

NEO REGIONAL
CROSS COUNTRY TOURNAMENT - COACHES' INFORMATION
Saturday, October 30, 2021
Boardman High School, 7777 Glenwood Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44512

The following items are not included in this packet. They are available on Baumspage.com. Please download:

1. Coaches' Verification Form (must be signed and presented at Registration to receive your packet)
2. Uniform Checklist (for your review)
3. Substitution Form (in case it is necessary)
4. Course Map
5. Chip Instructions (for review with your competitors)

Spectator Policy

Spectators must present a pre-purchased ticket/QR code for admission. No cash can be accepted per OHSAA policy. Tickets can be purchased at the OHSAA website. *Non-competing team members arriving on a school bus must present a valid pre-purchased ticket for admission.*

General Information

Our campus provides a 5K (3.1 mile) course that has been accurately measured. The two-loop course is well-marked with colored poles at all turns. More than 80% of the course is visible from the central plateau. Most athletes have been wearing ¼,, to 3/8,, spikes, depending on weather.

Registration and packet pick-up will be conducted at the **registration tent in the southern** corner of Glenwood Jr. High's parking lot. **Bus parking** is accessed through the driveway just north of the wooded area on Glenwood Avenue and is marked on the map.

To have a successful meet, we are asking you to provide your athletes with the following information:

1. **Contestant Materials & Verification Form:** To obtain your packet, you must present a signed copy of the OHSAA Cross Country Coach's Verification Form (download from Baumspage.com, print & sign). Packets will not be distributed before the morning of the meet – *but all forms and information will be available at Baumspage.com.*
2. **Results:** *Preliminary & Unofficial Results* will be posted to www.baumspage.com immediately after each race. Coaches will have 30 minutes after release of the results to file an appeal with the Referee. Official results will be read over the loudspeaker after the appeals period is over and the Referee has certified the results.
3. **Course Inspection:** Qualifiers may inspect the cross country course beginning at 2:00 p.m. weekdays. **Athletes are NOT permitted to enter either of the school buildings.** On meet day, the course may be inspected from 7:30 am until 8:45 am and between races. The course must be cleared 5 minutes prior to the start of the next race.
4. **Contestant Numbers:** Contestant numbers and pins will be provided in your packet. Numbers must be worn on the **FRONT** of each contestant and securely fastened with four pins. **Every athlete must run with the assigned number**
5. **Contestant Chips:** Chips will be provided in your packet. Chips must be securely fastened (double-knotted) to **EACH** shoe on **EACH** athlete. Coaches are responsible for zip ties if their athletes have laceless shoes. Every athlete must run with his/her assigned chips (the number on the chip matches the contestant's bib number.) **Chips should be returned by the coach to Chip Tent next to registration before leaving the property.**

6. **COACHES' RESPONSIBILITY:** IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH HEAD COACH TO ENSURE THAT EACH ATHLETE WEARS THE ASSIGNED BIB NUMBER AND CHIP.
7. **NON-RETURNED CHIPS:** Coaches are responsible for all chips not returned by the end of the meet. Schools will be billed \$25 for each chip not returned.
8. **Awards:** To reduce crowding, please assign one coach to pick up your team's awards.
9. **Uniforms:** Please review the **OHSAA Uniform Regulation Checklist** (*available at Baumspage.com*) and all current uniform rules with your athletes. Athletes who compete in an illegal uniform are in violation of these rules and are subject to disqualification. It is the responsibility of the athletes and coach to have each competitor dressed properly according to rule before competition begins. **The start of a race will not be delayed to permit an athlete to change into a legal uniform.** All final decisions about uniforms rest with the Tournament Referee.
10. **TO MAKE A SUBSTITUTION TO YOUR TEAM LINE-UP (District to Regional):**
Prior to the Meet: E-mail your change to Mike Chatfield at mike@finishtiming.com. Please include YOUNGSTOWN REGIONAL, DIVISION, GENDER, NAME, and SCHOOL of the athlete to be replaced with the name and grade of the replacement athlete.

Day of the Meet: See Dave Pavlansky at Registration for a Substitution Form. Forms are also available at Baumspage.com. *You cannot substitute for an individual qualifier to the Regional Tournament.*
11. **IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO RE-ENTER YOUR TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL ON BAUMSPAGE.**
12. **IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO RESUBMIT AN OHSAA TEAM ROSTER.**

<u>Time Schedule</u>		<u>Competing at Regional</u>	<u>Qualifying to State</u>
9:00 a.m.	D3 Boys	13 teams + Individuals	4 teams + Individuals finishing in the top 16
10:00 a.m.	D3 Girls	14 teams + Individuals	4 teams + Individuals finishing in the top 16
12:00 Noon	D2 Boys	19 teams + Individuals	6 teams + Individuals finishing in the top 24
1:00 p.m.	D2 Girls	20 teams + Individuals	6 teams + Individuals finishing in the top 24
3:00 p.m.	D1 Boys	24 teams + Individuals	8 teams + Individuals finishing in the top 32
4:00 p.m.	D1 Girls	24 teams + Individuals	8 teams + Individuals finishing in the top 32

This will also be the schedule at next Saturday's State Championships

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY: *Boardman Local Schools, the Northeast District Board, and the OHSAA do not sanction an "Open Race" at the conclusion of the Regional Cross Country Tournament. Coaches permitting athletes to participate in such an event are financially responsible for any injury that may occur. The OHSAA Catastrophic Insurance is NOT in effect for an event that is not sanctioned by contract. Avoid jeopardizing your family's future. Please do not permit your athletes to participate in an open race that is not authorized.*

If you have any questions, please call my office at (330) 726-3423 or e-mail me:
dave.pavlansky@boardmanschools.org

Good luck to your team!
 Dave Pavlansky, Regional Tournament Manager

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