



2025 CROSS COUNTRY FINALS INFORMATION

- **INFORMATION BULLETIN**
- **TIME SCHEDULE**
- **BOYS AND GIRLS TEAM QUALIFIER FORMS**
- Spectator admission is \$11.00 per person. Tickets must be purchased online using [GoFan.co](https://www.gofan.co) Cash WILL NOT be accepted on site. Credit Cards can be used onsite. To expedite entry, it is recommended to purchase your tickets in advance.
- TEAM PARKING for buses will be through Parking Gate A, and team entry will be at Gate D, and Team entrance through the pedestrian tunnel (see map).
- Infield access through the tunnel gate ([see map](#)) WILL BE allowed for team vehicles with passes and only under 9 feet in height.
- Visibly worn wristbands will allow coaches and athletes to enter the facility.

1. LOCATION: Michigan International Speedway, 12626 US-12, Brooklyn, MI 49230

A. SPECTATOR PARKING - ([Maps](#))

1. Spectators coming from the North or the West are encouraged to use Lot 3.
 - a. From the North use Brooklyn Rd
 - b. From the West using Taylor Rd.
 - c. Enter through Gate 3.
2. Spectators coming from the South and the East are encouraged to use Lot 11.
 - a. Enter through Gate 11E using US 12.
 - b. There is no access to Lot 11 from Brooklyn Rd. Lot 11 can only be accessed from US 12.
3. Tram service is available from both lots to the ticket gates.
 - a. Trams arrive at the stop in approximately 10-15 minutes. intervals.
 - b. Both lots are approximately ½ mile from the ticket gates for those choosing to walk.

B. TEAM BUS PARKING – ([Maps](#))

1. Team Buses will enter the service drive at the vehicle tunnel entrance.
 - a. ALL BUSES entering the service drive must use Brooklyn Rd and approach the tunnel entrance from the SOUTH.
 - b. Staff and signs will be in place to direct vehicles to the drop-off and parking areas.
 - c. Buses will park in the designated area near the drop-off.
 - d. Trams will transport athletes and coaches from the Bus parking/Drop-off area to the infield and will be available to transport them back upon completion of the event.

C. ATHLETE DROP-OFF - ([Maps](#))

1. Athletes that do not travel on a team bus or van will enter the service drive at the vehicle tunnel entrance. (Pass required – see your coach to obtain your pass)
 - a. Staff and signs will be in place to direct vehicles to the drop-off area.
 - b. After drop-off athletes will be transported by trams to the infield.
 - c. The drop-off vehicle will then be directed north on the service drive and can park in Lot 3.
 - d. Post-event pickup is NOT allowed in this area. Athletes will need to walk to Lot 3 or use an available Tram to Lot 3 for those that would prefer to ride.

D. ADA PARKING – ([Maps](#))

1. A large ADA lot is available in Fan Plaza and smaller ADA lots are available in both Lot 3 and Lot 11 (plate or placard required).
 - a. Access the ADA Lot in Fan Plaza using Gate 3.
 - b. Cart service is available to transport guests from all 3 ADA lots to the ticket gates.
 - c. From the ticket gates, tram service is available to an ADA drop-off location in the infield.
 - d. Return service is available throughout the day.

E. GRANDSTAND ENTRANCE

1. Spectators can enter the grandstand through the ticket booths at Gate D
2. Spectators will use the Pedestrian tunnel to access the MIS infield.

F. TUNNEL ENTRANCE

1. The vehicle tunnel will only be used for team access in vans less than 9 feet in height and only with the required team parking pass.

2. FINALS QUALIFIER PACKET INCLUDES:

- A. TEAM QUALIFIERS: eight (8) team member admission wristband passes and three (3) wristband passes for the coach and/or trainer.
- B. INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS will receive one (1) wristband pass plus two (2) others, including the coach or trainer.
- C. Visibly worn wristbands will allow coaches and athletes to enter the facility and allow

coaches and officials access to restricted areas such as the infield and course.

