

ILLINOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 2018 CROSS-COUNTRY INFORMATION

SECTIONALS

- Boys' and girls' sectionals shall be held at the same sectional site on Saturday, October 6. Separate races will be run for girls and boys.
- **The Sectional Host school sets the starting time for the sectional. See the IESA website for your start time.**
- **The Sectional Entry Form** must be submitted on-line by 12 **NOON** on the **Wednesday (Oct. 3)** preceding your sectional meet by going to the IESA website (please see accompanying instructions). Your Sectional host, along with the IESA, will be able to view your entry form online. **Be sure to take a copy of the completed on-line form to your sectional.**
 - Up to 10 competitors may be listed on the Sectional Entry Form. Any seven of the 10 may run at sectional.
 - Should your team advance to the state finals, any seven of the 10 runners listed on your Sectional Entry Form may run at state provided he/she is listed on the Sectional Entry Form and remains eligible for the state meet.
- **ADVANCEMENT:** The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place sectional teams will advance to the State Meet. Additionally, for individuals:
 - **For Class 1A** the top **eight** individuals not on one of the top three teams will advance to the state meet. In addition, in the event the 9th or 10th place individual overall finisher in the sectional is not on a qualifying team, such 9th or 10th place overall finisher in the individual race shall advance from the sectional to the state final meet.
 - **For Class 2A and 3A**, the top **five** individuals not on one of the top three teams will advance to the state meet. In addition, in the event the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, or 10th place individual overall finisher in the sectional is not on a qualifying team, such 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th or 10th place overall finisher in the individual race shall advance from the sectional to the state final meet.
 - There will be 24 girls teams and 24 boys teams advancing from class 1A, and 27 girls teams and 27 boys teams advancing from classes 2A and 3A. For purposes of advancement of teams from sectionals to the state final, if a tie occurs at the **last qualifying spot**, the teams tied advance to the state final.
- Any runner who qualifies for the state meet as an individual and is not able to participate in the state meet must be scratched. If he/she scratches, there are no substitutions.

AWARDS

- **TEAM AWARDS:** A plaque shall be awarded to the first, second and third place teams at each sectional. Individual ribbons will be presented to the competitors of the first, second and third place team winners in sectional competition.
- **INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:** 1st place finishers will receive a medal. Ribbons will be presented to the 2-10 individual place finishers at the sectional cross-country meets.

A preliminary listing of state qualifiers will be listed on the IESA website after the sectional host submits their results. Official entries will be posted no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9. Once qualifiers have been posted, spelling changes should be reported to the IESA as soon as possible.

2018 STATE FINALS AT MAXWELL PARK, NORMAL, IL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

The annual IESA girls and boys state cross-country finals will be held on Saturday, October 13, at Maxwell Park, Normal, Illinois.

HOST and LOCATION INFORMATION

- Normal Parkside is serving as the host for this year's meet. Please contact Nicole Schaeftbauer at IESA, (309) 829-0114, or Jennifer McCoy at Normal Parkside, (309) 557-4408, if you have any questions.
- Maxwell Park is located in west Normal next to Parkside Jr. High School, 101 N. Parkside Rd., Normal, IL
- Parking is available at Parkside Jr. High School and along Gregory Street. Buses should park in the east side,

semi-circle lot next to Parkside. The small parking lot immediately adjacent to Maxwell Park is reserved for meet officials. Buses may also park at Normal West High School.

ADMISSION FEE There is no admission fee.

MEET CHECK-IN Coaches MUST pick up their packet upon arrival at the park on Saturday. The coach packet pick-up table will be located inside the gymnasium of Parkside Jr. High School. SCRATCHES NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO THE IESA OFFICE MUST BE REPORTED TO THE HEAD CLERK. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN TEAM DISQUALIFICATION.

COMPUTER BIB/CHIP DISTRIBUTION

- Computer chips are attached to the bib numbers.
- Schools will receive one bib number for each individual runner or member of the team when they check-in.
- Bib numbers must be attached to the front of the runner's uniform, as high on the uniform top as possible prior to being called to the starting line.
- It is imperative that the bib assigned to a given runner is worn by that competitor.
- If a bib number assigned to one individual is worn by another individual, the results will be incorrect. As the coach, it is your responsibility to make sure the bibs are worn by the person to whom they have been assigned.
- **IF YOU QUALIFY AS A TEAM, ONLY HAND OUT BIBS TO THE SEVEN TEAM MEMBERS ACTUALLY RUNNING IN THE RACE. DO NOT PASS OUT THE BIBS TO THE RUNNERS WHO ARE NOT RUNNING IN THE STATE MEET WHILE STILL AT THE STATE SITE. DOING SO COULD CORRUPT THE FINAL RESULTS. PLEASE WAIT UNTIL YOU ARE BACK AT YOUR SCHOOL TO DISTRIBUTE THE EXTRA BIBS!**
- There is no chip return as they are attached to the bib numbers.

