



michigan high school athletic association

2020 CROSS COUNTRY FINALS INFORMATION

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

- **MHSAA Return to XC protocols must be followed in order to compete – for more guidance, please see the guidelines at:**
<https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/Documents/AD%20Forms/PACKET%20XC.pdf>
- **MASKS must be worn at all times except for athletes in active participation.**
- **Visibly worn wristbands will allow coaches and athletes to enter the facility.**
- **Spectator admission is \$9.40 per person. Tickets must be purchased online using the GoFan digital ticketing site.**
- **Digital tickets will be sold via GoFan and can be found at**
<https://www.mhsaa.com/Sports/Boys-Cross-Country/2020-Finals>
- **NO TEAM TENTS**
- **NO TEAM VEHICLES ALLOWED on the INFIELD**
- **TEAM PARKING will be outside of the FAN PLAZA and Team entrance through pedestrian tunnel or Grandstand wall (see map)**

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 (**PLEASE SEE MAP FOUND ONLINE AT MHSAA.com**)
- C. The Fan Plaza – Team and Bus parking – Green Acres Lot 3 - Spectator Parking
- D. The Grandstand entrance and ticket booths will be the spectator entrance- closer to Guest parking
- E. **Tunnel Gate will NOT be used this year. It will be closed.**

2. FINALS QUALIFIER PACKET INCLUDES:

- A. Parking pass, which will permit your vehicle to park in the team parking area in the Fan Plaza.
- B. TEAM QUALIFIERS: eight (8) team member admission wristband passes, three (3) wristband passes for coach and/or trainer.
- C. INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS will receive one (1) wristband pass plus two (2) others to include coach or trainer.
- D. **Visibly worn wristbands** will allow coaches and athletes to enter the facility. **There will be no driving into MIS and no infield access via vehicle into MIS.**
- E. Team entrance/exit will be through the pedestrian tunnel or through grandstands and across track with access behind the press box in the Fan Plaza.
- F. There is not any hotel information as the recommendation is to not stay overnight if at all possible. Ultimately, this is an individual school decision.

3. FINAL MEET PACKET PICK UP /APPAREL PURCHASE

- A. Packet pickup will be at Michigan International Speedway in the **MICHIGAN ROOM** throughout the day of the race. Each division will have their own pickup time. (Please see the time schedule for more information.) It will take place in the Media Center located in the buildings behind the finish area.
- B. Box assignments will be posted online at MHSAA.com as well as in the MICHIGAN ROOM.
- C. Packet pick up will be done in the MICHIGAN ROOM on Pit Row, coaches must physically distance in the room and wear masks.
- D. **The MHSAA COVID Monitoring Form must be completed and brought to Packet pick up on your race day – this is the only way to receive race bibs. This form can be found in this packet or online at MHSAA.com.**
- E. There will be no early Course preview in 2020. Course preview can be done when the entrance opens for a division's race.
- F. No tents will be allowed in 2020. Team areas can be chosen near the start line physically distanced from other teams in the defined areas on the attached map close to the start line after packet pick up.
- G. Apparel sales from EA GRAPHICS will take place on Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the Fan Plaza and in the infield area near packet pick up.
- H. It is the responsibility of the coach to pick up the meet packet and timing tag on the day of your race (either Friday or Saturday). There is no early packet pick up.

