

2022 IESA CROSS COUNTRY ADVISORY MEETING

Minutes and Recommendations

November 16, 2022, via Hybrid

The following members were present for the meeting: Nicole Schaeftbauer (IESA Executive Director), Corey Plotner (St. Joseph, Coach), John Darrow (Clarendon Hills Notre Dame, Coach), and Adam Thas (Bolingbrook Jane Addams, Coach). The following joined the meeting via Zoom: Marland Rachel (Official), Jason Palmer (Shelbyville Moulton, Coach), Sue Urban-Crowley (Chicago Old St. Mary's, Coach), Janelle Meyers, Elmwood (Administrator), and Jim Bartlett (Barrington Prairie, Coach). Also present were Jay Marshall (Coordinator of Officials) and Brad Henz (ShaZam Racing).

The IESA Cross Country Advisory Committee, in its meeting on November 16, 2022, discussed the following:

Recommendation 1- Terms and Conditions and Host Instructions

Current	None
Proposed	Sectional hosts are required to post and provide to the IESA the exact length of the sectional course.
Rationale	It will help the IESA Office in making future assignments. It will also help coaches prepare their athletes for sectional and state races.
XCC T&C	
IESA By-Law	
Admin Vote	4-0 in favor
Board Action	Approved

Recommendation 2- By-laws and Terms and Conditions and Host Instructions

Current	Three Class format
Proposed	Four Class Format: Teams will be divided into four classes in the following manner: 30%, 24%, 23%, 23% There will be eight (8) sectionals in each of the four classes. Qualification: Top 3 teams, Top 7 individuals not on a qualifying team Awards for Sectional: Top 3 teams in each gender to receive plaques (\$5,152). Top 10 individuals in each gender to receive medals/ribbons (Medals- \$456) Awards for State: 8 team trophies (\$880), 50 additional individual medals (\$115), 120 additional team medals (\$276) Officials: Hiring a minimum of 1 and a max of 2 officials per sectional. State Time Schedule: State races to start at 9:15- last race at 2:30; move up the schedule for awards State Meet Entries: 224 participants per class per gender at state (Currently, 234 runners qualify per gender per class)
Rationale	The activity currently has 436 participating schools. In comparison, girls basketball has 413 schools and boys basketball has 453 and each of these activities has four classes. In 2012 when the activity first debuted 3 classes, there were 277 participating schools. In 2022, there were 436 participating schools. As this activity has been our most consistent growing activity, the increase in classes would allow for additional growth in the activity. The additional award cost is \$6,900 for the additional class. Additional officials' expense is \$360. Entry fees were raised in 18-19 with \$45 per gender being sent to host schools. Current fees are \$100 per team. Additional class will raise the State Meet expense by approximately \$5,000. We may need to look in to increasing the entry fees.
XCC T&C	
IESA By-Law	
Admin Vote	4-0 in favor with the following changes: Split classes 25%/25%/25%/25%; increase entry to \$110

Board Action per team (boys, girls)
Approved administrative recommendation

Recommendation 3- Terms and Conditions and Host Instructions

Current None
Proposed At the State Meet only, video review of the entire race. Hip numbers will be required to be worn for all runners.
Rationale It will provide for easier review and verification of finish. It should not add any additional time to verification.
XCC T&C
IESA By-Law
Admin Vote 4-0 in favor
Board Action **Approved**

Recommendation 4- State Final Results

Current 2012 and 2013- Only top 3 teams in each class were awarded trophies.
Proposed To include the 2012 and 2013 fourth place team in the state meet program and online. No trophies to be awarded retroactively.
Rationale In the first few years of the 3-class system, only 3 teams were recognized and awarded trophies and medallions. The recommendation would update the meet results to reflect current practice within the 3-class system.
XCC T&C
IESA By-Law
Admin Vote 4-0 opposed
Board Action **No action**

Discussion Topics

1. The Committee reviewed the 2022 state series.
2. The Committee discussed the current season calendar. No recommendation.
3. The Committee discussed moving to Athletic.net for entries and results. No recommendation.
4. The Committee discussed a sectional host rotation schedule. No recommendation.
5. The Committee reviewed the survey that was conducted during the 2022 season regarding the state meet race rotation schedule. No recommendation. The Committee will conduct another survey after the 2023 season.
6. The Committee reviewed sectional assignments and proposals regarding strength of teams and travel. No recommendation.
7. The Committee discussed adding additional qualifiers to the state meet. No recommendation.
8. The Committee discussed several proposals to the State Meet time schedule (later start, alternation between girls and boys, weekday meet). No recommendation.
9. Reminder that the state meet will begin with Class 3A, followed by 1A, followed by 2A for the 2022 meet. A survey will be conducted regarding the continuation of the race rotation schedule. Survey will be sent at the end of the season.

Points of Emphasis

1. Spectator etiquette
2. Survey regarding the state meet race rotation schedule

John Darrow and Jason Palmer were thanked for their contributions and service to the Committee and membership.

Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 online

Survey- post season

1. Submitter Name
2. Submitter City/School
3. Submitter Position: Coach, Athletic Director, Supt./Principal
4. Would you prefer to continue rotating the state meet schedule? i.e. 2A first one year, 3A first the next year, 1A first the year after that.

Notes:

No recommendation for moving to athletic.net

Recommendation: Require that host schools put in their course length.

No recommendation this year for nixing the rotation schedule. Run another survey at the end of the 23 season asking more demographic information.

Recommendation to move to 4 classes.

Split of 30, 24, 23, 23

All classes with:

- 8 sectionals
- 3 teams qualifying from each sectional- plaques
- 7 individuals qualifying from each sectional
- Top ten still to receive medal/ribbon
- Additional state awards- 8 team trophies, 50 additional individual medals, 120 additional team medals
- Hiring a minimum of 1 and a max of 2 officials per sectional.
- Potentially increasing entry fees to cover additional expense.
- State races to start at 9:15- last race at 230; move up the schedule for awards
- 224 schools participating per class at state

Rationale: Adds 150 more athletes participating in the state meet. Roughly 130 schools in 1A, 105 in 2A, 100 in 3A and 4A. More even distribution of teams among the classes.

Recommendation: Video review of the entire race and require hip numbers to be worn for all runners. At the state only.

Recommendation: Add the names of the fourth place teams from 2012 and 2013. No trophies to be given retroactively.

Admin To Do

Put a porta potty by the tent.

Make sure that the audio is turned up at the awards ceremony.

Talk to Paul about extending the pre-order to Wednesday instead of Tuesday. Also talk to him about staying longer on the day of the state meet to allow for those at awards to get their shirts customized. Also talk to him about increasing the sectional t-shirt to \$20 for ease of administration by the host.