



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

**Memorial Park and Fortress Obetz  
4175 Alum Creek Drive  
Obetz, OH 43207**

**November 4, 2023**

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

Greetings from the **95th Boys State Cross Country Tournament and 46th Girls State Cross Country Tournament**. Memorial Park, Fortress Obetz and The Village of Obetz welcomes us to their community. Our management and staff have worked diligently in preparation for this year's event, and we are excited to host the competitors, coaches, parents, and officials at this year meet!

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

**TEAM COURSE INSPECTION  
THURSDAY (11/2) / 12:00PM - 5:00PM  
FRIDAY (11/3) / 12:00PM - 5:00PM**

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**SPECTATOR ROUTE AND PARKING FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH**

- **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.
    - 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

- Spectator Pricing:
  - [Adult Admission is \\$16.00](#)
  - [Student admission is \\$13.00](#)
  - Age 5 & Under is FREE
  - Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.ohsaa.org/tickets>
- Spectator Tickets **WILL NOT** be scanned while in the vehicle.
- All cars will be directed to park in the appropriate locations upon arriving at the venue.
- Spectator Tickets will **ONLY BE SCANNED** once a spectator enters the Stadium.
- All non-competing students (see Arriving & Disembarking from School Transportation / see Page 3 below) must have prior [\\$13.00 electronic ticket](#) purchase to enter the facility.
- Programs are \$5.00— (**CREDIT CARD SALES ONLY inside stadium**)
- 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.

<b><u>Schedule of State Championship Events</u></b> <b><u>Saturday November 4th</u></b>	
Division III Girls	10:00 AM
Division III Boys	10:45 AM
Division III Awards	11:15 AM
Division II Girls	12:00 PM
Division II Boys	12:45 PM
Division II Awards	1:15 PM
Division I Girls	2:00 PM
Division I Boys	2:45 PM
Division I Awards	3:15 PM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Check in will begin 30min before each race</i></li><li>• <i>Awards are Girls followed by Boys</i></li></ul>	

### 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. Travel across I-270. 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**

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

- Competitors and coaches **only** are permitted to be on the course and in competition areas throughout meet day.

#### **Arrival and Disembarking from School Transportation**

- **Packet materials may be picked up after 8:00 AM on Saturday, November 5<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 (\$16.00 for adults; \$13.00 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 (\$16.00 for adults; \$13.00 for students)**
- Additional tickets may be purchased at <https://www.ohsaa.org/tickets>
- 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.

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### 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. 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.oh.milesplit.com](http://www.oh.milesplit.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 during the divisional awards ceremony.
- Individual OHSAA medals are awarded to the first 7 competitors on the Championship and Runners Up teams on stage during the divisional awards ceremony.
- 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 at the west end of the stadium.
- 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”
  - Click on “Photos “