

2025 Regulations for Boys and Girls Cross Country Tournaments

Note: The following regulations apply to all levels of tournament competition unless otherwise specified. They were adopted by the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors on [June 12, 2025](#). The Executive Director is authorized to modify these regulations when deemed necessary, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors. It should also be noted that, besides these tournament regulations, all regulations within the OHSAA Handbook (Bylaws, General Sports Regulations and Track & Field Regulations) shall be followed. [These regulations were updated on July 20, 2025 for the addition of clarifying language, no regulations were changed in the July 20, 2025 update.](#)

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[Items in red indicate new regulations or changes effective this season.](#)

1. **Organization of Tournaments** The District Athletic Boards organize and supervise district tournaments in their respective districts [for divisions 2, 3, & 4](#), subject to the regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. The regional and state tournaments are under the supervision of the Board of Directors and administered through the Executive Director's office.
2. **Eligibility** All participants must be eligible under the Bylaws and Regulations of the OHSAA. A student who uses anabolic steroids or other performance-enhancing drugs is ineligible for interscholastic competition until such time as medical evidence can be presented that the student's system is free of anabolic steroids or other performance-enhancing drugs.
3. **Divisions** There will be [four](#) divisions. Schools must compete in the division and sites to which they are assigned by the OHSAA.
 - 3.1. [Division 1 will compete in regional and state tournament competitions.](#)
 - 3.2. [Division 2, 3, & 4 will compete in district, regional & state competitions.](#)
4. **Rules** The NFHS Track and Field Rules shall apply in all cases unless changed in the regulations that follow, in the OHSAA Sport Regulations, or coaches/officials manuals. There shall be no juries of appeals convened, and the decisions of the referee are final. Regulations outlined in the previously mentioned documents will not be listed in this document; however, they still apply (for example, weather delay or concussion regulations)
5. **Data Policy** All paperwork must be maintained for 30 days prior to disposal. All bib replacement forms, appeal forms, and violation cards must be submitted to the appropriate OHSAA staff immediately following the meet. The OHSAA will provide detailed instructions related to data transfer to MileSplit and the Data/Technology Manager.
6. **Games Committee**
 - 6.1. Each meet must have a games committee per NFHS regulations; the committee will be made up of:
 - [District:](#) Meet Manager, Meet Referee (chairperson), Head Starter, Head Clerk, Official of the meet manager's choice, One coach from a boys qualifying team, One coach from a girls qualifying team
 - [Regional:](#) Meet Manager, Meet Referee (chairperson), Head Starter, Head Clerk, Head Umpire, One coach from a boys qualifying team, One coach from a girls qualifying team.
 - [State Meet:](#) Meet Manager, OHSAA Sport Administrator, Meet Referee (chairperson), Data Manager/Referee, Head Starter, Head Clerk, Head Umpire, President of the OATCCC, Vice President of OATCCC
 - 6.2. The committee only needs to meet when the situation merits. If the coaching representatives must leave the meet, they shall be available via phone for a committee meeting if needed
7. **Entry Requirements**
 - 7.1. Entries shall be submitted electronically via MileSplit, which must include the name of the individual entries in all events.
 - 7.2. [For Division 2, 3 & 4](#) at the district tournament level, coaches may modify or adjust event performance/[seed time](#) information in MileSplit. Meet managers must allow coaches access to make needed/wanted adjustments prior to the entry deadlines. [For Division 1 this same process shall be allowed at the regional tournament.](#)
 - 7.3. [For divisions 2, 3 & 4](#) the completed electronic entry must be in the possession of the tournament manager no later than [11:59 p.m. on Sunday, October 12, 2025](#), or at a later date and time if established by your District Athletic Board.
 - 7.4. [For division 1 the completed electronic entry must be in the possession of the regional tournament manager no later than 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, October 19, 2025. Regional managers may NOT adjust this deadline.](#)
 - 7.4.1. If the completed entry is not submitted by the designated time and date, the entry will not be accepted without payment of a \$100 late fee and approval by the OHSAA.
 - 7.5. A maximum of seven (7) athletes may be entered into the event; two alternates will be allowed. Alternates must be entered [through an electronic process determined by each tournament manager.](#)
 - 7.6. Substitutions:
 - 7.6.1. A substitute may replace an entered athlete provided the substitute is submitted on the online roster, and provided the substitute is submitted to the tournament manager via the online scratch/substitution form **no later than NOON** the day before competition. Substitutions from coaches will be accepted on the day of competition up until 30 minutes before the race's scheduled start via a paper substitution form. After that time, no substitutions will be accepted, including for injuries. The Clerk of the Course will accept

