

2009-10 TSSAA Handbook

CROSS COUNTRY REGULATIONS

I. GENERAL REGULATIONS

- A.** For cross country competition, TSSAA schools shall be divided into two classes in Division I (A-AA and AAA) with eight regions per class and two classes in Division II (Class A and AA).
- B.** The cross country course shall be three miles or five kilometers (5K) in distance for boys and girls. No contestant will be permitted to enter a meet if the contestant is not accompanied by a person meeting Article I, Section 9 of the Bylaws. Rules governing cross country shall be those as published by the National Federation of State High School Associations as found in the Track and Field Rulebook.

II. TEAMS

A team will consist of a minimum of five and a maximum of seven. However, if a school does not have a team it may enter less than five runners in the individual division of the meet. No school shall enter more than seven participants in the regional cross country meet. In Division I and Division II Class A, a maximum of 10 people may be listed on the entrance form, any seven of which may run at the regional meet. Should the team qualify for the state meet, any seven of the 10 may run in the state meet. In Division II Class AA, a maximum of 10 people may be listed on the state entrance form, any seven of which may run at the state meet.

III. REGIONAL MEETS

In Division I and Division II Class A, regional cross country meets shall be held the week of the last Saturday in October. The cross country course at the region meet shall be three miles or five kilometers (5K). At the regional cross country meet each year, the coaches involved shall select the site of the following year's regional cross country meet and the director.

IV. STATE MEET

The state cross country meet shall be held the first Saturday in November. The cross country course at the state meet shall be five kilometers (5K). In Division I, the first 10 finishers in the regional meet in each class shall qualify for the state meet. In addition, other members of the top three teams in Division I beyond the first 10 finishers shall also qualify for the state. In Division II Class A, the first 10 finishers in the region meet shall qualify for the state meet. In addition, other members of the top 4 teams beyond the first 10 finishers shall also qualify for the state meet. In Division II Class AA, teams and/or individuals must be submitted online by Friday of the last full week in October. No school shall qualify more than seven runners for the state cross country meet.

V. ENTRANCE FORMS

In Division I and Division II Class A, the standard entrance form must be in the hands of the meet director and in the state office no later than Monday preceding the regional meet. Schools that do not file the entry form with the meet director by or on that Monday shall be charged \$25.00 for each day they are late in order to enter the meet. The penalty check shall go to the meet director in order to cover meet expenses. Directors will forward entrance forms for all contestants that qualify to the state director.

VI. TROPHIES AND AWARDS

In the Division I and Division II Class A regional cross country meets a championship and runner-up plaque will be presented and medals shall be presented to the first-, second- and third-place finishers. In the Division I and Division II state meet trophies will be awarded to the team winner and team runner-up in each classification and medals to the winning and runner-up teams. Individual medals shall be awarded to contestants that finish 1-15 in the state meet.