2026 CROSS COUNTRY FINALS INFORMATION

- **INFORMATION BULLETIN**
- **TIME SCHEDULE**
- **BOYS AND GIRLS TEAM QUALIFIER FORMS**

- Spectator admission is $13.00 per person. Tickets must be purchased online using 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 enter the service drive at the vehicle tunnel entrance, and trams will transport athletes and coaches to the infield

- **NEW INFIELD ENTRY PROCESS FOR 2026!** Infield access through the tunnel gate (see map) WILL BE allowed for team vehicles with passes, and only for those 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 using Brooklyn Rd. will enter Lot 3 using Gate 4.
2. Spectators coming from the West using Taylor/Vicary Rd. will enter using Gate 3.
3. Spectators coming from the South using Brooklyn Rd. will enter using Gate 2
4. Tram service is available from multiple locations in this lot.
    a. Trams arrive at the stop approximately every 10-15 minutes in regular intervals throughout the day.
    b. Lot 3 is 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 who 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 the available Tram for those who prefer to ride.

D. ADA PARKING – (Maps)

1. ADA parking lot is available in the infield. (Plate or placard required).
    a. Access the ADA Lot in the infield using the US 12 entrance. Follow the signs to the left through Lot 10 to the tunnel entrance.

E. GRANDSTAND ENTRANCE

1. Spectators can enter the grandstand through the ticket booths at Gate F
2. Spectators will use the Pedestrian tunnel to access the MIS infield.
3. Tram service is available for spectators who are unable to use the stairs in the tunnel.

F. TUNNEL ENTRANCE – NEW FOR 2026! (Maps)

NO ACCESS FROM BROOKLYN RD – USE THE US 12 ENTRANCE

1. Access the tunnel using the US 12 entrance.
2. Follow the signs to the left through Lot 10 until you reach the tunnel.
3. 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 pickup 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 the course. The last 1/10th mile can be viewed by walking on the racetrack, but not on the course; this will also be allowed from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. only on Friday, November 6th – Weather permitting.
C. No tents or vehicles may be left in the infield of MIS, and the track must be cleared by 5:30 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 near Fan Plaza. **REMINDER: NEW INFIELD ENTRY PROCESS FOR 2026 - SEE MAPS -** vehicles taller than 9 ft will not fit through the tunnel. Vehicles taller than 9 ft must park in the bus parking area. (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, November 2nd at 9 p.m. Any changes after Monday, November 2nd, will not be included in the MHSAA Finals program and will not be reflected in the registration packet. Following the Monday, November 2, 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 7.
F. Division 2 and 1 teams must make changes by NOON on Saturday, November 7.
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, November 6th 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 7th.

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 preliminary results are posted in full. 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. Mile 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 4:00 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. A jersey should be worn as intended by the manufacturer.

RACE BIBS:
Racers must wear their assigned race bib on the front **and back** of their singlet, using the provided pins. The bib colors are Blue for the team and Red for individual runners.

Race bibs may **not** be altered (i.e., cut, folded, wrinkled, etc.)

The front race bib with the affixed timing chip will be used to time and identify each runner.
The racers are asked not to stop a watch or other device, as doing so blocks the race bib from view of finish officials, including the timers, and slows the processing of results.

Referees, umpires, and meet monitors throughout the course will be watching competitors closely for compliance with course rules 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 appeal period lasts 20 minutes after the results are posted online.
B. The Games Committee shall have final authority over rules disputes.
C. Games Committee:
Brad Buter, Meet Manager
Rudy Godefroidt, ATOM, official's coordinator, Meet Referee
Cody Inglis, MHSAA XC Director
Doug Kelly, Meet Monitor
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 an 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 and on the lead officials cart.

12. DIGITAL TICKETING INSTRUCTIONS – GoFan.co

A. **Tickets are $13.00 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 offers one-minute training videos that provide a glimpse into how simple GoFan is.
GoFan FAQ's can also be found here.

13. SPECTATOR INFORMATION

A. $13 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 purchases; 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 runs beneath the track, providing access to the infield and course viewing. Grandstand access is also allowed at MIS for the XC Finals from sections 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 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 2026 and are strictly first come, first served. For more information, visit MHSAA.com and refer to the Cross Country pages. Suites along pit row 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.
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 potentially 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.

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

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.

(PLEASE PRINT)

EVENT_____

INDIVIDUAL_____
#_____

RULE REFERENCE_____

DESCRIPTION OF THE APPEAL:

IS JURY OF APPEALS REQUESTED TO REVIEW THIS ISSUE? ☐ **NO** ☐ **YES**

The Jury of Appeals shall have the final authority.