scratches as per usual. The electronic scratch form will be posted on the MileSplit Meet Page. Paper scratch forms will be available in the Meet Manager's manual. No other methods of substitutions or replacements may be used.

7.6.2. Substitutions are allowed for any athlete entered in the first round of the tournament.

7.6.2.1. Regional for D1

7.6.2.2. District for D2, 3, & 4.

7.6.3. Substitutions in the second and third rounds of the tournament may **only be done for a member of an advancing team. Substitutions **cannot** be made for those advancing as individuals. This applies event if a school advances 5 or more individuals of the same gender to the following round.**

7.6.3.1. State for D1

7.6.3.2. Regional & State for D2, 3, & 4

7.7. Each level of tournament competition (district, regional, state) continues both individual and team advancement. When a team advances, the members of that team may change for the next level of the tournament.

8. Uniforms

8.1. Uniform regulations can be found in the NFHS Rule Book. Refer to the Track & Field Officials Manual & NFHS Rule Book for more regulations on uniforms.

8.2. All athletes must wear the bib/transponder assigned to them at their specific site. Numbers must be worn on the front of the uniform secured through pins or another non-harmful method. **Bibs must be Tyvec or similar waterproof material, no paper, cardstock, or cardboard bibs are allowed.** Meet management must provide schools with an appropriate number of pins to attach bibs.

8.3. Schools will be charged a **\$20 per bib fine/fee for the replacement of a lost bib/chip.** Coaches will be required to sign a bib replacement form before receiving the replacement bib. Following the meet, the forms will be sent to the OHSAA office for invoicing. Schools who do not pay the fine will not be permitted to participate in the tournament the following season. Note: This fine does not include errors made by the FAT provider or Meet Manager in not providing the bib in the packet. Coaches **MUST** inspect their packets at packet pickup to ensure all needed items are included before leaving packet pickup. Note: The bib replacement form can be found in the manager manual.

9. School Representative No team or individual entry will be allowed to compete in the OHSAA tournaments at any level of competition unless a coach or a person authorized by the Board of Education is present throughout the competition. Teams and individual entries unaccompanied by such a school representative will be disqualified (Per OHSAA Bylaws found in the general Sports Regulations) When a male coach is assigned to a girl's team, a female supervisor (non-high school student) should accompany the girl's team. Likewise, when a female coach is assigned to a boy's team, a male supervisor (non-high school student) should accompany the boy's team.

9.1. Schools will be required to provide the name and Pupil Activity Permit number of all coaches receiving coaching admission for each level of the tournament.

9.2. Per NFHS Rule 1, school administrators (athletic directors, principals, school administration, superintendents, etc.) are considered members of a team and, therefore, are subject to NFHS and OHSAA rules and enforcement of rules by contest officials and meet management. This includes NFHS rules on unsporting & unacceptable conduct, as well as rules related to restricted areas such as infields/competition areas and interference.

10. Qualifying Tournaments Each district and regional cross country tournament is a qualifying tournament for the tournament that follows. These tournaments are not preliminaries for the succeeding tournament. The personnel of qualifying teams may be changed from one tournament to the next.

11. Qualification to each level of the Tournament

a) **Individual Qualifiers** Each boy's and girl's tournament will qualify individuals **based on the ratio of 2 (two) non-team individual qualifiers for each qualifying team that advances. For example, if 3 (three) teams qualify, those individuals who finish in the top 6 (six) positions after removing team qualifiers will also advance.** A runner may **NOT** qualify as a team member and as an individual.

b) **Individuals qualifying for the following round of the tournament are not eligible to score as a team.**

11.1. District Tournament to Regional Tournament

The number of qualifiers from each district site to the regional is determined by each District Athletic Board. For more information on the district, please visit ohsaa.org/sports/cc/tournament-info and click on the appropriate district on the left-hand side.

