

TO: Athletic Directors, Coaches, Runners and Fans
FROM: Dennis Weber and Jason McCullough, State Meet Managers
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RE: 1A-2A 2021 KSHSAA State Cross Country Meet
Location: Sand Creek Nature Trail Victoria, Kansas – Golf Course Road
Date: Saturday, October 30, 2021

Congratulations! Victoria High School and the City of Victoria welcomes you to the State Cross Country Meet. We hope your time here is an enjoyable experience. The following information should be helpful to you. Awards times will follow the girls race so coaches and fans have time to see their respective athletes receive their awards.

Race Times

2A Girls – 10:00 AM
1A Boys – 10:40 AM
2A Boys – 11:20 AM
1A Girls – 12:00 PM

Awards will follow the conclusion of the last race.

Coaches meeting: There will be a short meeting right before the start of each race. The head coach from each school must attend this meeting. Coaches must turn in a legal uniform form at this meeting. It will be located in front of the starting line.

Course: The following links are the 5k course map (link 1) and the course website (link 2).

https://www.sandplumnaturetrail.com/uploads/8/2/0/3/8203934/5k_course.jpg

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You can also find a copy of the course map at the end of this document.

The course will available for preview or warm-up from 2:00 – 6:00 PM on Friday, October 29, 2021. Your team packet will also be available to pick up at that time.

STATE CROSS COUNTRY TICKETS: State Cross Country fans will have the option to purchase their tickets in advance through GoFan, the KSHSAA digital ticketing partner. The link will be available on the state cross country page of the KSHSAA website the week leading up to the event and will be shared through social media channels. Spectators using GoFan will show their tickets on their mobile device for entry to the event.

- Ticket prices purchased through GoFan are \$9.00 for adults and \$6.00 for students. There is a convenience fee for purchasing online tickets.
- Fans wishing to purchase tickets **onsite** (K through adult) will cost \$10.

Process for purchasing Go Fan tickets:

- GoFan tickets can be purchased on the KSHSAA website by going to the cross country page for the site you wish to attend.
- The link to purchase tickets for the 1A/2A state site is: <https://gofan.co/app/events/422668>

Redemption Process

- Have Tickets Ready (encourage people to have them pulled up on phone, accessed via the email they used to purchase)
- Not necessary to be connected to Wi-Fi or data to redeem once pulled up.

Pass Gate: Two coaches and one manager will be admitted free of charge at the pass gate. The competitors enter the course at the same pass gate. Superintendents, principals, and athletic directors in attendance will also be admitted free of charge at the pass gate.

Dressing: Dressing rooms and showers **will not be available**.

Parking: All buses, vans, and cars will be parked in the Sand Plum Nature Trail parking lots. Please do not park on the road.

Scoring: Heartland Timing has been contracted by KSHSAA to score the championship races. Each competitor will receive a bib that has a timing chip as part of its design. A finishlynx camera and an identilyn timer video camera will be used to place runners that are very close when crossing the finish line. The determining factor for the order of finish is the torso crossing the finish line.

Results: Coaches will be able to pick up race results once Heartland Timing has finalized the results of each race. Hard copies of the results will be at the finish area near the area where the results are posted. Heartland Timing will post real-time results of each state race on their website as well for coaches and fans to access: <http://www.heartlandtiming.com>

Parents and Fans: Parents and other fans **WILL NOT** be allowed near the finish line/timing area.

People working in the timing shed will only field questions or concerns from coaches, not parents. People other than coaches will be escorted away from the area. Coaches, please share this with your parents. Thank you.

Pets: Please do not bring pets onto the cross-country race area. Our admissions attendants will not allow anyone to enter with animals other than those required for handicapped assistance.

Awards: The **top 20 individuals** will be awarded medals. The **top 3 teams** from each race will receive team plaques and team medals. The awards area is near the American flag.

Time on the Course: Times will be given at the 1-mile and 2-mile marks.

Course markings: A white paint line will mark the entire course. ****Coaches/runners are not allowed to place flags or any other markers on the course.*****

Course Inspectors: Inspectors will be stationed around the course for the purpose of identifying any runner who might intentionally take advantage by cutting or performing any unsportsmanlike act to interfere with other runners. **Any runner performing an unsportsmanlike act shall be disqualified.**

Restrooms: There will be portable restrooms near the main parking lot. These can be used by anyone, but runners should be given the opportunity to go to the front of the line if their race is starting soon.

