody Inglis, MHSAA
Dennis Whitehead, Meet Manager

11. MEDICAL INFORMATION

- A. Two doctors, seven certified athletic trainers, and four-five student athletic trainers will be on duty during the day to assist with any injuries or emergencies.
- B. In addition, the Michigan Speedway Field Hospital will be open and there will be an ambulance on stand-by.
- C. There will be a nurse's FIRST AID STATION open in the grandstand area.

12. SPECTATOR INFORMATION

- A. \$8 admission charge for all spectators. Parking is included in the admission fee.
- B. Online tickets can be purchased at mhsaa.com
- C. **NEW 2017:** Credit cards WILL BE accepted for ticket purchases on-site.
- D. **NEW 2017:** There will be an ATM on site at the ticket booth area for cash withdrawals.
- E. Animals will not be allowed to enter Michigan International Speedway.
- F. Trams will be available to transport spectators for the entry gate ticket area to an area near the start line and return.
- G. Radios, stereo boxes, pets (even on leashes) will not be allowed.
- H. DRONES ARE NOT ALLOWED AT Michigan International Speedway.
- I. Charcoal and gas grills are not allowed on infield parking areas
- J. Suites along pit row and in the upper press box may be purchased through MIS. More information is available online at MHSAA.com
- K. Suite holder tickets are valid for entry into the suite. They will be turned in for wristbands indicating the wearer is a suite holder.
- L. T-Shirts/Sweatshirts – Friday T-shirt sales will be at Michigan International Speedway near the Packet pickup location.
Sat. T-shirts will be on sale in the spectator entrance area and at the concession stand on the infield.

13. UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE (DRONE) POLICY

The use of unmanned aerial vehicles ("UAV"), also known as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at MHSAA tournament venues. Tournament management shall refuse admission or entry to anyone attempting to use a UAV; and if necessary, tournament management shall remove anyone attempting to use a UAV and/or confiscate the UAV until the event has been completed. For purposes of this policy, a UAV is any aircraft without a human pilot aboard the device.

An exception to this policy may be made in specific cases for MHSAA broadcast partners, provided the management of the tournament facility permits the presence of UAVs for broadcast purposes under the control of the MHSAA.

14. TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL POLICY

Use of alcohol or tobacco, including e-cigarettes or other smoking devices, is prohibited at MHSAA tournament events by players, coaches and spectators.

MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY SCHEDULE:

*MIS WILL BE OPEN FROM 12 PM
TO 5 PM ON FRIDAY FOR
PACKET PICKUP, COURSE
PREVIEW AND APPAREL SALES*

FRIDAY, NOV. 3

12:00-5:00 pm Packet Pick-Up, Course Preview and T-shirt sales at Michigan International Speedway.

SATURDAY, NOV. 4

7:30 am	Entrance Opens (Packet pick-up, T-shirt sales and course review)
9:00 am	Changes and Corrections due for D4 and D3
9:30 am	Division 4 Girls
10:10 am	Division 3 Girls
10:50 am	Division 4 Boys
11:30 am	Division 3 Boys
12:00 pm	Changes and corrections due for D2 and D1
12:15 pm	Division 4 & 3 Awards Presentation
1:30 pm	Division 2 Girls
2:10 pm	Division 1 Girls
2:50 pm	Division 2 Boys
3:30 pm	Division 1 Boys
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BOYS

CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS ONLY

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**MHSAA CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS
TEAM QUALIFIERS**

Change in Runners:

Please fill out this sheet if you will be making any changes in your team personnel.

SCHOOL _____

Division: 1 2 3 4 Circle proper division

SUBSTITUTIONS FOR TEAM QUALIFIERS

Race No	Last Name, First Name	Grade	New Runner (last, first name)	Grade	New Race No.

CORRECTIONS of TEAM or INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS (i.e. spelling, grade, etc.)

Race No	Name:	Grade

<p>ONLY TEAM MEMBERS MAY BE SUBSTITUTED NOT INDIVIDUALS</p>

Individual qualifiers not on General Listings:

Turn in to packet pick-up room (Media Room).

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NOON for Division 2 and 1**

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GIRLS

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CROSS COUNTRY APPEAL FORM

- 1. Appeal is to reverse a ruling or correct an error.
- 2. Protest is to express dissatisfaction with a decision or procedure.
- 3. The rules address the appeal process, not "the protest".

WHAT IS SUBJECT TO APPEAL?

- 1. Misapplication of a rule.
- 2. Clerical errors in placing (30 min. Limit).
- 3. Team scoring errors (48 hour limit).
- 4. Misapplication or failure to follow a procedure in the terms and conditions of competition announced in advance.

WHAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO APPEAL?

- 1. Judgment.
- 2. Decision by finish judges/timers that does not involve misapplication of a rule.

WHAT IS THE APPEAL PROCESS?

- 1. Head coach shall verbally inform meet monitor.
- 2. Head coach shall file in writing on the Appeal Form.
- 3. Include competitor name, school, number, and specific event.
- 4. The specific rule.
- 5. A brief description.
- 6. Give form to meet monitor.

(PLEASE PRINT)

EVENT _____

LANE _____

INDIVIDUAL _____
_____

RULE
REFERENCE _____

DESCRIPTION OF THE APPEAL:

IS JURY OF APPEALS REQUESTED TO REVIEW THIS ISSUE? NO YES

The Jury of Appeals shall have the final authority.

INSTRUCTIONS

CROSS COUNTRY MANAGERS REGIONAL/FINAL MEETS

The reverse side of this form is a master
APPEAL FORM which you will use to
duplicate for use at your meet.

Each coach is to receive one APPEAL FORM.

Duplicate on any color paper you desire.

You may wish to have others available in
the Press Box and from the Meet Monitor.