Division 2

Athletic District	Boys Teams	Girls Teams	Boys Ind	Girls Ind	Regional
Central	13	12	26	24	Central
East	4	3	8	6	Central
Southeast	5	4	10	8	Central
Northeast	39	39	78	78	Northeast
Northwest	15	16	30	32	Northwest
Southwest	20	22	40	44	Southwest

Division 3

Athletic District	Boys Teams	Girls Teams	Boys Ind	Girls Ind	Regional
Central	9	9	18	18	Central
East	11	13	22	26	Central
Southeast	12	11	24	22	Central
Northeast	26	25	52	50	Northeast
Northwest	18	19	36	38	Northwest
Southwest	20	19	40	38	Southwest

Division 4

Athletic District	Boys Teams	Girls Teams	Boys Ind	Girls Ind	Regional
Central	9	9	18	18	Central
East	4	6	8	12	Central
Southeast	10	8	20	16	Central
Northeast	20	19	40	38	Northeast
Northwest	34	36	68	72	Northwest
Southwest	19	18	38	36	Southwest

11.2. Regional Tournament to State Tournament

Regional Location	Boys Teams	Girls Team	Boys Ind	Girls Ind
Central D1	7	8	14	16
Northeast D1	6	6	12	12
Northwest D1	NA	NA	NA	NA
Southwest D1	7	6	14	12
Central D2	5	5	10	10
Northeast D2	10	10	20	20
Northwest D2	4	4	8	8
Southwest D2	5	5	10	10
Central D3	8	8	16	16
Northeast D3	7	6	14	12
Northwest D3	4	5	8	10
Southwest D3	5	5	10	10
Central D4	6	6	12	12
Northeast D4	5	5	10	10
Northwest D4	8	9	16	18
Southwest D4	5	4	10	8

Note: In the sport of Cross Country, team designation (used for determining scoring for the current year's tournament, advancement to the regional tournament, and "team" participants in subsequent years' tournaments) shall **NOT** be the number of students entered into or beginning a district tournament, but rather the number of students from that school that **FINISH** the district tournament (i.e. a minimum number of five) and score for their team.

12. Verification Forms In line with NFHS Regulations, coaches must complete a verification form indicating they understand their responsibilities related to sporting conduct and verify that their teams are properly equipped. This form will be completed/acknowledged electronically via MileSplit when the team registers for the district tournament and will carry throughout the tournament. No paper verification forms will be collected.

13. The Start

13.1. The Starting Line shall be designed to ensure each competitor has a position equidistant from the first significant change in the course (narrowing, turn, curve, etc.). This means starting lines MAY have a slight curvature to ensure the entire line is equidistant to the first significant change. Please see the Meet Manager Manual for more information on how to lay the starting line.

13.2. There must be a line three (3) meters behind the starting line, in a different color than the start. This line serves as the step back line to ensure all athletes step up is equidistance on the "on your mark" whistle.

13.3. All starting boxes must be exactly five (5) feet in width, not larger or smaller.

- 13.4. Box assignments must be made by lot; they must be random
- 13.5. Individual qualifying athletes:
 - 13.5.1. Shall be assigned to a box with their teammates.
 - 13.5.2. Each box including individual qualifiers shall contain **seven (7) individual runners. Athletes with a better finishing place at the previous level of the tournament shall be given priority on position.**
- 13.6. If more boxes are painted on the starting line than needed for a specific race, the boxes shall be centered on the line. While leaving the center box open.
- 13.7. Boxes shall be numbered so that when looking from the start toward the course, box one is on the left-hand side. The center box on the line must be left open with no teams or individuals placed in it.
- 13.8. The start will follow the procedures outlined by the NFHS related to the audio/visual step-up start. Details can be found in the Meet Managers Manual and Officials Manual.
- 13.9. All non-current race competitors must exit the starting area when the final instructions to athletes begin. **Team tunnels are not permitted at the state championship but may be utilized at district and regional tournaments at the discretion of the tournament manager.**
- 13.10. Spectators shall not be given access to the athlete reporting area or starting line.