3. FINAL MEET PACKET PICK UP /APPAREL PURCHASE

- A. Friday packet pick up will be at Michigan International Speedway in the MICHIGAN ROOM from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and starting at 7:30 a.m. on race day and throughout the day of the race.
- B. Course preview from the starting line to the 3 mile mark on course. The last 1/10th mile can be viewed by walking on the racetrack, but not on the course, will also be allowed from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. only on Friday, October 31st – Weather permitting.
- C. No tents or vehicles may be left in the infield of MIS, and the track must be cleared by 5 p.m. for course setup and preparation.
- D. Parking for the Friday packet pickup and course preview time will be done in the awards area and lots closest to pit row or in the bus parking area neat Fan Plaza. REMINDER: vehicles taller than 9 ft will not fit through the tunnel. Vehicles taller than 9 ft must park in the bus parking area. From the bus parking area follow the signs to the pedestrian tunnel to the infield. ([Maps](#))
- E. Apparel sales from EA GRAPHICS will take place on Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- F. Saturday packet pickup will start at 7:30 a.m. in the MICHIGAN ROOM located in the buildings behind the finish area and by pit row.
- G. The coach is responsible for picking up the meet packet and timing tag on Friday or Saturday.
- H. Box assignments will be posted online at MHSAA.com as well as in the MICHIGAN ROOM.

4. CHANGE AND CORRECTIONS FORM

- A. Coaches of team qualifiers may change team personnel for the Finals if those student-athletes appear on the school master eligibility list.
- B. Roster Changes, including spelling, grade corrections, individual scratches, and team substitutions, may be done by the coach through [athletic.net](#) PRIOR to Monday, October 27 at 9 p.m. Any changes after Monday, October 27, will not make the MHSAA Finals program and will not be reflected in the registration packet. Following the Monday, October 27, 9 p.m. deadline, all further changes must be made using [THIS FORM](#)
- C. Individual qualifiers may not be substituted.
- D. Paper substitution forms will be available at packet pick-up. [The Google change form](#) (the preferred method) will also be active through the change deadline.
- E. Division 4 and 3 teams must make changes by 9 a.m. on Saturday, November 1.
- F. Division 2 and 1 teams must make changes by NOON on Saturday, November 1.
- G. Please ensure to meet and follow the changes and corrections deadlines for each team's race. **Late substitutions may be accepted up to 5 minutes before the start of each race. A late substitution is one after the published deadline has expired.** A coach can then turn in a change form and \$20 to the timer/scorer if this option is needed. The head official at the start line (start platform) will accept these changes up to 5 minutes prior to the race start and the timer/scorer will change prior to the results being made official. Failure to have an athlete's bib changed properly is a basis for disqualification.
- H. Turn the Change and Corrections Form into the packet pick-up area at the Michigan Room.

5. COURSE DESCRIPTION AND PREVIEW

- A. While the start and finish areas are restricted, coaches and officials will be allowed along the course during races.
- B. The entire course will be open for previewing on Friday, October 31 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and prior to your race on Saturday. Please be aware of other races and their participants. The final 160 meters can be reviewed from just off the course on Friday and Saturday.
- C. Competitors and coaches may not be able to preview the course after the three-mile mark on Saturday, November 1.
- D. Mile markers and timing clocks will designate the one-mile, two-mile, and three-mile marks. As a reminder, the timing split @ the 3-mile mark is NOT the finish and athletes need to continue to the

Finish line.

- E. The course will be defined by painted boundary lines, both inside and outside. Additionally, artificial boundary markers, such as orange barrels, will be used. Athletes should stay between these lines and must go around all other natural or man-made barriers.
- F. Additional flagging may be posted throughout the course: "Red to left", "Yellow to right" and "Blue straight"
- G. Runners must cross both finish line timing pads and continue through the chute.

