

# Cross Country State Final Information



- 1.) **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 the state finals:**
    - It is not 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, November 4 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.
- 2.) **Parking:** State Final Parking passes will be distributed to teams and individuals who advance to the State Final at the Sectional. Additional Bus/Van Parking passes will be available at packet pick-up at the State Final.
- 3.) **Team/Individual Packet Pick-Up:** Team/Individual Packets will be available for pick up either on Friday afternoon, November 4 or Saturday morning, November 5 at Detweiller Park. **Computer tags WILL be part of the bib in the team/individual packet. Coaches are urged to pay attention to the numbers issued to each participant to ensure they are worn by the correct competitor as indicated in the State Final Program to ensure correct State Final results.**
- 4.) **State Final Team/Individual Qualifier Packet Contents:** Bib Number (front and back) for each runner, safety pins for bibs, hip numbers, State Final Qualifier Bag Tags and Coaches pass(es).
- 5.) **Registration Table Instructions/Information**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> – **SIGN IN FOR QUALIFIER PACKET:** Each Head Coach must sign the coach's register to indicate they have received their qualifier packet.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – **CHIPS ARE IN THE BIBS:** Chips are activated. Each bib number is assigned to each participant as indicated on the qualifier packet and in the State Final program. Bibs do not have to be returned after each race. Enclosed are (8) safety pins for each competitor. Bib cannot be bent or pierced or it will deactivate the chip.
- 6.) **Directions to Detweiller Park** can be accessed from the Girls and Boys Cross Country pages on the IHSA Website by clicking the link for "Directions" (Under STATE FINAL MEET).
- 7.) **Pre-Race Coaches Meeting:** Friday at 2:00 and 3:00 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.
- 8.) **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 = \$15.00; Van (extended 15 passenger type) = \$20.00; 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.
- 9.) **No Pets Allowed:** Individuals are prohibited from bringing any type of pet to the State Final or in the parking area, with the exception of service dogs.
- 10.) **NO COOKING GRILLS:** By order of the Fire Marshal, cooking grills are prohibited in Detweiller Park.
- 11.) **Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (Drone) Policy:** The use of unmanned aerial vehicles ("UAV") also known as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at IHSA tournament venues. Tournament management shall refuse admission or entry to anyone attempting to use a UAV; and if necessary, tournament management shall

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remove anyone attempting to use a UAV and/or confiscate the UAV until the event has been completed. For purposes of this policy, a UAV is any aircraft without a human pilot aboard the device. An exception to this policy may be made in specific cases for IHSA broadcast partners, provided the management of the tournament facility permits the presence of UAVs for broadcast purposes under the control of the IHSA.

- 12.) **Results:** The final results will not be released to the IHSA Website, until every runner is accounted for and placed. Any results that are identified as unofficial through the electronic scoreboard, AthleticLive or other platforms can be altered before being deemed official. Appeals or protests based on unofficial results will not be recognized. Sometimes the video review process can take longer than expected. Please be patient as we are trying to account for every athlete competing and place them accordingly. Results will be posted on the IHSA Website and on the electronic scoreboard in Detweiller Park. **Copies for coaches WILL NOT be distributed.**
- 13.) **Awards Ceremony Site: Peoria Park District stage, located in the open area west and around the corner from the finish line at Detweiller Park.**
- 14.) **Housing:** IHSA does not assign housing. Please contact the Peoria Convention & Visitors Bureau for hotels in the area 800-747-0302 or visit their website at <http://www.peoria.org/>

## **Award Ceremony Procedures (Times are approximate depending on the video review of the final results):**

### **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 30 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](http://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.

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## 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 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of their respective Award 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 25<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 25<sup>th</sup> place girl, 24<sup>th</sup> place girl etc. for the individuals. The team order will be 3<sup>rd</sup> place girls team, 2<sup>nd</sup> place girls team, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.