MEET SCHEDULE

- The girls Class 1A race will begin at 9:30 a.m.
- The boys Class 1A race will start at approximately 10:15 a.m.
- The girls Class 2A race will begin at 11:00 a.m.
- The boys Class 2A race will start at approximately 11:45 a.m.
- The girls Class 3A race will begin at 12:30 p.m.
- The boys Class 3A race will start at approximately 1:15 p.m.

COACHES MEETING

- The Class 1A coaches meeting will take place at 8:45 a.m.
- The Class 2A coaches meeting will take place at 10:20 a.m.
- The Class 3A coaches meeting will take place at 11:50 a.m.
- The meetings are held near the softball bleachers directly north of the starting line.

COURSE

- The course is grass, relatively flat, and is 3200 meters long.
- The course will be marked and chalked. Runners are visible for majority of the race.
- There will be no course tours. Course will be open Friday (no tours) for those arriving early.

UNIFORMS

- All runners must wear shoes. Spiked shoes or flats are recommended.
- It is the responsibility of each coach to make sure each runner is properly dressed in accordance with *National Federation* rules.
- **The bib numbers provided shall be worn on the front of the uniform. Because the chip scoring system is now included in the bib, no shoe tags will be needed.**

START Runners will start from a box randomly assigned. Box assignments will be posted on the IESA website on Tuesday after the sectional meet and will also be included when coaches pick up their final packet on Saturday at the state site.

FINISH LINE There will not be a chute. Runners will run across a mat and the chips they are wearing will determine their place.

SCORING Scoring will be done by computer. Complete results will be posted at www.iesa.org following the meet and posted at Parkside JHS after the respective awards ceremony.

AWARDS

- The top 25 Individual meet results will be posted at the meet prior to the awards ceremony.
- Medals will be awarded to the top 25 individuals in each race.
- Team trophies and individual team medals (10) will be awarded to the top **four** teams in each race.
- Award ceremonies will be held at Normal West High School which is located just north of Maxwell Park and Parkside Jr. High School on Parkside Road. The Class 1A formal awards ceremony will begin at approximately 11:45 a.m. in the gymnasium. The Class 2A formal awards ceremony will begin at approximately 1:15 p.m. The Class 3A formal awards ceremony will begin at approximately 2:45 p.m. Parents, runners, coaches, spectators, etc. may want to leave to eat lunch and then return for the ceremony, however, **if you have an athlete in the Top 25, you will need to report at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the awards ceremony.**

SHIRT SALES

- Pre-orders for sectional and state t-shirts can be ordered by going directly to the CubbyHole website www.cubbyholeonline.com. Everyone is encouraged to pre-order and avoid waiting in line to purchase apparel at the site.
- Merchandise sales will take place inside Parkside Junior High School. There will NOT be any merchandise sales or printing of shirts at the award ceremony held at Normal West High School.
- Each coach should take precaution to guard against theft or loss of team belongings.
- Pre-orders from the Cubby Hole may be picked up on Saturday, inside the gymnasium, any time prior to the Class 1A awards ceremony. (SEE BELOW IF YOU WILL BE AT THE COURSE ON FRIDAY TO PICK UP PRE-ORDERED MERCHANDISE) Individuals are STRONGLY encouraged to pre-order to avoid standing in the long lines that form waiting to purchase merchandise.

PLEASE NOTE:

- *For those schools that practice on the state course Friday, October 12 before the state race, the Cubby Hole will be in attendance on Friday to sell merchandise. They will arrive around 2:00 p.m. This will be a great way to choose your merchandise in advance without standing in the lines that form on Saturday.*

IF YOU PRE-ORDERED YOUR MERCHANDISE AND YOU PLAN TO PICK-UP YOUR MERCHANDISE ON FRIDAY, YOU MUST CALL THE CUBBYHOLE ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11 TO INFORM THEM OF YOUR PLAN TO PICK UP YOUR ORDER ON FRIDAY. THIS WILL EXPEDITE THE PICKUP OF PRE-ORDERED MERCHANDISE GREATLY. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR THE CUBBYHOLE IS 217-854-8511.

- Sales WILL NOT take place at Normal West High School on Saturday.

