

## ***2019 IHSA Cross Country State Final Information***

**State Final Date:** State Final Boys and Girls Cross Country Meets will be held on Saturday, November 9 at Detweiller Park on Illinois Highway 29, north of Peoria.

**Friday night Social:** November 8 from 6:00-10:00 p.m. at the Mark Twain Hotel, 225 NE Adams Street, Peoria, IL. Sponsored by: Monarch Financial, Shazam Racing, Born Paint Company, Running central, Painter's District Council #30, Elk's Lodge; Laborer's Local 165, Fireman and Oilers Local 8, River City Race Management, Labor Council of West Central Illinois, Old Timer's Baseball Association, Illinois Track & Cross Country Officials Association.

**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 Route 40 (Knoxville Ave.) or off IL 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](http://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=\$15.00; Vans (extended 15 passenger type) =\$20.00; 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 positioned in the finish corral.

**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, except 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.

**IHSA Banners & Signs:** All IHSA Banners & signs have been a delightful addition to the color and pageantry of the event. Unfortunately, in past years, banners and signs have been stolen. Please advise your students and fans that IHSA and host, Peoria High School, will prosecute those caught attempting to vandalize or steal any property belonging to the IHSA or Peoria High School.

**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](http://www.ihsa.org) and the official race results will be posted on the electronic display board just behind the spectator bleachers. Hard copies will not be made available to coaches, fans or the media.