14. The Course

- 14.1. The course shall be 5,000M.
- 14.2. All course markings used shall comply with NFHS Regulations found in NFHS Rule 8.
- 14.3. Teams may not place any markers on, next to, or along the course. Only markings placed by meet management are allowed.

15. The Finish & Scoring

- 15.1. The scoring at each tournament level must be accurate and as efficient as possible. To this end, competent and experienced personnel must be employed.
- 15.2. All scoring systems shall use a double system (transponders and video) so that the scoring and order of finish may be cross-checked. NFHS regulations related to the use of a dual system must be followed.
- 15.3. The use of display boards and live results showing the order of finish may be used; however, they should be labeled in a way that ensures spectators, athletes, and coaches are aware that the order of finish shown is not final until verified by the meet referee and the appeal period has passed.
- 15.4. At the finish of the race, if an athlete wishes to stop their watch, they MUST do so by holding their hands above their head. Athletes who do not follow this direction and obscure their bib number or block their transmitter while stopping a watch may cause misidentification of themselves and their finish position; therefore, they will be excluded from the results and considered a DNF.
- 15.5. MileSplit Live Results must be utilized for the Regional & State Tournaments. No other live results platforms may be promoted during all three levels of the tournament, including posting on the MileSplit meet page, making PA announcements, listing on the meet websites, etc.
- 15.6. Once placement and scoring have been completed by the timing team, the referee will announce or cause to be announced that the appeal window has started. If teams are unable to utilize MileSplit Live Results due to internet or cell reception issues, paper results must be provided. The appeal period will be for 30 min starting when announced by the referee or the designee.
- 15.7. **Those advancing as individuals are not eligible to score as a team. This applies even if a school advances 5 or more of the same gender to the following round.**

16. Decisions

- 16.1. Referee decisions are final in all tournaments. Exception: The Executive Director retains the right to rule on all instances involving ineligible participants.
- 16.2. The referee shall not observe any video device unless the device has been approved in advance and, when authorized, may use the device only for determining the order of finish.
- 16.3. No Jury of Appeals will be used. The referee MAY consult the Games Committee for advice; however, the referee's decision is final.

- 17. **Appeal Procedure** Coaches who have concerns related to the decision of the referee or the order of finish should speak with the referee. If, after speaking with the referee, they are not satisfied with the final decision, they should follow the below process to file a written appeal. Only coaches may file an appeal; parents & school administrators are not permitted to file an appeal. Judgment calls are not subject to appeal per NFHS regulations.

17.1. Appeal Process

- 17.1.1. Obtain an appeal form from the Tournament Manager or Referee.
- 17.1.2. Complete the appeal form, sign and present it to the tournament referee. Failure to complete the form in its entirety will result in it being denied.
- 17.1.3. The tournament referee will review the appeal, reach a decision, complete and sign the referee's decision portion of the appeal form, and notify the coach of the final decision. This must be done BEFORE the conclusion of the event. The decision of the tournament referee is final and not subject to further review except as indicated above related to eligibility.

18. Conduct

18.1. All NFHS and OHSAA regulations related to conduct apply at the tournaments.

19. **Unsporting Conduct Penalty** Participation in athletic contests is a privilege. Each individual is expected to conduct himself or herself in an exemplary manner while participating. During participation in OHSAA Tournaments, any student or coach ejected for unsporting conduct shall be ineligible for the remainder of that day as well as for all contests in cross country until two regular season/tournament contests have been competed at the same level as the ejection. Individuals ejected for unsporting conduct shall be reported to the OHSAA Executive Director by the tournament manager. The Executive Director will investigate the situation and may impose additional penalties in accordance with Bylaw 11 if the situation warrants.

