



State Final Information



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State Final Date: State Final Boys and Girls Cross Country Meets will be held on Saturday, November 3 at Detweiller Park on Illinois Highway 29, north of Peoria.

State Final Time Schedule: Please refer to the current Cross Country Terms and Conditions on the Cross Country web page.

Directions to Detweiller Park: Teams and officials can enter Detweiller Park off of Route 40 (Knoxville Ave.) or off of Route 29. The Peoria Park Police will direct vehicles to the proper parking areas. Team vehicles must display the parking pass. There will be no other reserved parking areas for team vehicles.

Housing Opportunities: The vast majority of the hotels/motels in the Greater Peoria area are cooperating with IHSA and the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau to provide good team rates for the weekend of the State Final Meet. Visit the IHSA Web Site (www.ihsa.org) and click on boys or girls Cross Country in the upper right corner of the home page. Then click on housing in Peoria.

The Detweiller course will be open for practice for all qualifiers, weather permitting, until dark. Additional school vehicle parking pass requests will be considered at this time. Unauthorized timed (or untimed) races are prohibited on the state final course in the state final Saturday and on days preceding the state finals. Additionally, when meet management declares the course open for practice, only the state qualifiers and coaches whose names appear in the IHSA official List of Participants will be eligible to be on the course. This will include the week leading up to the state finals, including Friday and Saturday. The penalty for violating this rule will range from placing the offending school on probation up to immediate suspension and disqualification of the offending school, coaches and all qualifiers from participation in the current (and/or future) state finals. Final decisions relative to the severity of the consequences will be at the discretion of the IHSA Cross Country Administrator. This rule is in effect for all CC state series events.

Spectator/State Final Parking Fee: Admission fees will be collected at each of the parking lots in or adjacent to Detweiller Park for those who do not have a parking pass.

Fees: Cars=\$10.00; Vans (extended 15 passenger type) = \$15.00; **Buses=\$25.00**

Team Parking at Detweiller: Team buses and/or vans will be provided passes for parking. They are supplied in the State Qualifier Packet after your school has qualified for the state final. State Meet Personnel will be on site for Friday's practice to assist you with additional parking requests. Parking is at a premium, therefore we ask for your cooperation when determining your school's transportation needs. **Do not call Peoria High School personnel for additional school vehicle parking pass(es).**

First Aid: Doctors, nurses, athletic trainers and a rescue unit will be located at two locations in the finish line chute.

Spectators: Every effort is being made to assure that your runners will not have interference during the race. Coaches, instruct your non-competing runners and spectators to stay behind the restraining fences at the finish and within the designated spectator areas during the races.

Pets: Individuals are prohibited from bringing any type of pet to the State Final, with the exception of service and seeing-eye dogs. Schools should inform their parents and fans.

Cooking Grills: At the direction of the Fire Marshal there will be no cooking grills of any type allowed in the park during the Cross Country State Final event. This is for everyone's safety and we appreciate your cooperation.

Vendors: Vendors are not allowed to set up areas at the State Final, without consent of the IHSA Office prior to the State Meet.

Fence of Fame: The Fence of Fame and all IHSA Banners have been a delightful addition to the color and pageantry of the event. Unfortunately, portions of the fencing and banners with the four-color photos of runners have been cut from the fence and stolen in recent years. Please advise your students and fans that IHSA and host Peoria High School will prosecute those caught attempting to vandalize the Fence of Fame and the starting box numbers that hang above the team boxes at the starting line.

Results: Official Results will be posted at Detweiller Park after each race. When official, results will be posted on the IHSA web site at www.ihsa.org and the official race results will be posted on the results display boards adjacent to the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau tent and the concession stand. These boards are located on the west side of the road in Detweiller Park. Official race results will be posted on the IHSA Cross Country website under State Series Information and results once verified for schools and media. Hard copies will not be made available to coaches, fans or the media.

CROSS COUNTRY CLERKING DETAILS FOR THREE CLASSES IHSA STATE MEET

The following tables present the details used by the Clerks of the Course at the IHSA State Cross Country Meet to check in competitors for the six races at the State Meet in a timely manner with a minimum of disruption to pre-race preparations.

