



**2024 OHSAA
University of Rio Grande Divisions II & III
Cross Country Championships**

Saturday, October 19, 2024

Entries: A school may enter a maximum of seven runners in each assigned race. Each team may also bring up to two alternates. Alternates must be submitted via the form posted at this link before the posted entry deadline: [District Alternate Registration](#)

Entry Deadline: Entries are due on MileSplit by 1:00 PM, Sunday, October 13.

Late Entries: Entries not submitted before the deadline are subject to an OHSAA imposed \$50 late entry penalty per team if approved by the OHSAA. Late entries are not guaranteed.

Tournament Regulations: Please review [Cross Country Tournament Regulations](#)

Uniform Regulations: Coaches are responsible for ensuring each athlete wears a legal uniform.

Substitutions: After the entry deadline, substitutions may be made using the online substitution form posted on MileSplit until Noon on Friday, October 18. After that time, a paper substitution form, which will be provided in your packet, will need to be filled out on site and submitted to Terry Young at the timing van **at least 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the affected race**. Note that you will only be able to substitute for an existing runner that you originally submitted. For example, if you submit five runners and then decide to add a sixth runner, you will not be able to do so as this is considered an addition instead of a substitution.

Course Inspection: Per the OHSAA's Southeast District Athletic Board, the course is NOT available to inspect or practice on prior to the district meet.

Arrival Time: Please do not arrive more than **ONE HOUR 30 MINUTES** before your scheduled race.

Registration/Team Check In: All buses should park and debus in the Bob Evans Farm Hall parking lot. Packets will include: three copies of the course map, starting box assignments, race schedule, safety pins, bibs, one timing chip per runner, trash bag for camp clean-up and other important information.

Course Map: Click on this link to access: [Course Map](#)

Pass List: Only the number of runners submitted on Milesplit, the number of alternates enter via the GoogleForm, two coaches per school and a bus driver will be admitted free of charge. Runners who are not competing in a district race are required to purchase a ticket before being admitted into the meet.

Bibs: Bibs, electronic shoe timing chips and safety pins for all athletes registered on MileSplit will be provided in your team packets. Any lost bibs that must be replaced after packet pickup will be subject to a \$20 bib replacement fee.

Tickets: An electronic ticket is required to enter the district meet. Admission tickets are \$8.00 for general admission and \$5.00 for students. Tickets are available via the OHSAA's Hometown ticketing website <https://ohsaa.org/tickets> Electronic ticket holders are encouraged to bring the printed version of their tickets instead of relying on the electronic version of their tickets to gain entry. Children under five are not required to pay admission. Cash will **NOT** be accepted at the gate.

Schedule:

11:00 D III Girls
11:45 D III Boys
12:30 D III Awards
1:00 D II Girls
1:45 D II Boys
2:30 D II Awards

Qualifiers to Regional Meet in Pickerington:

Division III Girls top 5 teams/20 individuals not on a qualifying team. 10/26 @ 10:45 AM
Division III Boys top 7 teams/28 individuals not on a qualifying team. 10/26 @ 10:00 AM
Division II Girls top 7 team/28 individuals not on a qualifying team. 10/26 @ 12:45 PM
Division II Boys top 8 teams/32 individuals not on a qualifying team. 10/26 @ 12:00 PM

Coaches of qualifying teams and individuals will receive information directly from the OHSAA regarding how to register for the regional meet.

Prohibited Items:

- Other than those approved by the meet manager for meet management purposes, no motorized or non-motorized vehicles (including scooters and bicycles) are permitted on the course at any time.
- Frisbees, footballs and other athletic items are also not allowed at the competition venue.
- Pets are prohibited. The OHSAA Service Dog policy can be found here: <https://www.ohsaa.org/Portals/0/SchoolResources/ServiceDogs.pdf>
- The use of drones by teams or spectators is prohibited.

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 rule 4-6-5d.

Tents: Team camps can only be set up at the venue in the designated area. All team camps will be in the area behind the registration tent.

Weather: If lightning or other dangerous weather is experienced, we will follow the OHSAA guidelines. The referee will coordinate the response effort with the meet manager. Evacuation location will be to school transportation or the Lyne Center. Announcements will be made via the public address system and coaches will receive notifications via the email associated with their MileSplit account.

Athletic Trainer: A certified athletic trainer will be available at the tent near the finish line.

Results: Paper results will be posted near the registration tent. Unofficial live results will be available via MileSplit [LIVE RESULTS](#). Results will be posted on MileSplit as soon as each race has been certified by the referee.

Awards: The OHSAA provides awards for the 1st and 2nd place teams. The 1st and 2nd place teams in each race will be deemed “champions” and the 3rd and 4th place teams in each race will be deemed “runners-up”. OHSAA does not provide individual awards.

Appeals: All appeals will follow OHSAA and NFHS regulations. The 30-minute appeals period begins once the order of finish has been finalized, and it will be announced following each race. Coaches may file a written appeal by obtaining an appeals form from the meet referee.

T-shirts: District T-shirts will be on sale near the registration area.

Concessions: Various concession items will be available.

School Representative: No team or individual will be allowed to compete in the District Tournament unless a coach or person authorized by the Board of Education is present throughout the Tournament. Team and individual entries unaccompanied by such a school representative may be disqualified, pending a ruling by the OHSAA' Executive Director.

The Finish: As athletes finish, if they are timing themselves on a watch, they **MUST** stop their watch by holding both hands over their head. Stopping their watch in front of the body not only blocks their bib number from the finish cameras. Athletes who stop their watch in front of their body vs over their head may not have their finish recorded and could be recorded as a DNF.

- Athletes should not stop and/or fall immediately after completing the race. Doing so puts them and other athletes at increased risk of injury. Additionally, if an athlete stopping or falling immediately upon finishing the race interferes with another athlete finishing, they could be subject to disqualification.

Timing/Scoring: The OHSAA's Southeast District Athletic Board has contracted with SEO Timing to provide FAT timing and scoring services. Each runner registered on MileSplit will be issued an electronic timing chip and a bib number that matches the timing chip. Alternates will be issued a bib only. Bibs must be affixed to the front of the jersey with four safety pins (one in each corner of the bib). Coaches (or their designee) are responsible for collecting the timing chips from their athletes and returning them in the provided baggie to either the finish line or the registration tent before leaving for the day. Schools will be billed \$20 for any timing chip not returned by the end of the meet.