

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

REGIONAL CROSS-COUNTRY INFORMATION

REGIONS 19-3 & 28-4

LOCATION

The regional cross-country championship will be held at Mancelona High School located at 9300 W. Limits Rd Mancelona Michigan.

DATE

Saturday, October 31, 2026

ADMISSION

All school aged spectators will be charged \$10.00 per carload. Tickets can be purchased online at gofan.co or we will accept cash in the parking lot. Please have correct change, if possible. Mancelona Public Schools (MPS) is a tobacco, vape, and drug free facility. Pets of any kind are not allowed per MHSAA and MPS. Service animals properly marked or documented are allowed. Individuals are asked to bring proper waste bags.

PARKING

Busses will use the upper parking lot while spectators can use the main high school parking lot or the field that is parallel to the main entrance (Attachment Provided)

TEAM/SHELTER AREA

Team area will be within the softball field located adjacent to the high school and within 50 yards of the start/finish line. Teams may bring tents but are asked to not have anything that needs to be plugged in or grilled.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:00 AM - Facilities and course opens

9:15 AM - Coaches meeting

10:00 AM - Division 4 Boys Race

10:45 AM - Division 3 Boys Race

11:30 AM - Division 4 Girls Race

12:15 PM - Division 3 Girls Race

1:00 PM - Awards

1:30 PM – Open race to athletes that did not compete in earlier events. (Must have a bib #)

COURSE/COURSE MAP

MPS cross-country course is located behind the high school and starts and finished on our practice football field. The course moves through fields and two-tracks. Spectators will have 4 opportunities to see the runners from the start line location (Start, Mile, 2.4 Mile, Finish)

BOX ASSIGNMENTS

Will be assigned and given out in the race day packet on race day.

TIMING SERVICE

Mancelona will be using the same timing service used in last year's regional championship (Josh Block).

TEAM/SCHOOL AND QUALIFYING INFORMATION

OPT OUT/MASTER ELIGIBILITY LIST

The MHSAA Master Eligibility List or the MHSAA OPT out Form are due no later than Friday, October 9, 2026.

ENTRIES

Regional meet entry information can be found at MSHAA.com. All entries are due by Saturday, October 24, 2026 at 8:00 pm via athletic.net.

MERCHANDICE/CONCESSIONS

MHSAA will provide a limited supply of regional attire by EA Graphic. Clothing unavailable can be ordered at the meet and ship to your household. We will have concessions available located at the softball concession stand/bathroom area.

TEAM QUALIFIERS (Max of 7 Runners)

Teams must have 5 runners that complete the race to be counted in the team standing. The top three teams (1st, 2nd, 3rd) will automatically qualify from the Regional to the Final Run. THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TEAMS QUALIFYING FROM A REGIONAL CANNOT EXCEED FOUR. • If a school finishes fourth (4th) in the Regional meet with four or more runners in the top 20 places and eight (8) or more complete teams finish the race, that school will also qualify a team for the Final Meet.

INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS

Cross Country Finals qualification will include a minimum of seven individual qualifiers from each Regional race. All individuals receiving a medal (top 15) will advance. If the number of individual medalists is less than seven, then the additional qualifiers (up to seven) will be taken from the individual runners following 15th place.

AWARDS

Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the last race in the same order the races were run. A first-place trophy will be presented to each gender in each division. The first-place team will receive seven (7) team medals. Fifteen (15) individual medals will be presented in each division for each gender

GAME MANAGER

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First Mile



Second Mile



Third Mile

Total: 3.1 Miles