TIME SCHEDULE

| | Class 1A | Class 1A | Class 2A | Class 2A | Class 3A | Class 3A |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys |
| Teams Report | 8:35 | 9:35 | 10:35 | 11:35 | 12:35 | 1:35 |
| Final Instructions | 8:55 | 9:55 | 10:55 | 11:55 | 12:55 | 1:55 |
| Start | 9:00 | 10:00 | 11:00 | 12:00 | 1:00 | 2:00 |

The Clerks of the Course have divided the starting boxes into five sections. The following chart lists the first box each clerking crew will check in. They will then proceed in order through each section. If competitors are assigned to the first box listed, they will be checked at the report time listed above. If your runners are not assigned to the first box listed, plan on about two or three minutes to check in each team, and be ready when the clerks reach your starting box.

FIRST BOXES

| Clerking Crew | Class 1A | Class 1A | Class 2A | Class 2A | Class 3A | Class 3A |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys | Girls | Boys |
| A | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| B | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| C | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 |
| D | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 | 23 |
| E | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 |

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



State Final Meet Procedures



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PROHIBITION OF UNAUTHORIZED RACES/TIME TRIALS DURING STATE SERIES EVENTS: The conduct and participation in races/time trials at state series sites is prohibited.

At regional/sectional events: It will not be legal for host managers to allow high school athletes/coaches to conduct or participate in open races/time trials on the day of actual regional/sectional competition.

At the state finals:

It will not be legal for anyone to conduct open races/time trials for high school athletes/coaches in Detweiller Park during the days preceding the state finals. This includes Friday before the state finals and Saturday of the state finals.

Practice: Friday at 1:00 pm: The course will be open for practice ONLY FOR STATE QUALIFIERS AND CERTIFIED COACHES LISTED IN THE IHSA OFFICIAL LIST OF PARTICIPANTS, weather permitting, until dark. ALL COACHES AND ALL ATHLETES FROM ANY SCHOOL VIOLATING THIS RULE ARE SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE STATE FINAL RACES ON SATURDAY! NO RACES OR TIME TRIALS ARE ALLOWED ON THE STATE FINAL COURSE FOLLOWING SECTIONALS. THE COURSE IS OPEN FOR WORKOUTS BY STATE QUALIFIERS ONLY.

Team Packet Distribution

- 1) Each school will pick up their Team or Individual packet either on Friday or Saturday morning.
- 2) The packet will include meet information, bib numbers, hip numbers, safety pins, qualifier pins etc. Coaches are not to issue the bib numbers to their athletes until the team arrives at the course on Saturday. Replacing lost or broken bibs is a time-consuming process and your athlete could miss the start of their race. Wait until you arrive at the park to distribute!
- 3) Each runner will be assigned the following items:
 - a) 2 Bib numbers with competitor number (front and back, 4 safety pins for each bib).
 - b) 2 Hip numbers with competitor number (one for each hip).
- 4) No runner will be allowed to start a race without both bibs held in place by 4 pins (per bib) and hip numbers. The clerks will check in the runners for each race.
- 5) **Pre-race meeting:** All head coaches will attend a meeting, 30 minutes before the start of the girls' race in each class, with the meet referee, assistant meet referee, or the head meet official to discuss check in, starting, and finish line procedures. If a coach attended one of the meetings on Friday afternoon (2:00 or 3:00 p.m.) he/she does not need to attend the meeting held prior to the start of the race on Saturday.

Finish Line Procedure

- 1) **Finish Line Area:** Will be set up as a large fenced in area, able to hold all officials, vans, cameras, timers, first aid workers, etc.
- 2) **Finish Line:** The actual line will be 15 feet wide and will be located on the inner edge of the first of two sensor coils. The area around the finish line will be restricted both in front and behind the line by at least 5 feet.
- 3) **Finish:** Each runner will finish the race when the torso crosses the finish line.
- 4) **Time/Place:** The bib will activate the time for each runner as they cross the sensor coils. The place will be determined by video review.
- 5) **Time Backup:** Two timers will be located at the finish line to serve as backup timing.
- 6) **Place Backup:** Multiple Cameras will be used as a backup along with finish line judges. Two finish line judges will be in place at the finish line to confirm the order of finish for each race.
- 7) **Chute:** The chute will be open at least 25 feet wide at the finish line and expanded to at least 30-40 feet wide after the finish line. The length of the chute will be at least 50-75 feet long and angled toward the southeast corner of the finish line area as it leads the runners out of this area.
- 8) **Refreshments:** Liquid refreshments will be available in the area at the end of the chute as it leads the runners out of the chute.
- 9) **Video Review-** All races will be reviewed to confirm the placement of each runner. When the finish is confirmed, the meet referee will be notified.
- 10) **Scoring Certification-** After the meet referee receives the results, confirms the team scores and the placement of each runner, checks for any disqualifications, he/she will certify, sign, and post the final official results.