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Michigan International Speedway
SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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 Boys

10:10 am Division 3 Boys

10:50 am Division 4 Girls

11:30 am Division 3 Girls

12:00 pm Changes and Corrections due for D2 and D1

12:15 pm Division 4 & 3 Awards Presentation

1:30 pm Division 2 Boys

2:10 pm Division 1 Boys

2:50 pm Division 2 Girls

3:30 pm Division 1 Girls

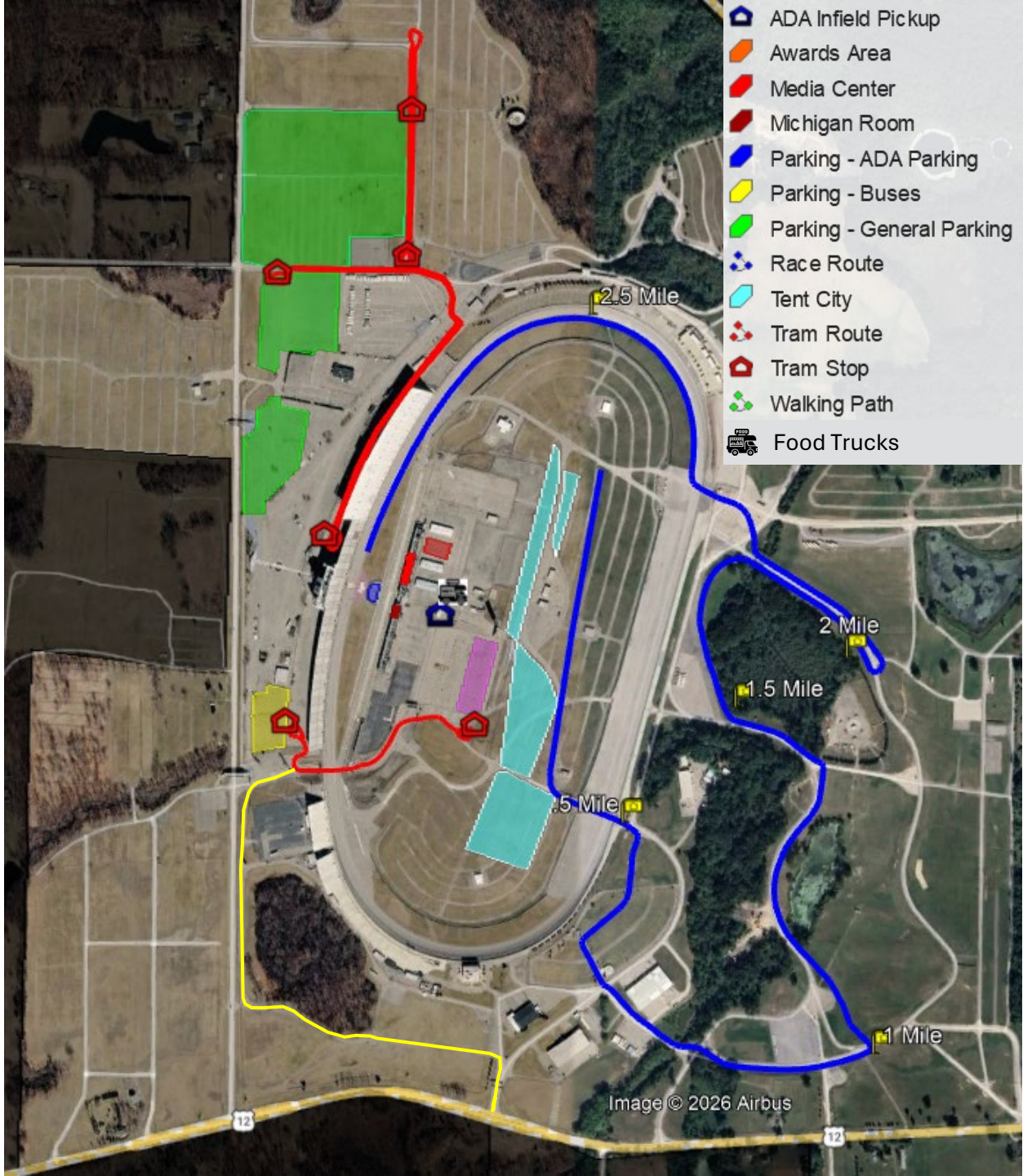
4:00 pm Division 2 & 1 Awards Presentation

