



Spectator Information



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Attention Spectators at the IHSA Cross Country State Finals

Congratulations on your team or individuals advancement to the IHSA cross country state finals. We appreciate your support and know you will enjoy the day.

While spectators are here to support their favorite runner(s), we also know that as fans you are concerned about all of the runners on the course today. With this in mind, a few reminders that will help everyone enjoy the races.

Where to Stand When Watching the Races:

- Be considerate of all of the runners. Please view all races from behind the barriers or the white line that outlines the course. Never enter or cross the course when runners are present.
- Do not run along with or “pace” any runner. Pacing the runner is illegal and could result in the disqualification of the runner.
- Spectators are not allowed in the starting box area. We have a large number of people working in this area already.

Other :

- **Pets are not allowed** in Detweiller Park during the cross country state finals event. This includes all dogs, with the exception of service and seeing eye-dogs. There has been a growing concern in recent years that a dog could get loose, enter the course and interfere with a runner. Such an incident could change the outcome of the race. There is nothing in the rules that would allow the final results to be altered as a result of such outside interference.
- **Cooking Grills are not allowed.** By order of the Fire Marshal it is not permitted for teams or the general public to use any cooking grills in Detweiller Park on the day of the state finals.
- We request that you not bring two way radios to communicate in the park as they tend to cause interference with meet management communication devices. This can negatively affect the speed and accuracy in scoring the meet.

Perspectives: The IHSA Believes:

- Each runner is **important**
- The process of **striving** to reach one’s full potential is more important than winning
- Participation is a privilege that enhances the **educational** experience
- **Sportsmanship** is a core value
- Each school is important and equally **important**
- **Equity and fairness** must be safeguarded
- Everyone involved in cross country are expected to be good **role models**
- **Integrity and honesty** are non-negotiable