Scoring Procedures

- 1) As the runners cross the sensor coils, the bib attached to each runner will activate, giving each runner the time. The torso will be used for the actual finish of each runner.
- 2) As the runner crosses the finish line, a camera will record the runner's bib number for review and confirmation of each runner's place.
- 3) When the video reviews have been completed, and adjustments made as needed, the meet referee will sign the results indicating that they are officially approved.
- 4) The results will be posted after the results have been certified on the boards at the Peoria Area and Convention and Visitors Bureau booth located near the refreshment stand on the west side of the course. Unofficial results will not be posted. The official results will then be posted on the IHSA Cross Country Website under State Series Information and results.



State Final Awards Ceremony Procedures



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Site: Peoria Park District stage, located in the open area west and around the corner from the finish line at Detweiller Park.

All times listed below are approximate. Results will not be posted, until they have been verified according to the Scoring Procedures outlined in this manual.

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 a.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

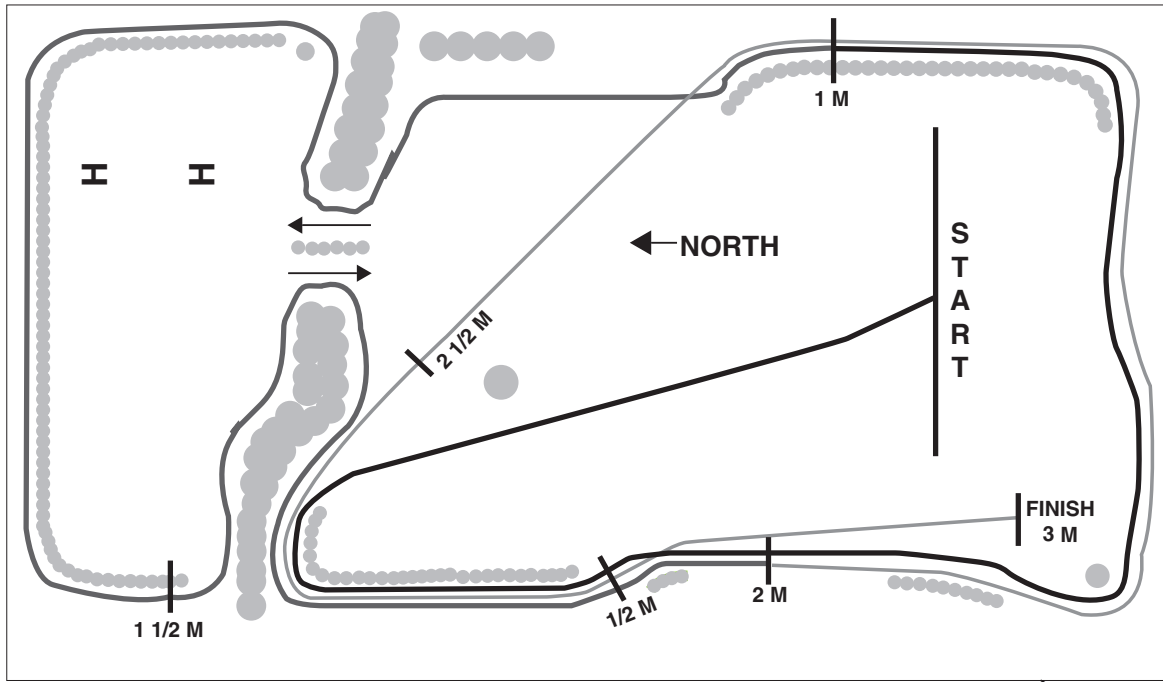
Fan Photos: Spectators will have access to a photo area in front of the stage during and after the respective individual and team awards presentations. A total of approximately four (4) minutes will be set aside for fans to take team photographs. It is strongly recommended that fans use the VIP service. 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 will be done separately. 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).**
- Award winners must assemble at the correct time, and, once all have checked in, final instructions will be given.
- 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.**
- 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.
- 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.

Detweiller Park - Peoria State Final Course

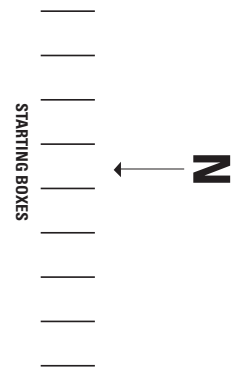
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PARK ROAD

TO AWARDS AREA



STATE CROSS COUNTRY MEET FINISH AREA

