

Ann Arbor Huron Cross Country
D1-5 & D4-35 MHSAA Regional Championship Meet

All coaches please read this handout carefully.

Location: Chestnut Grove @ Willow Metropark, 22900 Huron River Dr., New Boston, MI 48164

Directions: I-94 to I-275 south to S. Huron Rd exit-East. Proceed on Huron back over the expwy; road leads directly into the park. Continue to Chestnut Grove area.

Date: **Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011**

Teams: The following teams have been assigned to this site:

D1: AA Huron, AA Pioneer, AA Skyline, Canton, Dearborn Fordson, Dearborn Heights-Crestwood, Detroit Cass Tech, Detroit-Cody, Detroit-King, Dexter, Garden City, Livonia-Churchill, Livonia-Franklin, Plymouth, Salem, Pinckney, Redford Union, Westland-John Glenn

D4: Adrian Lenawee Christian, AA Greenhills, Britton-Macon-Deerfield, Dearborn Riverside Academy, Detroit Cristo Rey, Detroit Westside Christian, Lutheran Westland, Monroe Meadow Montessori, Newport Lutheran South, Novi Franklin Road Christian, Ottawa Lake Whiteford, Plymouth Christian, Saline Washtenaw Christian, Sand Creek, Taylor Baptist Park, Taylor Trillium

Entries: Each school is permitted up to 7 athletes in the varsity race. MHSAA policy dictates entries are to be submitted via the athletic.net online system. **Enter your top 8 athletes into the race!**

OPT OUT DATE: Schools not intending to participate in the Regional Meet must inform the Meet Manager and the MHSAA by October 22. **Schools planning on attending must submit an eligibility list by Oct. 21.**

COMPETING SCHOOLS: Entries must be received by 4pm on Friday Oct. 21. **Entries received after the deadline shall be assessed a \$50 late fee due upon receipt of entries and those schools will be reported to the MHSAA. Late fee must be paid in full prior to athletes competing in the meet.** Late fee checks made out to A2 Race Management, LLC.

Disclaimer: Source of this information can be found in the 2011 MHSAA Participating School Tournament Information document found at the mhsaa.com website. We will use that document in administrating this Regional Meet. In case of discrepancies between this document and the PSTI, the policies stated in the MHSAA PTSI *shall hold true*.

Internet: <http://www.a2racemanagement.com>

Reserve Race: As an additional service to attending schools, we are presenting an open non-varsity race, the Post Regional Open Race (PROM). This is intended for Junior Varsity Athletes and any others wishing to have an opportunity to run an official time on the regional course.

- All athletes must Pre-Register via athletic.net; look for PROM (Willow) Meet on 10/29
- All finishing athletes must wear a bib specifically assigned to them!
- If the total number of PROM runners is less than 200, we will combine the races.
- All finishing athletes will receive an **official** time!
- Cost = \$5 per athlete with a \$30 cap per team.
- Medals to top 30 in each race.
- Alternatives: Redford Union HS (@ Cass-Benton Park) and Jackson HS (@ Ella Sharp Park) also sponsor Regional Reserve races and can be contacted for more info.

Course: The course is a wheeled 5000m course that has been used in many invitational and dual meets. In addition to cones/flags a continuous line will be painted. The course map is posted online. Maps will also be distributed in meet packets. Please do not preview the course after the Wednesday prior to the meet.

Schedule: Boys first in even years; girls first in odd years. *There is no coaches meeting!*

D4 Varsity Girls	10:00am		D1 Varsity Girls	10:45
D4 Varsity Boys	11:30am		D1 Varsity Boys	12:00
Reserve Girls	12:40pm		Reserve Boys	1:30pm
Awards – 2:15				

Uniforms: The MHSAA rules governing uniforms, jewelry & temporary adornment are in full effect. Per MHSAA mandate, please consider this your team’s first warning with regards to the rules governing undergarments, stitching, etc. Any athlete observed by a registered meet official to be wearing illegal clothing during competition will be disqualified.

