State Final Date: State Final Boys and Girls Cross Country Meets will be held on Saturday, November 7 at Detweiller Park on Illinois Highway 29, north of Peoria.

State Final Time Schedule: Please refer to the current Cross Country Terms and Conditions on the Cross Country web page.

Directions to Detweiller Park: Teams and officials can enter Detweiller Park off Route 40 (Knoxville Ave.) or off IL Route 29. The Peoria Park Police will direct vehicles to the proper parking areas. Team vehicles must display the parking pass. There will be no other reserved parking areas for team vehicles.

Spectator/State Final Parking Fee: Parking fees will be collected at each of the parking lots in or adjacent to Detweiller Park for those who do not have a parking pass.

Spectator Fees: Cars=$15.00; **Vans** (extended 15 passenger type) =$20.00; **Buses**=$25.00. There is no charge to watch the Cross Country State Final races.

State Final Qualifier Parking at Detweiller: The Parking policy will be emailed to all State Final Qualifiers after Sectionals. A digital parking pass will be allotted to each qualifier. **Sectional managers will no longer distribute parking passes at the conclusion of the Sectional meet.**

First Aid: Doctors, nurses, athletic trainers, and a rescue unit will be positioned in the finish corral.

Spectators: Every effort is being made to assure that your runners will not have interference during the race. Coaches, instruct your non-competing runners and spectators to stay behind the restraining fences at the finish and within the designated spectator areas during the races.

Pets: Individuals are prohibited from bringing any type of pet to the State Final, except of service and seeing-eye dogs. Schools should inform their parents and fans.

Cooking Grills: At the direction of the Fire Marshal there will be no cooking grills of any type allowed in the park during the Cross-Country State Final event. This is for everyone's safety. We appreciate your cooperation.

Vendors: Vendors are not allowed to set up areas at the State Final, without consent of the IHSA Office prior to the State Meet.

IHSA Banners & Signs: All IHSA Banners, signs, and branded fencing have been a delightful addition to the color and pageantry of the event. Unfortunately, in past years, banners, signs, and branded fencing have been stolen. Please advise your students and fans that IHSA and host, Peoria High School, will prosecute those caught attempting to vandalize or steal any property, belonging to the IHSA or Peoria High School.

Results: Official Results will be posted at Detweiller Park after each race. When official, results will be posted on the IHSA web site at **www.ihsa.org** and the official race results will be posted on the electronic display board just behind the spectator bleachers. Hard copies will not be made available to coaches, fans or the media.

Practice: *The Detweiller course will be open for practice for all qualifiers, weather permitting, until dark. Additional school vehicle parking pass requests will be considered at this time.* ***Unauthorized timed (or untimed) races are prohibited on the state final course on state final Saturday and on days preceding the state finals.***

Additionally, when meet management declares the course open for practice, only the state qualifiers and coaches whose names appear in the IHSA official List of Participants will be eligible to be on the course. This will include the week leading up to the state finals, including Friday and Saturday. The penalty for violating this rule will range from placing the offending school on probation up to immediate suspension and disqualification of the offending school, coaches, and all qualifiers from participation in the current (and/or future) state finals. Final decisions relative to the severity of the consequences will be at the discretion of the IHSA Cross Country Administrator. This rule is in effect for all CC state series events.

Team Packet Distribution

1) Each school will pick up their Team or Individual packet either on Friday or Saturday morning.

2) The packet will include bib numbers, hip numbers, safety pins, bag tag(s) etc. Coaches are not to issue the bib numbers to their athletes until the team arrives at the course on Saturday. Replacing lost or broken bibs is a time-consuming process and your athlete could miss the start of their race. Wait until you arrive at the park to distribute!

3) Each runner will be assigned the following items:
a) 2 Bib numbers with competitor number (front and back, 4 safety pins for each bib).
b) 2 Hip numbers with competitor number (one for each hip).
c) State Final Qualifier Bag Tag

4) No runner will be allowed to start a race without both bibs held in place by 4 pins (per bib) and hip numbers. The clerks will check in the runners for each race.

5) Pre-race meeting: A coaches meeting will be held 30 minutes before the start of the girls' race in each class, with the meet referee, assistant meet referee, or the head meet official to discuss check in, starting, and finish line procedures. If a coach attended one of the meetings on Friday afternoon (2:00 or 3:00 p.m.) he/she does not need to attend the meeting held prior to the start of the race on Saturday.

Finish Line Procedure

1) Finish Line Area: Will be set up as a large fenced in area, able to hold all officials, vans, cameras, timers, first aid workers, etc.

2) Finish Line: The actual line will be 15 feet wide and will be located on the inner edge of the first of two sensor coils. The area around the finish line will be restricted both in front and behind the line by at least 5 feet.

3) Finish: Each runner will finish the race when the torso crosses the finish line.

4) Time/Place: The bib will activate the time for each runner as they cross the sensor coils. The place will be determined by video review.

5) Time Backup: Two timers will be located at the finish line to serve as backup timing.

6) Place Backup: Multiple Cameras will be used as a backup along with finish line judges. Two finish line judges will be in place at the finish line to confirm the order of finish for each race.

7) Chute: The chute will be open at least 25 feet wide at the finish line and expanded to at least 30-40 feet wide after the finish line. The length of the chute will be at least 50-75 feet long and angled toward the southeast corner of the finish line area as it leads the runners out of this area.

8) Refreshments: Liquid refreshments will be available in the area at the end of the chute as it leads the runners out of the chute.

9) Video Review- All races will be reviewed to confirm the placement of each runner. When the finish is confirmed, the meet referee will be notified.

10) Scoring Certification- After the meet referee receives the results, confirms the team scores and the placement of each runner, checks for any disqualifications, he/she will certify, sign, and post the final official results.

Scoring Procedures

1) As the runners cross the sensor coils, the bib attached to each runner will activate, giving each runner the time. The torso will be used for the actual finish of each runner.

2) As the runner crosses the finish line, a camera will record the runner's bib number for review and confirmation of each runner's place.

3) When the video review has been completed, and adjustments made as needed, the meet referee will sign the results indicating that they are officially approved.

4) Live results will be displayed on the scoreboard at the State Final. Once the results have been certified official, they will be posted on athletic.net and the IHSA State Series Information and results page from the Girls & Boys Cross Country Activity web pages.