6. COMPETING TEAM EXPECTATIONS

- A. Schools will defray their own expenses for participating in the Finals.
- B. Coaches and other school officials are responsible for supervising team members at the Final site.
- C. If extra credentials are needed and approved by the MHSAA, this pick-up will be in the Michigan room at packet pick-up or at the front desk of the Super 8 Hotel in Brooklyn.
- D. Wristbands are allowed for competitors, alternates, and school-approved coaches only. Any violation of this policy will result in future restrictions on wristbands and passes for that school and coach. If additional wristbands for non-competing team members are needed, please contact the MHSAA.
- E. Please help clean up the team area by using the supplied trash receptacles. Please bring out what you bring in.
- F. It is suggested that you arrive at least one hour before race time to ensure adequate prep time, race packet pick-up, team warm-up, and start-line check-in.
- G. Racers (teams and individuals) should be at the start line for check-in no later than 15 minutes before their race time.
- H. Coaches should ensure that their runner or team shows up in the correct division and race using the attached race schedule.

7. TIMING, SCORING, AND RESULTS

Superior Timing will administer timing and scoring.

Race Bibs

- A. Racers must wear their assigned race bib on the front **and back** of their singlet with the pins provided. The bib colors are Blue for the team and Red for individual runners.
- B. Race bibs may **not** be altered (i.e., cut, folded, wrinkled, etc.)
- C. The front race bib with the affixed timing chip will be used to time and identify each runner.
- D. The runners are asked not to stop a watch or other device, as doing so blocks the race bib from the view of finish officials, including the timers, and slows the completion of the results.

Scoring and Ties

- A. Rule 8, Sections 2 and 3 of the National Federation Track & Field/Cross Country Rule Book will be followed.
- B. All competitors are expected to move beyond the finish line, run/jog to their position in the exit area, and fast walk/run/jog beyond the finish line to avoid injury or impeding other incoming runners.
- C. Close finishes are determined using the torso on finish cameras for the LP Final.

Results

- A. Preliminary results will be posted at superiortiming.com. A result may be appealed for review for 20 minutes after the complete preliminary results are posted. It becomes official at the later of I) the expiration of that period or II) when any appeal is decided and any required adjustment is made.
- B. Official Results will then be posted at MHSAA.com and Athletic.net. Split times, if available, will be at superiortiming.com
- C. Written appeals can be made via a form found at the packet pick-up area (Michigan Room at the LP Final). They can be turned in at this location during the appeal period to meet officials.
- D. Preliminary online live results and live team results will be posted online at MHSAA.com

and at <https://www.superiortiming.com/>

8. AWARDS

A. Each division and gender:

- 1 Trophy First Place – Team
- 1 Trophy Second Place - Team
- 7 Medals First Place – Team
- 7 Medals Second Place - Team
- 30 Individual Medals - Top 30 Finishers overall in a Division.

Teams (top 2 in each race) and their coaches, as well as Individual award winners (TOP 30) who qualify for an award – either a trophy or medal should come to the MICHIGAN ROOM for awards staging at least 15 minutes prior to the awards ceremony.

Division 4 & 3 awards will begin at 12:15 p.m.

Division 2 & 1 awards will begin at 4:30 p.m.

9. COMPETITION RULES & INSTRUCTIONS

STARTING LINE:

- A. Pre-race uniform and bib checks will be done 15 minutes prior to each race. Teams should be at the line for this required check.
- B. Final race instructions will be given five minutes before each race. At the conclusion of those instructions, athletes should remove their sweats and immediately report to the assigned positions on the starting line, weather permitting.
- C. Teams and individuals must use the assigned starting boxes unless reassigned a box by meet administration or officials because of race course conditions.
- D. The assigned box must be used, and moving to another box without an official determining that the move would be allowed would be grounds for disqualification.

TEAMS:

- A. Qualifying teams may compete with a maximum of seven entries, a minimum of one entry.
- B. At least five individuals must finish to be considered a complete team.
- C. Individuals on the Master Eligibility List may be used as substitutes for team entries only. There are no substitutions for racers in the individual races.

