



**OHSAA Boys & Girls State Cross Country Championships  
Information for Qualifying Teams / Individuals & Parents**

**Memorial Park and Fortress Obetz, “Venue”  
4175 Alum Creek Drive  
Obetz, OH 43207  
November 6, 2021**

**This communication contains information for parents, coaches, competitors.**

Greetings from the 93rd Boys State Cross Country Tournament and 44th Girls State Cross Country Tournament. Memorial Park, Fortress Obetz and The Village of Obetz welcomes us to their community. Their management and staff have worked diligently during these trying times in preparation for this year’s event, and are excited to host the competitors, coaches, parents, and officials in as safe and healthy environment as possible.

**\*\*Information for Attending Parents and Immediate Family:**

**TEAM COURSE INSPECTION DAYS - THURSDAY (11/4) OR FRIDAY (11/5) BETWEEN THE HOURS OF NOON AND 5:00 PM.**

**SPECTATOR ROUTE AND PARKING FOR NOVEMBER 6TH:**

- From 270 Westbound
  - After exiting from 270, stay in far RIGHT exit lane. Exit NORTH onto Alum Creek Drive. Turn LEFT at traffic light at MAUREEN BLVD or next intersection which is RECREATION TRAIL.
  - Take Maureen Blvd. South. Follow Fortress Parking signs.
  - Turn LEFT at RECREATION TRAIL as you enter the park.
  - Follow parking directors’ instructions to turn RIGHT into the spectator ticketing vehicle channels.
  - After exiting the spectator ticketing channels, proceed ahead and to the RIGHT to be directed to spectator parking near the stadium area.
  - Handicap Parking—turn on hazard flashers after admission ticket scanning.
- From 270 Eastbound
  - After exiting from 270, stay in far LEFT exit lane. Exit NORTH onto Alum Creek Drive. Turn LEFT at traffic light at MAUREEN BLVD or next intersection which is RECREATION TRAIL.
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**ATTENDANCE AND TICKETING: (Adult Spectator admission is \$13.00, Student admission is \$10.00, Ages 5 & Under are free—on-line pre-sale only @ ohsaa.org)**

- **Admit tickets will be scanned upon arrival from your vehicle window.**

***(Programs are \$5.00—credit card sales only inside stadium)***

- **All non-competing students (see Arriving & Disembarking from School Transportation on Page 3 below) must have prior \$10.00 electronic ticket purchased to enter the facility.**
- T-Shirts and other commemorative gear will be on sale on Friday and Saturday. Concessions will be open on Saturday.
- RV Parking is permitted in designated areas only.

**Schedule of State Championship Events**  
**Saturday, November 6th**

Division III Girls	9:00 AM
Division III Boys	10:00 AM
Division II Girls	12:00 Noon
Division II Boys	1:00 PM
Division I Girls	3:00 PM
Division I Boys	4:00 PM

**PROHIBITED ITEMS -**

- The presence of pets and recreational equipment.
- Frisbees, footballs, baseballs, softballs, and dogs (except service animals).
- No permanent or temporary fences are to be crossed at the venue.
- No food and beverages, except for competitor drink and nutrition.

*Individuals who violate these regulations will be requested to leave without refund of the admission fee.*

**\*\*Information for Coaches & Competitors:**

**SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION ROUTE AND PARKING - (NO SCHOOL IDENTIFIED TRANSPORTATION WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENTER OFF ALUM CREEK DRIVE)**

**Traveling from 270 Westbound**

- After exiting from 270, stay in far LEFT exit lane. Exit SOUTH onto Alum Creek Drive. Turn RIGHT onto Groveport Road.
- Turn RIGHT onto Orchard Lane, **just before the train overpass.**
- Orchard Lane dead ends into Recreation Trail. Turn RIGHT at T intersection.
- Turn LEFT at stop sign at the Baseball and Softball Fields. You will be directed to school transportation parking.

**From 270 Eastbound**

- After exiting from 270, stay in far RIGHT exit Lane. Exit SOUTH onto Alum Creek Drive. Turn RIGHT onto Groveport Road.
- Turn RIGHT on Orchard Lane, **just before the train overpass.**
- Orchard Lane dead ends into Recreation Trail, Turn RIGHT at T intersection.
- Turn LEFT at stop sign at the Baseball and Softball Fields. You will be directed to school transportation parking.