4. CHANGE AND CORRECTIONS FORM

- A. Coaches of team qualifiers may change team personnel for the Finals if those student-athletes appear on the school master eligibility list.
- B. Roster Changes, including spelling, grade corrections, individual scratches and team substitutions, may be done by the coach through athletic.net PRIOR to Tuesday, Nov. 3 at 4 pm. Following the Tuesday, Nov. 3, 4 pm deadline, changes must be made using **THIS FORM** (also found online at **MHSAA.com** on the XC page)
- C. Individual qualifiers may not be substituted.
- D. Substitution forms will be found in your race packets. The Google change form will also be active through the change deadline.
- E. Please ensure to meet and follow the Changes and Corrections deadlines for each team's race. This information is in the Race time schedule. Failure to meet the substitution deadline can result in disqualification. Failure to have an athletes bib changed properly is a basis for disqualification.
- 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 officials will be allowed along the course during races. Coaches are reminded that masks must be worn at all times while on site. This includes when "coaching" your kids during the race.
- B. The first 4000 meters of the course will be open for previewing upon arrival on your race day. The final 1000 meters can be reviewed from just off the course. As a reminder, active participation for an athlete DOES NOT include previewing the course and masks must be worn by athletes during this process.
- C. Please do not cross the timing pads at the one-mile, two-mile, and three-mile marks, while previewing the course prior to your race.
- D. Mile markers and timing clocks will designate the one-mile, two-mile, and three-mile marks. As a reminder, the timing split @ the 3-mile mark is NOT the finish and athletes need to continue on to the Finish line.
- E. 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.
- F. Additional flagging may be posted throughout the course: "Red to left", "Yellow to right" and "Blue straight"
- G. 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. If extra credentials were needed and approved by the MHSAA, this pick up will be outside of MIS in the Fan Plaza at a pass table.
- D. Entry for teams to MIS will only be allowed during the published time frames for their races at the team entry location in the Fan Plaza.
- E. Entry will not be allowed into MIS until the Division and gender entrance time. For those schools whose coach is both the boys and the girls coach or if transportation is being shared, entrance into the track grandstands (not the course) will be allowed either prior or

after that teams race while awaiting completion of that Division, awards pick up and exit of the grandstands to the Fan Plaza. The other gender team may then head to the course upon their entrance time. Teams may also stay on the bus if a bus is shared until their arrival time. Multiple vehicles bringing competing athletes may use the team parking area but drivers, including parents, will need to go to the spectator entrance for entry.

- F. Wristbands are allowed for competitors, alternates and school approved coaches only. Any violation of this policy will result in future restrictions on wristbands and passes for that school and coach.
- G. There will be **no Team tents** allowed in the team area.
- H. Please help clean up the team area by using the supplied trash receptacles. Please bring out what you bring in. Team areas are defined via the map attached to this information.
- I. It is suggested that you arrive at least one hour prior to race time to ensure adequate prep time, race packet pick up, team warm up and start line check in.
- J. Racers (teams and individuals) should be at the start line no later than 15 minutes prior to their race time for check in.
- K. Please ensure that your runner/team is in the correct section and race. This information is on the race day schedule and is dependent on your Regional finish.
- L. Teams and athletes **MUST** leave MIS at the designated time for your race section through the Grandstand entrance/exit or Pedestrian Tunnel.

7. TIMING, SCORING AND RESULTS

Timing and scoring will be administered by Superior Timing. Superior Timing has successfully partnered with the MHSAA for years as the official MHSAA timing company for MHSAA Upper Peninsula Track and Cross Country. We are happy to have them as partners in the Lower Peninsula Cross Country Finals starting this year.

Race Bibs

- A. Runners must wear their assigned race bib on the front **and back** of their jersey with the pins provided. The bib colors are Red for team and Blue for individual runners.
- 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.

Scoring and Ties

- A. Rule 8, Section 2 and 3 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. Preliminary results will be posted on Athletic.net and MHSAA.com. The appeal process will start immediately upon the posting of the results for 20 minutes. After this time period the results will become official.
- B. Official Results will be then be posted at MHSAA.com and Athletic.net immediately after the race appeal time frame is completed.
- C. Written appeals can be done via a written appeals form found in this packet and in the Michigan Room (packet pick up). It can be turned in during the appeal period at this same location.
- D. Online live timing and live team results will be posted online at MHSAA.com and at <https://www.superiortiming.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 overall in a Division.
- B. Coaches of teams and individuals who qualify for an award – either a trophy or medal should come to the Media Center lobby prior to leaving MIS to receive their trophy or medal.
- C. Coaches will pick up the medals packets and announcements will be made throughout the day and online via MHSAA.com with award winners.
- D. There will NO formal awards ceremony this year at MIS.

9. COMPETITION RULES & INSTRUCTIONS

STARTING LINE:

- A. Final race instructions will be given five 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 weather permitting.
- B. Teams and individuals must use the assigned starting boxes unless reassigned a box by meet administration or officials.
- C. Boxes are assigned and designed to be spread out and physical distancing should be practiced while at the starting line. The assigned box is the box that must be used and moving to another box without an official determining that the move would be allowed would be grounds for disqualification.

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. 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 4-3 will be enforced as written regarding competitor uniforms.

A bib may not be obstructed to stop a watch and could lead to a runner not be given a place or time. Please advise your athletes to wait until after the finish line to stop their watches.