20. **Fighting Penalty** Any player or coach ejected for fighting shall be ineligible for all contests for the remainder of that day. In addition, the player or coach shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels in that sport until FOUR regular season/tournament contests are played at the same level as the ejection or disqualification.

21. Course Access

21.1. ONLY two coaches per team will be permitted access to the competition area at all levels of tournaments. Each site will determine its method of credentialing coaches with access.

21.2. ONLY the seven (7) athletes listed as competing at the tournament, plus two (2) alternates, will be given access to competition areas. Each site will determine its method of credentialing athletes with access.

21.3. Team Members who access the course in addition to those granted access per the above are subject to the below policy:

- First Offense: Warning issued to the **TEAM**.
 - o The official will report the warning to the referee, documenting the time. The referee will then attempt to notify the head coach. The warning stands regardless of if the coach is officially notified.
- Second Offense: Disqualification from the meet (ejection) for those accessing the competition area.
 - o As the warning applies to the team, any member of that team is subject to disqualification for the meet
- Third Offense: Disqualification from the meet (ejection) for those accessing the competition area & disqualification from the event for any participating athletes.

Note 1: Those disqualified from the meet are subject to additional penalties in line with OHSAA policy.

Note 2: Per NFHS Rule 1, school administrators (athletic directors, principals, school administration, superintendents, etc.) are considered members of a team and, therefore, are subject to NFHS and OHSAA rules and enforcement of rules by contests officials and meet management. This includes NFHS rules on unsporting & unacceptable conduct and rules related to restricted areas such as infields/competition areas and interference.

21.4. Spectators who access the competition area will be removed from the facility with no refund issued.

22. Prohibited Items

22.1. Teams & **coaches** are prohibited from utilizing bicycles, scooters, and other wheeled transportation to move through the competition area; this is considered an illegal aid and, therefore, a violation of NFHS 4-6-5d. Teams and spectators alike shall not bring these items to the meet. **Coaches needing medical exceptions can request a waiver from the sport administrator.**

22.2. The use of air horns, bull horns (or other voice amplification devices), whistles, or other means to communicate pace or instructions to athletes by teams or spectators is prohibited as a violation of NFHS 4-6-5d.

22.3. The use of drones by teams or spectators is prohibited anywhere in the area of the meet.

22.4. Pets are not permitted at any level of the tournament. Please see the below link for the OHSAA policy on service dogs:
<https://www.ohsaa.org/Portals/0/SchoolResources/ServiceDogs.pdf>

22.5. The presence of recreational equipment will not be permitted (frisbees, footballs, baseballs, softballs, etc.)

22.6. **As meet management utilizes air horns for weather warnings and alerts, the use of air horns or bull horns by spectators is strictly prohibited.**

23. **Drones/ Unmanned Arial Vehicles** The use of drones is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at OHSAA tournament contests.

Tournament management shall remove anyone attempting to use a drone and/or confiscate the drone until the event has been completed.

NOTE: An exception to this policy may be made in specific cases for OHSAA broadcast partners, provided the management of the tournament facility permits the presence of drones for broadcast purposes under the control of the OHSAA.

24. Awards

24.1. Awards presented at the site of the OHSAA Cross Country Tournament must be approved by the Executive Director.

24.2. Awards Ceremony – The medal ceremony and the awarding of team trophies is to be a celebration of the accomplishments of the athletes, not an opportunity to display unusual or inappropriate attire. Therefore, for all medal and trophy ceremonies, athletes shall be attired in team-issued warm-ups or uniforms and shall be free of all other articles deemed unsporting and/or inappropriate. There shall be no flowers brought to the awards podium.

24.3. District Awards

Team - The district champion and runner-up teams will receive a team trophy.

There will be no ties in team scoring as National Federation Track and Field Rules 8-2-4 and 5 apply.

Individual - No individual awards will be presented.

24.4. Regional Awards

Team - Regional championships and runner-up trophies will be presented.

Individual - Individual awards shall be presented to the top finishers. Medals will be awarded using a 4 to 1 ratio of team qualifiers.

Example: If six (6) teams qualify to the next round, the top 24 finishers will receive a medal. If eight (8) teams qualify to the next round, the top 32 finishers will receive a medal.