Jury of Appeals: The rules committee will be made up of three coaches from each respective class and will be contacted ahead of the meet date. If the rules committee is needed, those coaches will be called to the timing shed at the finish line.

Chute: Workers assisting in the chute will keep runners finishing the race moving away from the finish line area. Placing is electronically determined with a finishlynx camera and an identilyn timer video camera used for back-up if necessary. ****The torso crossing the finish line is the determining factor for the order of finish.**

Picking up Information: Team packets will be available for pick up during the course preview time on Friday and on Saturday morning. They will be located just outside the timing shed at the finish line. They will include everything you will need including bib numbers and pins.

Uniform Rules: Coaches, please double-check your athletes on the uniform rules before your athletes run. We don't want any runner to be disqualified. Our clerk lining up runners in the chutes will be checking for uniform violations as well. Please give the clerk your school's "Sportsmanship & Legal Uniform" card during check-in at the chutes.

Concessions: Victoria's "Fork That Bakery" will be on site to provide concessions for purchase.



T-Shirts: Western Associates is the official provider of KSHSAA postseason attire. State Cross Country t-shirts and hoodies will be available on site. State Championship apparel and event programs will be available near the entrance of the main parking lot. Cash or credit cards are accepted. NO CHECKS.

Short Sleeve T-Shirts

S-XL-\$19 2XL-\$22 3XL-\$25

Long Sleeve T-Shirts

S-XL-\$23 2XL-\$26 3XL-\$28

Hoodies

S-XL-\$33 2XL-\$36 3XL-\$37

Programs

\$3

Please visit the kshsaastore.org after the event to purchase additional items, if available.

Motels: Hays has a number of motels on the east side of town within 12 miles of Victoria:

Area Restaurants: Victoria has limited restaurants. However, Hays has multiple options for your teams and fans. The following are several eating establishments:

SAND PLUM

Golf Course Rd (10th St)



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5K COURSE

Cross Country Participant Removal Guidelines

2021 State Cross Country

The safety of participants is a primary concern of the KSHSAA in all activities. There are situations when runners show signs of obvious physical distress during a race and a decision must be made about whether they should be allowed to continue or be given medical attention. Based on these concerns the KSHSAA has the following guidelines:

A runner showing signs of obvious physical distress such as collapsing on the course, or other indications of his/her inability to finish the race may be immediately removed from the race by designated event personnel. If the runner can be safely moved, the runner will be immediately transferred to the event medical area to be evaluated by onsite medical personnel. If a runner voluntarily removes him/herself from the race for any medical reason or is removed by their coach, they should also proceed to the medical area for evaluation. The onsite medical personnel will determine the appropriate care to be administered.

To assist designated event personnel and coaches on determining the level of distress, these guidelines will be used:

- If the runner looks questionable, event personnel will ask if they need help, if the runner is able to answer immediately and clearly state "no" the runner will be allowed to continue. . If a runner looks questionable and event personnel asks if they need help and the answer is "yes" the runner will be pulled.
- If the runner looks questionable and event personnel asks "if they need help" and there is no response, the event personnel will continue to follow the runner (off the course) and monitor.
- If the runner continues to be unresponsive to the event personnel and is unable to run fast enough to separate themselves from the walking event personnel, the runner will be pulled.
- If the runner is able to communicate something and they are just tired, they will be allowed to continue. Course monitors designated by meet management will be provided these guidelines.

Water will not be provided by meet management on the course during the race. Water will be available before and after the race. A determination on whether or not coaches will be allowed to hand out water during a race will be made prior to the start of races each day.

NOTE: The challenge of handing water to runners is the potential to interfere with other runners when handing the water and what the runner will do with the bottle/cup that could possibly interfere with another runner. In a 5K race, runners who are properly hydrated before the race begins have little risk of becoming dehydrated during the race.

Towels: Will not be allowed to be handed out on the course, they may be distributed by team personnel after the athlete has cleared the finish chute.

