



**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 7, 2020**

This communication contains information for parents, coaches, competitors.

Greetings from the 92nd Boys State Cross Country Tournament and 43rd 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. The OHSAA anticipates and expects your understanding and cooperation with the Department of Health Covid-19 protocols which have been instituted for the benefit of everyone.

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

TEAM COURSE INSPECTION DAYS - THURSDAY (11/5) OR FRIDAY (11/6) BETWEEN THE HOURS OF NOON AND 5:00PM.

- **DUE TO DEPT. OF HEALTH VENUE ATTENDANCE RESTRICTIONS--NO PARENTS ARE PERMITTED AT THE "VENUE" ON TEAM INSPECTION DAYS**
- **ONLY COACH(S) AND COMPETING ATHLETES WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE VENUE ON THESE DAYS.**

SPECTATOR ROUTE AND PARKING FOR NOVEMBER 7TH: (No charge for Parking)

- From 270 Westbound
 - Stay in far RIGHT lane and exit NORTH on Alum Creek Drive and turn LEFT at light MAUREEN BLVD or RECREATION TRAIL
 - Take Maureen Blvd. S follow Fortress Parking signs to the left
 - Turn LEFT at RECREATION TRAIL as you enter the park
 - Turn right at the intersection between the softball fields and the Obetz Athletic Club, follow split rail fence back to the paved and gated parking lot
- From 270 Eastbound
 - Stay in far LEFT lane and exit NORTH on Alum Creek Drive and turn LEFT at light MAUREEN BLVD or RECREATION TRAIL
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ATTENDANCE AND TICKETING: (Spectator admission is \$12.00) (Programs are \$5.00 cash sale)

- The State of Ohio and Franklin County Departments of Health have instituted a 1,500 maximum spectator attendance limit per division.
- Attendance is limited to parents and immediate family.
- Only on-line ticket sales prior to November 7th will be honored at the admission gate. **(No tickets will be available for purchase on race day)**
- QR ticket codes must be obtained through your home school athletic department after Regional Qualification.
- After being directed to parking, have your QR code ready to scan upon walking to the nearby Fortress spectator gate.
- OHSAA and the Ohio Dept. of Health prohibit tailgating and social gathering both before and after the event.

- Multiple gates, volunteers and signage will be available to assist with ticketing and accessing the grandstand, restrooms, clothes merchant, food and beverage vendors
- All spectators, once in the Fortress must be seated in the grandstand. Only coaches, officials and healthcare professionals will be allowed at other areas within the venue.
- Seating in the grandstand is limited to the clearly marked areas.
- No more than four individuals are permitted to sit together.
- Facial coverings are required at all times, except while consuming food or beverages.
- Once your son or daughter's race is completed you are requested to leave the grandstand within 15 minutes and proceed to the parking lot to meet those who will be traveling home with you.
- Spectators, parents, and others are not allowed to visit the team camp area or bus parking area.
- We regretfully announce that there will be no official awards ceremony this year.
 - Awards pictures of Teams
 - Champions and Team Runners Up will be taken by official OHSAA photographers after official results are announced and made available for purchase on www.ohsaa.org [Click on The Fan](#)

Schedule of State Championship Events
Saturday November 7th

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

DUE TO DEPT. OF HEALTH VENUE ATTENDANCE RESTRICTIONS--ONLY COACH(S) AND COMPETING ATHLETES ARE ALLOWED TO BE ON SITE DURING COURSE INSPECTION DAYS--THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH FROM NOON TO 5:00 PM and ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH FROM NOON TO 5:00 PM.

Day of the Course Inspection and State Competition Day--

- Before arriving at the venue, verify all competitors are Covid-19 symptom free.
 - Specific symptoms are listed on the Covid-19 verification form which can be obtained on www.ohsaa.org
- Athletes who are symptomatic **MUST NOT** be brought to the venue on any day.
- The Covid-19 Verification form must be turned in at the Coaches' Packet Tent on Saturday prior to receiving your packet entry information.