24.5. State Awards

Team - State championships and runner-up trophies shall be presented.

Individual

Division 1: Individual awards shall be presented to the top 20 finishers.

Division 2, 3, & 4: Individual awards shall be presented to the top 24 finishers.

25. **Team Expenses** No team expenses will be paid to member schools participating in 2025 OHSAATournament

26. **Property Damage** There is no insurance covering property damage. If property is damaged at a tournament site by competing school teams, student body or spectators, the school from which the students and/or spectators come shall be liable and pay the cost of repair or replacement. The tournament manager is authorized to deduct from the school's share the cost of any damages caused by competing schools. Other damages to facilities not attributed to a competing school could be a legitimate tournament expense and may be deducted from tournament receipts. If damage is extensive the District Board or Board of Directors will become involved. Student crowd control at OHSAATournament sponsored tournaments is the responsibility of the principals of the competing schools.

27. **Sponsorship and Rights** The Ohio High School Athletic Association is the sponsoring association for the district, regional and state cross country tournaments. The OHSAATournament reserves all rights in regard to the management of these tournaments and the sale of any items at the tournaments or any audio-visual reproductions of the tournaments. Any sale of food, clothing, souvenirs or any other items at each tournament site is strictly prohibited without permission of the respective District Athletic Board for district tournaments and the OHSAATournament Executive Director for regional and state tournaments. The videotaping of any or all portions of the tournament for resale purposes is prohibited without permission.

28. **Prohibited Advertising** There shall be no advertising through printed media, billboards, radio or television that includes beer, wine, liquor, tobacco, political parties or candidates or any other advertising contrary to the philosophy of the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

29. **Raffles Prohibited** There shall be no raffles or any type of games of chance permitted at the site of cross country tournament contests during the period beginning one hour prior to the tournaments and one hour after the tournaments have ended.

30. **Prohibited Sales** The sale of, the distribution of, or the consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is not permitted at the site of any contests involving OHSAATournament member schools.

31. Admission

	District	Regional	State
Student	TBD	TBD	TBD
Adult	TBD	TBD	TBD

Cash and digital ticket prices must be the same. Digital tickets are subject to fees

32. **School Administrator Tickets** Each participating school will receive complimentary admission for three school administrators, digitally, through HomeTown Ticketing. One digital code will be provided to each school. Each code will have three tickets attached to the code. The same code will be utilized, as a school advances in the tournament.

33. **Complimentary Admission – District, Regional, & State Tournaments** Complimentary admittance to the tournaments is restricted to the following people:

33.1. Officials - 1 for the official plus one guest

33.2. Workers - 1 for the worker

33.3. Competitors and Coaches according to the following chart:

33.3.1. Schools will be required to provide the name and Pupil Activity Permit number of all coaches receiving coaching admission for each level of the tournament.

	Team Qualifying	Individual Qualifying
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Coach	2	1
Athletes	9 (7 runners plus 2 alternates)	Number of qualifying athletes

Note: Passes issued per this section are per TEAM, not per SCHOOL.

33. **Media** Credentials for district and regional tournaments may be obtained by contacting the tournament manager, including telecasting/broadcasting/streaming. All media arrangements are to be made prior to the tournament. **District and regional tournament managers should review requests for LIVE telecasting/video streaming with the Executive Director's office.** Contact Tim Stried, Director of Media Relations, at 614-267-2502, ext. 124, or tstried@ohsaa.org. All requests for credentials for the state tournament should also be made with Mr. Stried. Note that the OHSAA prohibits live television or video streaming of tournament contests unless prior permission has been obtained.
34. **Team Camps** will be allowed in the designated areas at each venue. Please see the information provided by each site for this information.

District Tournament Information

35. **District Tournament Managers** District tournament managers shall be responsible for the proper organization and management of the cross country tournaments that they are managing. District tournaments shall be conducted according to the NFHS Rules and the OHSAA tournament regulations. The district tournament manager shall notify the regional **Data Manager** that the results are completed and will electronically advance into the corresponding regional meet page hosted on MileSplit. The complete results of the district tournaments shall be transmitted electronically **through MileSplit and to the Data Manager** immediately after finals are completed and no later than **60 minutes after the conclusion the district**. Managers will receive complete instructions from the OHSAA regarding the transmission of this information.