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 rule or missed athlete will first come to the games committee before making the final decision on any appeal. The length of the appeal time is 20 minutes after the posting of results online.
- B. The Games committee shall have final authority over rules disputes.

Games Committee:

Rudy Godefroidt, ATOM, official's coordinator, Meet Referee
Doug Kelly, Meet Monitor
Cody Inglis, MHSAA
Brad Buter, Meet Manager
2 Coaches Representatives

11. MEDICAL INFORMATION

- A. Two doctors, seven certified athletic trainers, and 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. DIGITAL TICKETING INSTRUCTIONS – GO FAN –

On Tuesday (11/3) afternoon, every school with a qualifying team or individual will receive an email from GoFan. This email will contain access codes for your runner(s), with each access code giving the user the ability to purchase two tickets. Each qualifying team will receive seven (7) codes and each individual will receive one (1). For example, if your boys' team qualified and you also had an individual girl qualify, you will receive eight (8) total codes to pass out to your runners. Tickets are \$8.00 (\$9.40 total with convenience fee). **IMPORTANT: Tickets must be purchased by noon on Thursday.** Any unused codes/tickets will be available for public sale at noon on Thursday. We have a max capacity of 1,000 ticket sales for each session, so there will likely be very few tickets available for public sale. If you do not receive your codes by Wednesday morning, please contact us immediately.

13. SPECTATOR INFORMATION

- A. \$8 (\$9.40 via Go Fan) admission charge for all spectators. Parking is included in the admission fee.
- B. All tickets must be purchased via the Go Fan app or website. Convenience fees make the total cost of the ticket \$9.40. There will be NO on-site ticket purchase, all ticket purchases must be done online.
- C. Spectator capacity is limited via MDHHS emergency order and will be capped per session. Each school will be emailed "codes" for purchase of online tickets. Each competitor will be allowed up to two ticket purchases. If those tickets are not sold, they will be opened for general admission starting no earlier than Thursday at 12 p.m. (Noon)
- D. The ticket area to the grandstand will be the entrance this year at MIS.
- E. Spectators will be limited to the Grandstand only at MIS for the 2020 XC Finals.
- F. Upon purchase of the ticket to the MHSAA XC Finals, a spectator will fill out a self health assessment on the Go Fan app prior to entry.
- G. Upon entry into MIS for the 2020 XC Finals spectators will undergo a Temperature check via a touchless, infrared temperature reader. In order to enter the MIS Grandstands, spectator's temperature must be under 100.3 degrees. Spectators with a temperature over 100.3 will not be allowed to enter the MIS Grandstands. Spectators who feel ill or are showing any symptoms should not attend the MHSAA XC Finals.
- H. Animals will not be allowed to enter Michigan International Speedway, pets (even on leashes) will not be allowed unless proper documentation can support a service animal designation.

- I. Trams will NOT be available in 2020, though ADA accessible parking will be available in the spectator parking area. (See attached map.)
- J. DRONES ARE NOT ALLOWED AT Michigan International Speedway except for official MHSAA filming and streaming.
- K. Suites will NOT be available in 2020.
- L. T-Shirts/Sweatshirts –T-shirt and apparel sales will be at Michigan International Speedway near the Packet pickup location for teams and in the Fan Plaza entrance for spectators.
- M. MHSAA livestreaming/announcing of the XC Finals will be available. For more details please go to MHSAA.com and the XC Finals page.
- N. XC Finals Live timing and scoring is available at www.superiortiming.com during each race. Races will be video reviewed. The chip time will be shown in tenths, while the video reviewed and potential corrected time will show in hundredths.

14. 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.

15. 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.

