

MHSAA Middle School Regional Cross Country Championships

At HESS HATHAWAY PARK

October 19th, 2026, 4pm

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Location - Hess Hathway Park, 825 S Williams Lk Rd, Waterford, MI

Course – The race will be 2 miles. Please see the attached course map.

FULL COURSE: [HESS FULL COURSE](#)

MS COURSE MAP: [HESS MS COURSE](#)

Competing Teams

Schedule (REVISED due to the weather)

3:00 Course Opens & Packet Pickup

3:30 Coaches Meeting (at the finish line)– please have a representative at this meeting.

4:00 Boys Varsity (10 runners)

4:40 Girls Varsity (10 runners)

5:00 All JV/exhibition runners

5:30 Awards (large stage in open area) near entrance

** depending on entries exhibition race may be broken into boys and girls

Entries and Packet Pickup

- **Entries Due – Sunday October 18th, 12:00pm**
- Please submit your entries using the regional meet on Athletic.net.
- Entries are unlimited. Please enter any athlete that you think might be participating. It is better to have more athletes, than to have to add on the day of the race.
- **Varsity and JV (exhibition) runners should be designated by the entry deadline. If changes need to be made- contact Jason directly at jason@operacing.com**
- Packet Pickup is located at the finish line.
- Additional changes can be made at the finish line, on the day of the race and should be completed 30 minutes prior to the first race.

Timing, Scoring & Results

- OPE RACING- jason@operacing.com
- Timing chips will be applied to the back of the bib, and will be used for timing.
- Bibs - Bibs are to be pinned in all four corners. Do not alter the bib. Bibs need to be clearly visible during the race.

- All athletes should immediately clear the finish area after their complete their race. If athletes are too close, their timing chip may be picked up by the timing equipment and cause errors in their results.
- We will post unofficial results outside of the finish line trailer.
- Coaches – please check the unofficial results within the 15 minutes of posting, before they become official. Verify that all of your runners are on the results. Results will be loaded live for you to view.
- Results will be printed on-site and posted. Official results will be posted at: athletic.net, www.mhsaa.com. We will not be printing results for distribution

Awards:

- ☐ The 1st and 2nd place teams will receive a Championship and Runner-up (Finalist) trophy.
- ☐ Medals to the top 20 finishers in each varsity division race.

Starters/Referees - MHSAA certified officials

Appeals & Games Committee

- Appeal forms are available at the finish line, upon request. Appeals may only be made regarding the misapplication of a rule. Judgements may not be appealed.
- The games committee will include one official, Frank Puddy (Kettering High School Coach), Allison Sartorius (Waterford AD). If an appeal involves a school from the games committee, an alternate will be selected. Appeal forms may be found at the finish line trailer.

Parking and Admittance for Spectators

- ☐ There is a parking fee of \$10.00 per car. Please inform all spectators of this fee. Parents transporting competing athletes will still be charged admission; athletes and coaches will not be charged admission.
- ☐ **Prepurchased- digital tickets may be purchased at: www.gofan.co**
- ☐ **No CC purchases available on site- only cash accepted; or pre-purchase at GoFan**

Parking and Admittance for Teams

- ☐ Buses and team vans will park in the designated areas and directed by staff. There will be no charge for team parking. Coaches that are driving should identify themselves.

Team Camps & Restrooms

- ☐ Team camps – please place your team camp safely away from the race course, and clean-up when finished.
- ☐ Restrooms - porta potties available

MHSAA Regional Apparel

- ☐ Official MHSAA Regional Cross Country apparel will be for sale. You may order items that are out of stock. Cash, credit cards (preferred) and checks are accepted (payable to PPS).

Medical/Trainer: A certified trainer will be on site at the finish line.

Box Assignments- will be updated on Friday October 16th

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