For district tournament assignments along with sites, dates and managers information, visit each OHSAA District Athletic Board website:

Central – <https://www.ohsaa.org/CDAB>

Northwest – <https://www.ohsaa.org/NWDAB-Home>

East – <https://www.ohsaa.org/EDAB>

Southeast – <https://www.ohsaa.org/SEDAB>

Northeast – <https://www.ohsaa.org/NEDAB>

Southwest – <https://www.ohsaa.org/SWDAB-Home>

36. **Tournament Participation Report.** The OHSAA Board of Directors semi-annually sets up the representation from each district based upon the number of teams (5 or more participants that finished the race) in the tournaments. Please complete & email the participation form found in the Meet Managers Manual within 5 (five) days of competition. Sites may submit a gender specific report from HyTek in place of the form in the manual. These forms must be sent to BJ Duckworth (bjduckworth@ohsaa.org) and Alexis Holderman (aholderman@ohsaa.org).

If the FAT provider has been tasked with providing the report, payment to the FAT company will be withheld until the report is provided.

37. **Lead Cart** The use of a lead cart is recommended but not mandatory at district tournaments. If a lead cart is used, it must follow the policy as outlined in the OHSAA Officials Manual.
- 37.1. The lead cart may not have any unneeded riders and may not carry a clock.
- 37.2. If the lead cart driver is not an official, they must be a responsible adult (over the age of 18) and cannot be a high school student.
- 37.3. If the lead cart driver is not an official, they should not be paid as an official.

38. Contest Officials

- 38.1. Officials assigned to the meet must come from the eligibility list provided by the OHSAA office; non-eligible officials must not be used unless all eligible officials have been contacted and there is still a need for additional officials.
- 38.2. Officials' pay is per the schedule located in the officials' manual.
- 38.3. Below is the RECOMMENDED number of officials:

Position	Quantity	Notes
Referee	1	The Referee will also assist with the start and finish line
Head Starter	1	The Head Starter will also assist with the finish line as needed
Clerk/Assistant Starter	2	They will clerk the races and serve as recall starters
Umpires	6-15	Based on course needs.
Lead Cart Driver*	1	Please see notes above*
Announcer	1	If the announcer is not an official, they MUST NOT be paid as an official

Regional Tournament Information

See complete regional tournament site information and schedule on the OHSAA website (www.ohsaa.org) under cross country.

- 39. Regional Tournament Managers** The regional tournament managers shall send all results in the electronic format requested to the OHSAA's Data Manager and via MileSplit no later than **60 minutes following the meet**. Managers will receive complete instructions from the OHSAA relative to the transmission of this information.

40. Schedule

(NE, C, SW)		Division Rotation			
Time	Event	2025	2026	2027	2028
10:00 a.m.	Div: A Girls	4	1	4	1
10:40 a.m.	Div: A Boys	3	2	3	2
11:10 a.m.	Div: A Awards	2	3	2	3
11:50 a.m.	Div: B Girls	1	4	1	4
12:30 p.m.	Div: B Boys				
1:00 p.m.	Div: B Awards				
1:40 p.m.	Div: C Girls				
2:20 p.m.	Div: C Boys				
2:50 p.m.	Div: C Awards				
3:30 p.m.	Div: D Girls				
4:10 p.m.	Div: D Boys				
4:40 p.m.	Div: D Awards				

NW		Division Rotation			
Time	Event	2025	2026	2027	2028
10:00 a.m.	Div: A Girls	4	2	4	2
10:40 a.m.	Div: A Boys	3	3	3	3
11:10 a.m.	Div: A Awards	2	4	2	4
11:50 a.m.	Div: B Girls				
12:30 p.m.	Div: B Boys				
1:00 p.m.	Div: B Awards				
1:40 p.m.	Div: C Girls				
2:20 p.m.	Div: C Boys				
2:50 p.m.	Div: C Awards				

Note: Gender rotation will no longer be used.