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MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY
RACE SCHEDULE:**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- DIV. 1 BOYS** 8:00 am **Entrance Opens** for D1 Boys teams and individuals
Packet pick up for D1 Boys
- 8:30 am **Changes and Corrections due for D1 boys**
- 9:30 am Division 1 Boys Section 1 Race (Individual and 3rd place teams)
- 10:00 am Division 1 Boys Section 2 Race (1st/2nd place Regional teams)
- 11:00 am **Awards pick up** in Media Center
- 11:30 am D1 Boys teams and individuals must depart from MIS
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- DIV. 1 GIRLS** 9:30 am **Entrance Opens** for D1 Girls teams and individuals
Packet pick up for D1 Girls
- 10:00 am **Changes and Corrections due for D1 girls**
- 11:00 am Division 1 Girls Section 1 Race (Individual and 3rd place teams)
- 11:30 am Division 1 Girls Section 2 Race (1st/2nd place Regional teams)
- 12:30 pm **Awards pick up** in the Media Center
- 1:00 pm D1 Girls teams and individuals must depart from MIS
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- DIV. 2 BOYS** 12:00 pm **Entrance Opens** for D2 Boys teams and individuals
Packet pick up for D2 Boys
- 12:30 pm **Changes and Corrections due for D2 boys**
- 1:30 pm Division 2 Boys Section 1 Race (Individual and 3rd place teams)
- 2:00 pm Division 2 Boys Section 2 Race (1st/2nd place Regional teams)
- 3:00 pm **Awards pick up** in the Media Center
- 3:30 pm D2 Boys teams and individuals must depart from MIS
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- DIV. 2 GIRLS** 1:30 pm **Entrance Opens** for D2 Girls teams and individuals
Packet pick up for D2 Girls
- 2:00 pm **Changes and Corrections due for D2 girls**
- 3:00 pm Division 2 Girls Section 1 Race (Individual and 3rd place teams)
- 3:30 pm Division 2 Girls Section 2 Race (1st/2nd place Regional teams)
- 4:30 pm **Awards pick up** in the Media Center
- 5:00 pm D2 Girls teams and individuals must depart from MIS

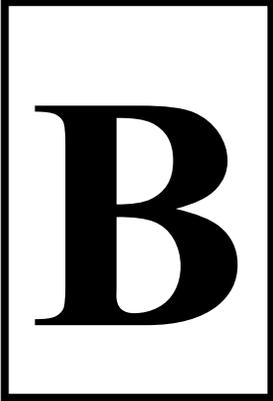
**2020 MHSAA CROSS COUNTRY FINALS
MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY
RACE SCHEDULE:**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- DIV. 3 BOYS** 8:00 AM **Entrance Opens** for D3 Boys teams and individuals
Packet pick up for D3 Boys
- 8:30 am **Changes and Corrections due for D3 boys**
- 9:30 am Division 3 Boys Section 1 Race (Individual and 3rd place teams)
- 10:00 am Division 3 Boys Section 2 Race (1st/2nd place Regional teams)
- 11:00 am **Awards pick up** in Media Center
- 11:30 am D3 Boys teams and individuals must depart from MIS
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- DIV. 3 GIRLS** 9:30 am **Entrance Opens** for D3 Girls teams and individuals
Packet pick up for D3 Girls
- 10:00 am **Changes and Corrections due for D3 girls**
- 11:00 am Division 3 Girls Section 1 Race (Individual and 3rd place teams)
- 11:30 am Division 3 Girls Section 2 Race (1st/2nd place Regional teams)
- 12:30 pm **Awards pick up** in the Media Center
- 1:00 pm D3 Girls teams and individuals must depart from MIS
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- DIV. 4 BOYS** 12:00 pm **Entrance Opens** for D4 Boys teams and individuals
Packet pick up for D4 Boys
- 12:30 pm **Changes and Corrections due for D4 boys**
- 1:30 pm Division 4 Boys Section 1 Race (Individual and 3rd place teams)
- 2:00 pm Division 4 Boys Section 2 Race (1st/2nd place Regional teams)
- 3:00 pm **Awards pick up** in the Media Center
- 3:30 pm D4 Boys teams and individuals must depart from MIS
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- DIV. 4 GIRLS** 1:30 pm **Entrance Opens** for D4 Girls teams and individuals
Packet pick up for D4 Girls
- 2:00 pm **Changes and Corrections due for D4 girls**
- 3:00 pm Division 4 Girls Section 1 Race (Individual and 3rd place teams)
- 3:30 pm Division 4 Girls Section 2 Race (1st/2nd place Regional teams)
- 4:30 pm **Awards pick up** in the Media Center
- 5:00 pm D4 Girls teams and individuals must depart from MIS

BOYS

CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS ONLY



**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

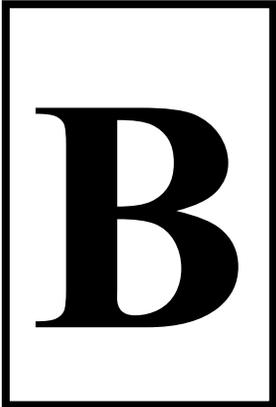
CORRECTIONS of TEAM or INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS (i.e. spelling, grade, etc.)