Coach’s Aid: Per MHSAA mandate, coaches are not allowed to use any transportation aids such as bikes, scooters, etc. to move around the course.

Admission: Inform all parents and other spectators that admission will be charged, **\$5.00 for each vehicle.** *The parks dept will be collecting the fee,* thus only vehicles with non-school issued plates will be exempt. Due to MHSAA mandates, family/season/league passes will not be honored.

Scoring: All events will be scored using computer scoring software. Traditional cross-country scoring will be used. Runners will be given a number to wear on the front of their singlet. The number includes a tear off section at the bottom. Please check this for accuracy and report any mistakes to the scoring tent, located at the finish line area. Additionally, each runner will be given a finish card at the end of the race to act as a backup scoring mechanism. Please instruct your athletes to present you their finish cards as soon as possible after their race to allow you to turn them into the scoring tent in the envelope provided.

Weather: Local district policy will govern the facility in case of severe weather. MHSAA rules specifically governing State Tournaments will be followed. The MHSAA policy states:
 (A) Management is encouraged to consider delaying competition for a few hours and/or playing games/matches in brackets of teams/individuals who are present and prepared to participate.
 (B) If, after a reasonable delay, fewer than 60% of the scheduled teams have not arrived, the tournament must be rescheduled.
 (C) If 60% or more of the scheduled teams/individuals are present, the tournament is to be conducted on the day scheduled.

Pets: Please advise your cross-country enthusiasts and families of team members that there are **NO PETS ALLOWED** at regional or state championship meets.

Awards: Medals awarded to top 15 places in each varsity ace; seven medals and a trophy to the top team. If an athlete is not present for the medal ceremony, their coach should pick-up all medals earned before departing. Medals will not be mailed!

Results: Final meet results will be available for coaches 15 minutes after the completion of each race. In addition to be submitted to the MHSAA for publication on their website, results will be posted on the AAU website as well as uploaded to athletic.net

Check In: Meet packets may be obtained at the pavilion near the finish.

Warm-ups: The course is available for preview prior to the running of the first race.

Appeals Board: The head referee will be the final authority on judgments and interpretation of rules. A board of appeals may be called if it is deemed necessary by the head referee and meet director and will consist of a men's and women's coach and the head referee. If called, please respond immediately. All decisions by the Appeals Board shall be final. **JUDGMENT CALLS MADE BY OFFICIALS MAY NOT BE APPEALED.**

State Finals:

Team Qualification: The top three teams automatically qualify to the state championship meet. If a school has four athletes placing in the top 20 at the regional meet AND is the fourth place team in the meet then that school will be listed as a FOURTH team qualifying to the state meet from our region.

Individual Qualification: All medalists not members of a qualifying team shall qualify as individuals to the state meet.

State Qualifier Packets If your team or individuals qualify to the state meet be sure to pick up your State Meet Packet prior to departing. State Meet Packets will not be mailed!

T-Shirts: Please inform your team that a limited amount of clothing will be available for purchase.

Team Camps: There is plenty of room for team tents. Please remind your athletes that they are *guests* in the park and therefore should remove all trash from their area at the end of the meet!

Security: Please inform your athletes to **NOT LEAVE BAGS UNATTENDED FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME!** It is preferred that athletes leave 'gear bags' at their team camp. Meet personnel are instructed to pick up stray/errant equipment bags throughout the duration of the meet.

Lockers: No lockers or showers will be available. Teams should dress at home. There are several public restrooms available throughout the park.

Concessions: There will be a concession stand available.

Parking: Please inform all parents and other spectators that admission will be charged, **\$5.00 for each vehicle.** The parks dept will be collecting the fee, thus only school buses will be exempt! Vans will have to pay. Due to MHSAA mandates, family/season/league passes will not be honored.

Music: While only personal radios or tape players are allowed (iPod, mp3, walk-man, etc.) we advise that they are not brought to the starting line so important instructions are not missed.

Trainer: An athletic trainer will be on site and available. Ice and water will be provided.

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Good Luck to All Schools!