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Athlete Directions

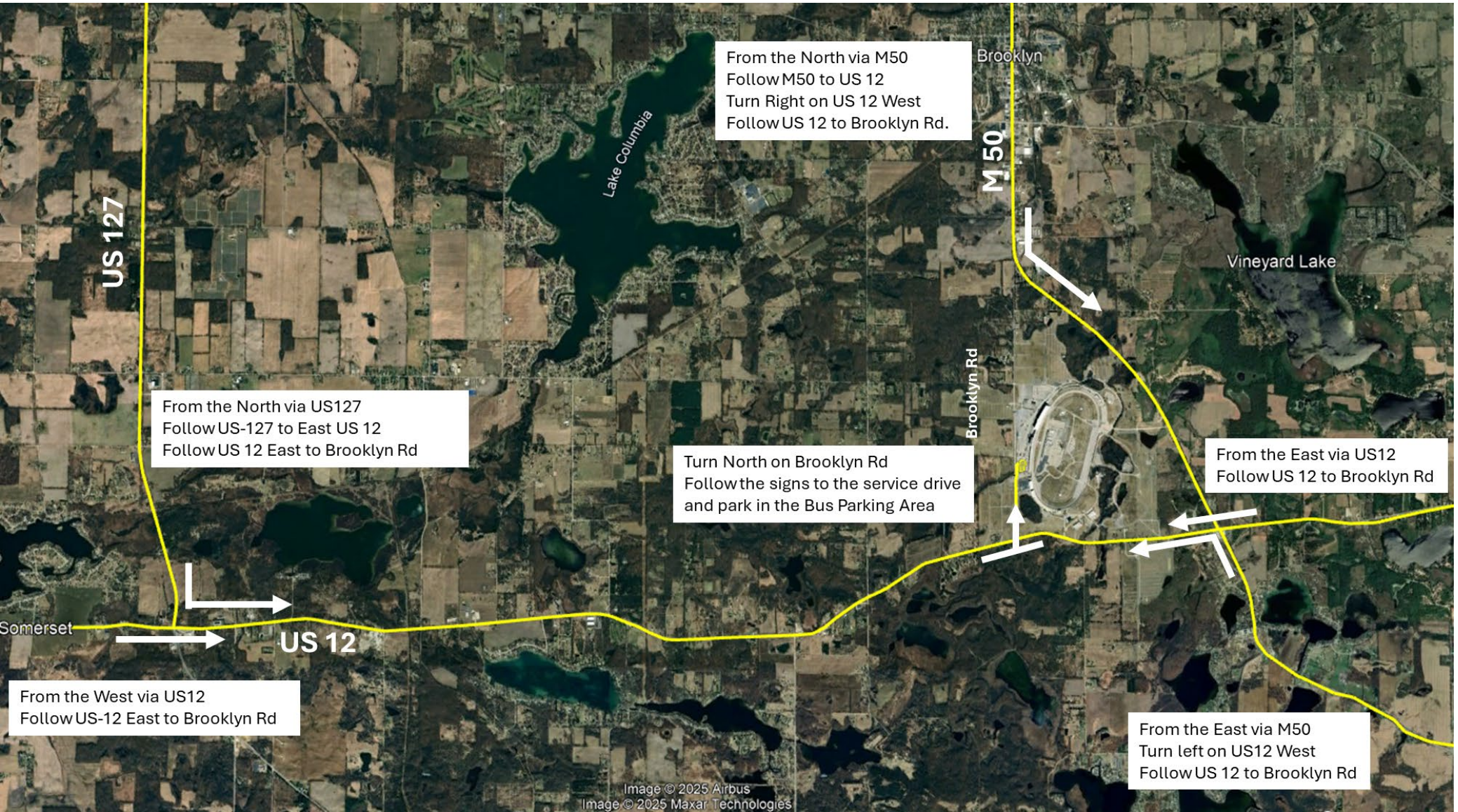
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Bus Parking and Individual Athlete Drop-off



- All vehicles should approach the tunnel area from the south.
- Trams will take teams and athletes to the infield.
- Vehicle access to the infield is prohibited from this entrance.



BUS DRIVERS

Please follow recommendations and enter the bus parking area from the south

- **We kindly ask that you do not enter from the North (shown below)**
- **Vehicles entering from the north create a difficult turn that some busses and large vehicles cannot complete.**
- **Traffic in this area is heavy at times and can create dangerous situations.**





Individual Athlete Drop-off – Pass Required

The athlete drop-off area is for any vehicle dropping off athletes that do not have access to the infield.

This includes buses and vehicles dropping off individual athletes.

- **All vehicles should follow the same entry path as the buses.**
- **A permit/placard is required to enter the athlete drop-off area.**
- **Obtain your drop-off pass from your coach or AD**
- **REMINDER: Vehicles should NOT enter this area from the north.**
- **Traffic in this area is heavy at times and can create dangerous situations.**



- **After athletes have been dropped off vehicles will be directed to a general parking Lot.**
- **Individual athlete pickup is not allowed.**
- **Athletes not riding a bus must walk or use the trams to access the general parking area.**

Infield Access

Team vehicles and ***ADA Vehicles***
(Placard, Plate or permit required)

- Entry to the tunnel will not be permitted from Brooklyn Rd.
- Infield guests should enter at US 12
- Follow the signs through Lot 10 to the tunnel.

EXIT
- Vehicles will exit the tunnel to Brooklyn Rd.

WARNING – VEHICLE OVER 9’ CAN NOT ENTER THE TUNNEL



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Parking Lots

Gate 2

GATE 2 Entrance

- **General Parking (Spectators)**

Gate 3

GATE 3 Entrance

- **General Parking (Spectators)**

Gate 4

GATE 4 Entrance

- **General Parking (Spectators)**

Tunnel

TUNNEL Entrance (Permit Required)

- **Bus Parking & Athlete Drop-off**

US-12

US-12 Entrance (Permit Required)

- **Official Parking**
- **ADA Parking (Permit required)**
- **Team Vehicle Parking (Permit Required)**



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Pit Road Suites & Garage Area