Race No	Name:	Grade

ONLY TEAM MEMBERS MAY BE SUBSTITUTED NOT INDIVIDUALS

Individual qualifiers not on General Listings:

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



GIRLS

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TEAM QUALIFIERS**

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INSTRUCTIONS

CROSS COUNTRY MANAGERS REGIONAL/FINAL MEETS

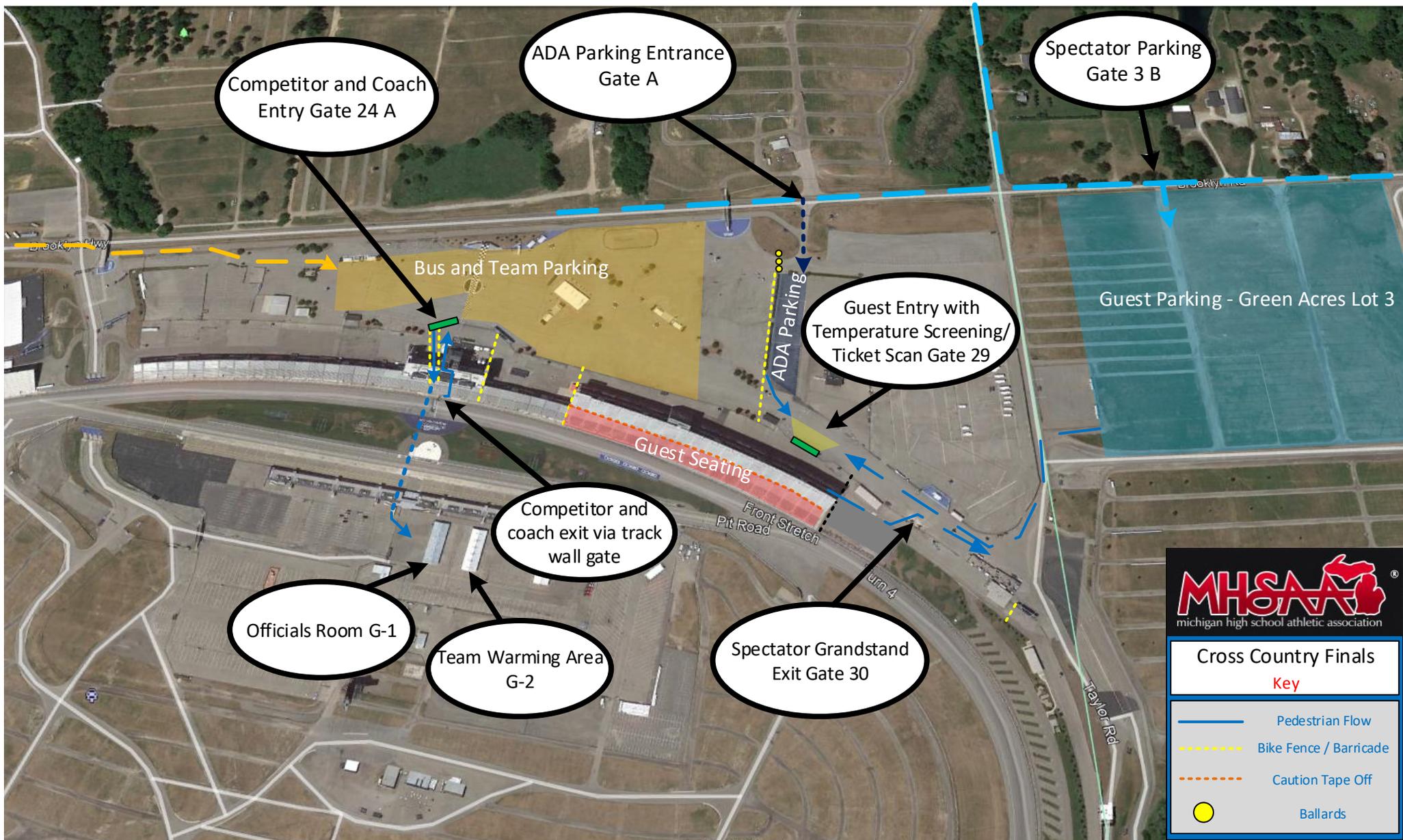
The reverse side of this form is a master
APPEAL FORM which you will use to
duplicate for use at your meet.

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.

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