

CROSS COUNTRY STATE MEET GUIDE

Course Information

- Maxwell Park in Normal, IL will serve as the site for the State Meet. Location address: **305 N. Parkside Rd., Normal**. Parkside JHS will serve as the meet host.
- Concessions will be available. The concession area will be located outside of the school.
- Keep in mind that this is an outdoor venue. Weather conditions may be temperamental, but the meet will be held rain or shine.
- Unauthorized motorized vehicles are not allowed on the course.
- Course map may be accessed from the following link: [IESA Cross-Country State Meet Course](#)

Please remember that we are guests of the host site and school. In order to continue to be welcome, we ask that you respect the landscaping, bathroom facilities, school and park equipment and pick up your area of any trash.

Spectator Parking

- **PRIMARY PARKING AREAS:** The Parkside Junior High School parking lot has limited paved parking space. The majority of parking will be available in the paved lot north of Maxwell Park across Gregory Street near Champion Fields. There will also be grass parking available in that area.
- **Spectators are encouraged to use the Champion Field parking lots.**
- Parking is also available in the Normal West High School parking lots.
- Limited parking is available on the streets surrounding Maxwell Park and Parkside Junior High School. Please refer to posted street signs. The Town of Normal police will ticket cars that are illegally parked.
- Parking in the grass (weather permitting) is available to the south of Parkside Junior High School.
- Parking is also available at Parkside Elementary.
- **Handicap Parking:** All spaces in the Maxwell Park lot will be reserved for handicap parking, and appropriate tags will be required. Additionally, there will be limited handicap spots in the Parkside Junior High lot.

Video Streaming

- Races will be streamed by J and N Productions.
- Livestream can be accessed from the following link:



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Course Etiquette

- The course will be marked with a double-boundary line. Please do not enter or cross over the course at any time during an active race.
- Do not remove any fencing, flags, or ropes from the course. These are all in place for the runners' safety and guidance.
- Do not enter the finish chute. Athletes will meet teammates, coaches, and parents outside the chute area. Medical personnel will be onsite near the finish line should athletes need assistance.
- Please encourage your athletes along the way; however, pacing an athlete is a rule violation and may result in your athlete being disqualified. Talk to your coach about what is and is not allowed.
- Please do not bring any noisemakers.

Award Ceremony

- The top four teams in each race will be presented with a trophy at the ceremony, and the top 25 individuals in each race will be presented with a medal.
- The award ceremony for each class will be held in the Normal West High School Gymnasium, which is located just north of Parkside JHS on Parkside Rd.
- There is no parking or admission charge for the awards ceremony.
- Please be respectful of all teams and individuals receiving awards. We ask that you do not leave the presentation until its conclusion.
- There will be an opportunity for pictures.
- Ceremony schedule
 - Class 1A awards ceremony will begin @ 11:30 a.m.
 - Class 2A awards ceremony will begin @ 1:00 p.m.
 - Class 3A awards ceremony will begin @ 2:30 p.m.
 - Class 4A awards ceremony will begin @ 4:00 p.m.

Hotel Information

- Teams will secure all hotel accommodations on their own.
- Area hotel information can be found on the IESA website and on the [Bloomington/Normal Convention and Visitor's Bureau site](#).

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State Final Merchandise

- To pre-order State Final apparel, go to the Cubby Hole website: www.cubbyholeonline.com
- Pre-ordered merchandise may be picked up onsite on either Friday or Saturday.
- **CUBBY HOLE: FRIDAY SALES OF MERCHANDISE/ PRE-ORDER PICK-UP:** Cubby Hole will be on site on Friday at Parkside. For those schools who go to the course on Friday to practice, Cubby Hole will be set-up by 2:00 p.m. (weather permitting) to sell merchandise and imprint purchases. If you complete a state pre-order and will practice at the course on Friday you can also pick up your pre-order in the Parkside gym after 4:00 p.m.
- **CUBBY HOLE: SATURDAY SALE OF MERCHANDISE:** If you are not practicing on the course on Friday and you send in a pre-order, that pre-order can be picked up in the gymnasium inside Parkside JHS on Saturday. Merchandise purchased on Saturday can be imprinted only at Parkside Jr. High.
- T-shirts, sweatshirts and other apparel will also be available for purchase onsite.
- THERE WILL BE NO SALES OF MERCHANDISE OR IMPRINTING OF PREVIOUSLY PURCHASED MERCHANDISE AT NORMAL WEST HIGH SCHOOL DURING THE AWARDS CEREMONY.
- For those who are making your first trip to the IESA state meet, please heed this advice---use the pre-order form. It will save you a ton of time! **Keep in mind that the online store will close at midnight on Oct. 14th.**
- Link to the Cubby Hole: <https://cubbyholeonline.com/iesa/>.
- **Event Pro Photography:** Representatives from Event Pro Photography will take a picture of your team and/or individuals on either Friday from 2-5 p.m. (on the course near the starting line, next to the tennis courts, or on the softball field) or Saturday morning (on the stage in the main gymnasium at Parkside) before your race. Souvenir photo plaques are then made up for all participants who wish to order one. Photos will also be available for those who receive individual awards at Normal West High School. All photos will be available for pick-up the day of the meet.
- Printed programs, with complete listings of all runners in all races - giving competitor name and school -- and other information, will be on sale the day of the state final concession area.
- **PURCHASE PROGRAM AD:** Parents, fans, and/or the school or school booster club may purchase an advertisement in the printed program. The cost varies according to the size of the ad. The deadline for ordering an ad is the Wednesday before the State Meet. Royal Publishing produces the IESA State Final Programs and sells the ads that appear in them. Please call (800) 397-5834 and indicate that you are interested in purchasing an ad for the IESA state cross-country program, and you will be directed to the appropriate individual.