41. Lead Cart

- 41.1. The use of a lead cart is mandatory (weather permitting). The use must follow the policy as outlines in the OHSAA Officials Manual
 41.2. The driver must be a licensed official.
 41.3. The lead cart may not have any unneeded riders and may not carry a clock.

42. Contest Officials

- 42.1. Officials assigned to the meet must come from the eligibility list provided by the OHSAA office, non-eligible officials should not be used without approval from the OHSAA office.
 42.2. Officials pay is per the schedule located in the officials manual.
 42.3. Officials assignment MUST follow the chart below.

Position	Min #	Max #	Who Assigns	Notes
Referee	1	1	OHSAA	Meet managers may NOT appoint or assign additional officials to serve in any of these roles.
Head Starter	1	1	OHSAA	Meet managers may NOT appoint or assign additional officials to serve in any of these roles.
Assistant Starter	1	1	OHSAA	Meet managers may NOT appoint or assign additional officials to serve in any of these roles.
Head Clerk	1	1	OHSAA	Meet managers may NOT appoint or assign additional officials to serve in any of these roles.
Clerk	3	3	OHSAA	Meet managers may NOT appoint or assign additional officials to serve in any of these roles.
Head Umpire	1	1	OHSAA	Meet managers may NOT appoint or assign additional officials to serve in any of these roles.
Evaluator	0	1	OHSAA	This official will not be in uniform.
Announcer	1	1	Meet Mgr.	The announcer position will only be paid by the OHSAA via an officials assignment if the announcer is a licensed official.
Lead Cart Driver	1	1	Meet Mgr.	Must follow the regulations listed above.
Umpires	14	25	Meet Mgr.	Based on course needs.
Marshall	0	4	Meet Mgr.	Marshalls serve in a capacity to ensure the course is safe and clear of non-competitors. They may work in the area near the finish line or another area determined by the meet manager and meet referee.

State Championship Information

43. State Tournament Schedule The 2025 State Tournament will be held at Fortress Obetz and Memorial Park in Obetz, Ohio, on Saturday, November 1, 2025

State Schedule		Division Rotation			
Time	Event	2025	2026	2027	2028
10:00 a.m.	Div: A Girls	4	1	4	1
10:40 a.m.	Div: A Boys	3	2	3	2
11:10 a.m.	Div: A Awards	2	3	2	3
11:50 a.m.	Div: B Girls	1	4	1	4
12:30 p.m.	Div: B Boys				
1:00 p.m.	Div: B Awards				
1:40 p.m.	Div: C Girls				
2:20 p.m.	Div: C Boys				
2:50 p.m.	Div: C Awards				
3:30 p.m.	Div: D Girls				
4:10 p.m.	Div: D Boys				
4:40 p.m.	Div: D Awards				

34. Tournament Staff:

- Meet Manager: Dugan Hill
- Sport Administrator: BJ Duckworth
- Data & Technology Manager: Josh Bodner
- Officials Assigner & Coordinator: Rick Campbell
- FAT Operator: SEO Timing/Terry Young

44. Contest Officials Officials will be assigned to this contest per the OHSAA tournament officials policy in the OHSAA Officials Handbook.

45. Lead Cart

- 45.1. The use of a lead cart is mandatory (weather permitting). The use must follow the policy as outlined in the OHSAA Officials Manual.
- 45.2. The driver must be a licensed official.
- 45.3. The lead cart may not have any unneeded riders and may not carry a clock.

46. Entries The regional tournament managers will transfer regional tournament qualification data electronically as per instructions provided by the OHSAA no later than **60 minutes following the conclusion of the meet.**

47. Media Credentials may be obtained by contacting Tim Stried, Media Relations Director, OHSAA, 614-267-2502, ext. 124, or tstried@ohsaa.org. All media arrangements are to be made prior to the state tournament. Note that the OHSAA prohibits live television or video streaming of tournament contests unless prior permission has been obtained. No drones may be used.