JEWELRY: Athletes may wear jewelry during competition without penalty. This includes watches and sunglasses.

USE OF INHALERS: The use of an inhaler during competition containing a prescription drug designed to alleviate the asthmatic condition is not considered an illegal aid if a physician's statement documenting the athlete's need to use the prescription is presented to the meet director/referee prior to the beginning of the meet.

HEAD ATTIRE: Head attire that may be worn during competition without regard to color or logo, and if it fits within the sportsmanship guidelines of XC. Questionable head attire may be required to be removed if considered unsportsmanlike.

UNIFORM RULE: National Federation Rule 4-3 will be enforced as written regarding competitor uniforms.

MHSAA XC Rule Adaptations: Should the uniform jersey hang below the waistband of the shorts, jerseys shall be tucked in.

A bib may not be obstructed to stop a watch, which could result in a runner not being given a place or time. Please advise your athletes to wait until after the finish line to stop their watches.

Referees, umpires, and meet monitors throughout the course will be watching competitors closely for

compliance with the rules of the course and sportsmanship.

Coaches or others may not use bikes or other artificial transportation at MIS.

10. APPEALS

- A. Appeals in writing, denoting a rule or missed athlete, will first come to the games committee before making the final decision on any appeal. The length of the appeal time is 20 minutes after the posting of results online.
- B. The Games committee shall have final authority over rules disputes.
Games Committee:
Rudy Godefroidt, ATOM, official's coordinator, Meet Referee
Doug Kelly, Meet Monitor
Cody Inglis, MHSAA XC Director, Brad
Buter, Meet Manager
Two Coach Representatives

11. MEDICAL INFORMATION

- A. A doctor, seven certified athletic trainers, and student athletic trainers will be on duty during the day to assist with any injuries or emergencies.
- B. In addition, G-1 will serve as the first aid headquarters with a medical doctor and Athletic Trainer available throughout the day. There will be at least two ambulances with EMT's on standby.
- C. AED's will be available in the Michigan Room, at the Start and Finish Lines and in the Fan Plaza at the entrance.

12. DIGITAL TICKETING INSTRUCTIONS – [GoFan.co](https://www.gofan.co)

- A. **Tickets are \$11.00 for all spectators. There will be NO CASH purchases for on-site ticket purchases; all ticket purchases must be done via GoFan.**
- B. Credit/debit card purchases can be made at the gate.
[GoFan](https://www.gofan.co) offers one-minute training videos that provide a glimpse into the simplicity of GoFan. GoFan FAQ's can also be found [here](#).

13. SPECTATOR INFORMATION

- A. \$11 admission charge for all spectators. There is no parking fee.
- B. All tickets must be purchased via the GoFan app or website. **There will be NO CASH purchases for on-site ticket purchase, all ticket purchases must be done online.**
- C. The ticket area to the grandstand (Gate D) will be the entrance this year at MIS.
- D. Spectators will be allowed access to MIS via the Pedestrian Tunnel located immediately after entry. The pedestrian tunnel goes under the track, allowing access to the infield area and course viewing. Grandstand access is also allowed at MIS for the XC Finals from section 2 to 20.
- E. Animals will not be allowed to enter Michigan International Speedway, pets (even on leashes) will not be allowed unless proper documentation can support a service animal designation.
- F. Trams will be available for spectators. ADA accessible parking and transportation inside of MIS will be available in the spectator parking area. (See attached map.)
- G. DRONES ARE NOT ALLOWED AT Michigan International Speedway except for official MHSAA filming and streaming. Charcoal/Gas Grills are not allowed in the infield parking areas. NO bikes or other means of artificial transportation are allowed at MIS.
- H. Suites have been available for 2025 and are strictly first come, first serve. For more information, visit MHSAA.com and refer to the Cross Country pages. Suites along pit row and in the upper press box may be purchased through MIS. More information is available online at MHSAA.com.
- I. MHSAA Apparel - T-shirt/sweatshirt and apparel sales will be at Michigan International Speedway near the Packet pickup location for teams and in the Fan Plaza entrance for spectators.
- J. MHSAA livestreaming/announcing of the XC Finals will be available. For more details please go to MHSAA.com and the XC Finals page.
- K. XC Finals Live timing and scoring is available at www.superiortiming.com during each race. Races

will be video reviewed. The chip time will be shown in tenths, while the video reviewed and potential corrected time will show in hundredths.

14. UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE (DRONE) POLICY

The use of unmanned aerial vehicles ("UAV"), also known as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at MHSAA tournament venues. Tournament management shall refuse admission or entry to anyone attempting to use a UAV; and if necessary, tournament management shall remove anyone attempting to use a UAV and/or confiscate the UAV until the event has been completed. For purposes of this policy, a UAV is any aircraft without a human pilot aboard the device.

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

15. TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL POLICY

Use of alcohol or tobacco, including e-cigarettes or other smoking devices, is prohibited at MHSAA tournament events by players, coaches and spectators.

Turn in to packet pick-up room (Michigan Room)
Changes and Corrections due 9:00 a.m. for D4 and D3 races
Changes and Corrections due 12:00 p.m. for D2 and D1 races

CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS ONLY

**MHSAA CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS
TEAM QUALIFIERS**

Change in Runners:

Please fill out this sheet if you will be making any changes in your team personnel.

SCHOOL _____

Division: 1 2 3 4 Circle proper division and gender Gender: BOYS GIRLS

SUBSTITUTIONS FOR TEAM QUALIFIERS

Bib No	Removed runner – Last Name, First Name	Grade	New Runner – Last Name, First Name	Grade

COACHES NAME: _____

COACHES CELL # _____

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CROSS COUNTRY APPEAL FORM

1. Appeal is to reverse a ruling or correct an error.
2. Protest is to express dissatisfaction with a decision or procedure.
3. The rules address the appeal process, not "the protest".

WHAT IS SUBJECT TO APPEAL?

1. Misapplication of a rule.
2. Clerical errors in placing or a missed athlete (20 min. Limit).
3. Team scoring errors (48 hour limit).
4. Misapplication or failure to follow a procedure in the terms and conditions of competition announced in advance.

WHAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO APPEAL?

1. Judgment decisions.
2. Decision by finish judges/timers that does not involve misapplication of a rule.

WHAT IS THE APPEAL PROCESS?

1. Head coach shall verbally inform meet monitor.
2. Head coach shall file in writing on the Appeal Form.
3. Include competitor name, school, number, and specific event.
4. The specific rule.
5. A brief description.
6. Give form to meet monitor.

IS JURY OF APPEALS REQUESTED TO REVIEW THIS ISSUE?

- ☐ NO
☐ YES

The Jury of Appeals shall have the final authority.

(PLEASE PRINT)

EVENT _____

INDIVIDUAL _____
_____

RULE
REFERENCE _____

DESCRIPTION OF THE APPEAL:

2025 MHSAA Cross Country Finals

Michigan International Speedway

SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY, OCT. 31

1:00-5:30 pm Packet Pick-Up, Course Preview and
T-shirt sales at Michigan International
Speedway.

SATURDAY, NOV. 1

7:30 am Entrance Opens (Packet pick-up, T-shirt sales, and course review)
9:00 am Changes and Corrections due for D4 and D3
9:30 am Division 4 Girls
10:10 am Division 3 Girls
10:50 am Division 4 Boys
11:30 am Division 3 Boys
12:00 pm Changes and Corrections due for D2 and D1
12:15 pm Division 4 & 3 Awards Presentation
1:30 pm Division 2 Girls
2:10 pm Division 1 Girls
2:50 pm Division 2 Boys
3:30 pm Division 1 Boys
4:15 pm Division 2 & 1 Awards Presentation