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

- From 270 Westbound
- Stay in far LEFT lane and exit SOUTH on Alum Creek Drive and turn RIGHT on London-Groveport Road
- Turn RIGHT on Orchard Lane, just before the train overpass.
- Orchard dead ends into Recreation Trail, Turn RIGHT
- Take first LEFT at the Baseball and Softball Fields and you will be directed to parking on your RIGHT

- From 270 Eastbound
 - Stay in far Right Lane and exit SOUTH on Alum Creek Drive and turn RIGHT on London Groveport Road
 - Turn RIGHT on Orchard Lane, just before the train overpass.
 - Orchard dead ends into Recreation Trail, Turn RIGHT
 - Take first LEFT at the Baseball and Softball Fields and you will be directed to parking on your RIGHT
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- Upon arrival for competition day, send one coach to the Coach Packet Tent to retrieve your team information packet.
 - Packet material may be picked up after 7:15 AM on Saturday, November 7th. **Remember to submit your Covid-19 Verification Form**
 - Competition Meet Entry Passes for Saturday
 - 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)
 - Tents are permitted in the identified Team Camp Area when socially distanced from other camp sites. Tent siding permitted if weather conditions warrant.
 - Teams may also use their bus/van as their team camp.
 - Coaches and athletes are to be masked and practice social distancing at all times when not actively running--warming up, or cooling down.
 - School/Team spirit signs are encouraged and may be hung on fencing on the opposite side of the turf field from the bleachers and fencing around the inside and outside of the Fortress. Zip ties are the recommended method of hanging. Zip ties are available from meet management if not brought to the facility.

TEAM COURSE INSPECTION DAYS - THURSDAY (11/5) OR FRIDAY (11/6) BETWEEN THE HOURS OF NOON AND 5:00PM.

There is only one race day--November 7th

- On site for Division III Boys and Girls between 7:30—11:00 AM
- On site for Division II Boys and Girls between 10:30 AM—2:00 PM
- On Site for Division I Boys and Girls between 1:30—5:00 PM

Specific sections of the course may be closed momentarily while competitors are on the course. Warm-ups can continue beside the course during these closures.

- Portable toilets will be in the team camp area, near the starting area, and 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) between 60 and 30 minutes prior to your race start time.
- Only one coach (wearing Coach Bib) may be at the start to collect competitor mask
- No runouts allowed from starting line, no team huddles.
- Mentally and physically prepare your team/individual prior to arriving at the starting area.
- Teams/Individuals should arrive and enter their assigned box zone no earlier than 5 minutes before published race starting time.
- Starting boxes are 10' wide X 36' deep. Athletes should space themselves in a single file line on the painted increment spots.
- At the raise of the starter's arm and flag, all athletes may move to the starting line.
- The gun will fire and flag dropped after all athletes are motionless on the starting line.

DURING THE RACE –

- Coaches are permitted in the **“Coaching Box” (80'x 80' paved area east of the turf field)** on the outside of the 1600m/3200m split points. Coaches are not permitted on the turf field during competition.

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
 - www.baumspage.com
 - www.ohsaa.org

AWARDS AND PICTURES –

- There will be no official awards presentation ceremony.
- Individual medals are issued to the first 20 finishers, and to the first 7 competitors on the Championship and Runners Up teams. These medals will be pre-packaged and handed to the coach at the photo area.
- Team trophies are awarded to the Championship and Runners Up teams at the photo area.
- Individual medals for the first 20 finishers will be available at the OAT/CCC tent at the finish line end of the stadium.
- Also, OAT/CCC ALL-OHIO certificates for the first 30 finishers are available at the OAT/CCC tent.
- 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 only of the Team Champions and Team Runners Up at the photo area.
- Official meet photos can be purchased at
 - www.ohsaa.org
 - Click on The Fan

We realize much of the above protocol is very stringent, but necessary for the health and safety of all. Our hope is that the 2021 State Cross Country Championships will return all of us to normalcy with expectations of hosting the largest and best OHSAA Boys and Girls State Cross Country Championships in the nation. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this year's event.