



2009-10 Cross Country State Meet Information



- 1.) **Team/Individual Packet Pick-Up:** Team/Individual Packets will be available for pick up either on Friday afternoon, November 6 or Saturday morning, November 7. **Computer tags WILL NOT be enclosed in the team/individual packet.** The computer tags will be distributed by the Clerk just prior to each race **to ensure the proper tags are placed on the proper participant.** Computer Tags will not be available prior to that time.
- 2.) **State Final Team/Individual Qualifier Packet Contents:** Meeting Information, Bib and Hip Numbers for Each Runner, safety pins for bibs, State Final Qualifier Pins, State Final Results Claim Ticket and instructions for tag distributions and collection.
- 3.) **Each Runner will be assigned the following items:**
 - a. Two (2) bib numbers (front and back, 4 safety pins). Bib numbers are to be worn high on the chest and back for video review.
 - b. Two (2) computer tags to be attached to the shoes.
 - c. Hip numbers
- 4.) **Computer Tag Distribution:** Tags will be distributed at the Starting line by the clerks, after the head coach declares the seven runners who will compete in their respective race. The tags for the runners not competing will be taken to the tag collections officials.
- 5.) Runners will not be allowed to start a race without the bib numbers, hip numbers and computer tags in the proper place. The clerk will check each runner prior to each race.
- 6.) **Pre-Race Coaches Meeting:** Friday, November 6, 2009 at 2:00; 3:00 and 4:00 p.m.:
All participating coaches are required to attend a coaches meeting sometime prior to their team or individual race. You may attend any one of the meetings conducted on Friday at the times listed above. A meeting will also be conducted prior to each girls race on Saturday.
- 7.) **State Final Parking Fee:** Admission fees will be collected at each of the parking lots in or adjacent to Detweiller Park. The fees for Cars=\$10.00; Van (extended 15 passenger type)=\$15.00; Bus=\$25.00. The IHSA encourages spectators to take advantage of this admission price. Obviously it is far more economical to share the ride with others attending this event. The admission price is the same for a car containing four people or only one person. The prices are per vehicle, not the number of people in the vehicle. Schools, coaches and athletes are encouraged to share this information with their fans.
- 8.) **Pets:** Individuals are prohibited from bringing any type of pet to the State Final, with the exception of service and seeing-eye dogs.
- 9.) **NO COOKING GRILLS ARE ALLOWED IN THE PARK DURING THE CC FINALS BY ORDER OF THE FIRE MARSHAL**
- 10.) **Awards Ceremony Site:** Peoria Park District stage, located in the open area west and around the corner from the finish line at Detweiller Park.

2009-10 Awards Ceremony Procedures

Class 1A

Report to staging area: 10:30 a.m.
Ceremony Begins: 11:00 a.m.

Class 2A

Report to staging area: 12:30 p.m.
Ceremony Begins: 1:00 p.m.

Class 3A

Report to staging area: 2:30 p.m.
Ceremony Begins: 3:00 p.m.

Award Winner Staging Area: The award winners should assemble behind the Peoria Park District Stage no later than 20 minutes prior to the start of their respective Awards Ceremony.

Official Photos: Visual Image Photography (VIP) is the exclusive official photographer for all Illinois High School Association (IHSA) State Final events. Action, feature and/or individual award photographs taken by VIP may be ordered after the Awards Ceremony at Detweiller Park or at any other time via the Internet. Fans may stop by the VIP booth in Detweiller Park before they return home today and place their order. The VIP booth is located on the west side of the course near the Concession Tent and the PACVB booth. Fans also may order from the VIP Web Site @ www.vipis.com

Fan Photos: Spectators will have access to a photo area in front of the stage during and after the respective individual and team awards presentations. A total of approximately four (4) minutes will be set aside for fans to take team photographs. It is strongly recommended that fans use the VIP service. Fans are not permitted access to the area inside the ropes behind the awards stage.

Award Winner Instructions

1) Individual Place Winners and Placing Team members report to the back of the Peoria Park District Stage located in the open space west of the course by the shelter at least 20 minutes prior to the scheduled start of their respective Awards Ceremony. The boys and girls awards ceremonies will be conducted separately. The girls will be conducted first. Individuals receiving medallions will be placed in reverse order of finish from 25th to 1st. The Coaches and members of the top 3 placing teams will be placed by team according to the order provided by the school on their Team Award Information confirmed at the time they pick up their team packet. The medallions and trophy will be presented to the schools in reverse order of finish (3-2-1).

2) Award winners must assemble at the correct time, and, once all have checked in, final instructions will be given.

3) Each medallion winner will be introduced and enter the stage from the designated side. Proceed to the middle of the stage to the awards presenter, have the medallion draped over the recipient's head, and walk to the other side of the stage and wait there until all 25 individuals have been recognized. The top 25 should remain on stage together until instructed to leave the stage. Group photos will be taken by fans at this time. The order will be 25th place girl, 24th place girl etc. for the individuals. The team order will be 3rd place girls team, 2nd place girls team, 1st place girls team.

4) After each individual and team member receives their medallion, they should move to the other side of the stage and wait until all 25 individuals or their team members are present for a group photo on-stage.

5) Official photographers from Visual Image Photography (VIP) will take the official photo of each person (individual finisher and/or team member) receiving an award. It will be taken as an individual portrait with the state medallion draped on the person after they received the medallion. In addition, a group photograph (top 25 individuals as a group or each of the top three teams as a team) will be taken after the medallions have been presented. These photographs will be taken behind the stage (or in the shelter in the case of inclement weather) after the medallion(s) has been presented on the stage. VIP photographers may take additional photos during the actual presentation ceremony.

6) Following the session with the VIP photographers, the Public Address Announcer will notify the award winners required to participate in the press conference when they are to report to the shelter. The shelter is approximately 20 yards northwest of the stage. The top 3 Individuals, plus the head coach and all members of the top 3 placing teams, in each of the six races, will leave the stage area and report as a group for the required press conference. This is in addition to any interview sessions with the media by individual runners and coaches at Detweiller Park earlier in the day.

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