**Course Inspection:**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> FROM NOON TO 5:00 PM and FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> FROM NOON TO 5:00 PM.**

**Course Inspection & Warm Up on State Competition Day—**

- Competitors and coaches only are permitted to be on the course and competition areas throughout meet day—November 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Arrival and Disembarking from School Transportation

- Packet materials may be picked up after 7:15 AM on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Arriving Buses—all traveling personnel, except the driver, must exit the bus and enter the coaches' packet corral.
  - Passes shall be provided to competitors and coaches according to the following schedule:
    - Individual qualifier(s)—number of qualifiers plus one coach
    - Team qualifiers—7 team members, one alternate team member, two coaches (10)
    - All other travelers need pre-purchased electronic tickets (\$13.00 for adults; \$10.00 for students)
    - Arriving Vans—all traveling personnel, except the driver, must exit the van and enter the coaches' packet corral.
    - After parking the van, the coach can re-join their team in the corral.
    - All other van travelers need pre-purchased electronic tickets (\$13.00 for adults; \$10.00 for students)
- Tents are permitted in the identified Team Camp Area. If tents are erected prior to meet day (and on meet day), it is highly recommended that they be firmly wind secured. Memorial Park is a police patrolled public venue. Erecting tenting prior to meet day is done at your own discretion.
- Teams may also use their bus/van as their team camp.
- School/Team spirit signs are encouraged and may be hung on fencing on the opposite side of the turf field from the stadium and fencing around the inside and outside of the Fortress. Hanging signs with tape is discouraged. Zip ties are the recommended method of hanging. Zip ties are available from meet management.
- Portable toilets will be in the team camp area and near the starting area. Ample indoor restroom facilities are located inside the Fortress.

## Athlete substitutions –

- Team Qualifiers only.
  - Upon arrival at the venue, text the following underlined information to: 937-215-6299
    - B or G Div. III, II, I
    - School Name
    - Name of Athlete being replaced
    - Name and Grade of Athlete being entered
- You will receive a return text “OK” that must be shown to the Clerk for substituted athlete to be entered into the meet.
- The replaced athlete will wear the same bib number that was previously assigned to the substituted athlete.

## CHECK IN/STARTING LINE PROTOCOL –

- Teams/Individual qualifiers should check in with their assigned clerk (as identified on their team packet) within 30 minutes prior to your race start.

## DURING THE RACE –

- Coaches must visibly wear “Coaching Bib”. Coaches only are permitted beside the competitive course. Coaches are not permitted on the field turf during your race. Coaches are reminded that interference with any competitor or assumed “pacing” by any meet official may lead to athlete disqualification. Please be mindful of your coaching professionalism throughout the competition.
- ***Specific sections of the course may be closed momentarily while competitors are on the course.***

## **AFTER THE RACE -**

- Water will be available in the Recovery Area.
- Kettering Sports Medicine athletic training staff and doctors will be aiding those runners in need at the finish and throughout the race.
- Coaches are permitted to meet their athletes outside the recovery area and in the media interview area if warranted.

## **RESULTS -**

- Electronic results will be available at...
  - [www.finishtiming.com](http://www.finishtiming.com)
  - [www.baumspage.com](http://www.baumspage.com)
  - [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org)

## **AWARDS AND PICTURES –**

- Individual OHSAA medals and OAT/CCC “ALL-OHIO” certificates are issued to the first 20 finishers on stage immediately after each race.
- Individual OHSAA medals are awarded to the first 7 competitors on the Championship and Runners Up teams on stage immediately after each race.
- OHSAA Team trophies are awarded to the Championship and Runners Up teams.
- OAT/CCC “ALL-OHIO” certificates for finishers 21-30 are available at the OAT/CCC tent at the west end of the stadium.
- Bring proper documentation on the form you obtained at the Regional Meet to receive “ALL-OHIO ACADEMIC” certificates for your student/athletes at the OAT/CCC tent.
- Official OHSAA photographers will be taking candid photos throughout the venue, at the finish line, and at the awards ceremonies. Official meet photos can be purchased at:
  - [www.ohsaa.org](http://www.ohsaa.org) Click on [Tickets & Fan Guide](#) and then click on [Photos](#)