Coldwater immersion tanks will be available if the weather dictates. Meet management will determine the need based on the Heat Guidelines provided, Medical personnel and EMT's will be on site. A trail vehicle will be provided to transport runners in distress to the medical area. Runners who are in need of medical attention shall not be removed from the medical area until cleared by the personnel on-site. Coaches/parents should not take runners away from this area until cleared.

2021 LEGAL UNIFORMS for CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITORS

The following information is a guide as to what constitutes a legal uniform for a cross country competitor in interscholastic competition.

The Legal Uniform for Cross Country: *Rule 4-3 (1-3)* . . . the legal cross country uniform consists of “**shoes, school issued or school approved shorts and full length jersey or body suit (one or two piece).**”

Each member of the team shall wear the same color & design uniform (jersey & shorts).

SHOES

1. Shall be worn on both feet and shall have an upper and recognizable sole and heel. The shoe must be designed so that it can be fastened securely. In cross country, the sole and heel may contain grooves, ridges or track spikes no longer than one inch. The use of slippers or socks does not meet the requirement.

JERSEYS

1. Must be school issued or school approved full-length track top and track bottom or one-piece uniform.
2. Any outer garment (e.g.) t-shirts, sweatpants, tights) that is school issued or school approved becomes the official uniform, when worn.
3. When numbers are used, each competitor shall wear his/her assigned, unaltered contestant number.
4. The top and/or bottom or one piece uniform may have school name, school logo, school nickname and/or competitor's name.
5. The top shall not be knotted or have a knot-like protrusion. Bare midriff tops are not permitted. The top must hang below or be tucked into the waistband of the uniform bottom when the competitor is standing upright.
6. Removing any part of the team uniform, excluding shoes, while in the area of competition, as defined by the games committee, shall lead to a warning and if repeated, to disqualification from the event.

SHORTS

1. Must be school issued or school approved.
2. Shorts **may vary in length and style, but must be of the same color for all team members.**
3. Shorts may contain no ornamentation which will be objectionable in taste.
4. The waistband of a competitor's bottoms shall be worn above the hips.
5. French or high cut apparel shall not be worn in lieu of the uniform bottom.
6. The looser fitting boxer-type bottoms or compression-style bottoms are permitted for boys and girls. Closed-leg briefs are acceptable for girls.
7. By KSHSAA policy, school issued spandex shorts may be worn by either boys or girls. If any competitors are wearing school issued spandex shorts or one-piece uniforms, the inseam length of the shorts must be a minimum of 2 inches.

HATS, CAPS, GLOVES

1. In the event of inclement weather meet management will advise coaches of the decision to permit, hats, caps and/or gloves.
2. If worn, gloves must be the same color for all team members.
3. If hats, caps are approved for wear by the games committee, they should be the same color for all members of the team choosing to wear them. By KSHSAA policy, visors and baseball style hats **may not** be worn during competition by any competitor.

VISIBLE ITEMS WORN UNDER THE JERSEY OR SHORTS

1. Any visible garment(s) worn underneath the uniform top and/or bottom is considered a foundation garment. Foundation garments are not subject to logo/trademark/references or color restrictions.
2. All cross country team members must wear uniforms clearly indicating, through predominant color, school logo and color combination of all garments worn as a uniform, that members are from the same team.
3. Boxer underwear showing below the shorts is unacceptable.
4. A **single manufacturer's logo/trademark**, no more than 2¼ square inches with no dimension more than 2¼ inches, is permitted on each item of apparel. Items with logos on the front and back that are visible must be removed, or all but one of the logos permanently covered.
5. The 'sports bra' is not considered as visible apparel underneath the jersey.

JEWELRY

1. NFHS rules permit runners to participate wearing jewelry. The meet referee may direct the athlete and coach that an item is to be removed if not properly secured.
2. Coaches may prohibit their athletes from wearing jewelry.
3. Excessive safety pins on the jersey are not permitted.

HAIR ADORNMENT

While participating in competition, it is permissible for a student to use in their hair for a functional purpose the following:

1. Ribbon of any single color (Ribbon length such that it is not "flowing" 3" or less in length),
2. Any ribbon, rubber band, yarn, cloth or cloth-like material worn in the hair must have a functional purpose, i.e. to hold the hair in place while in competition.
3. Unadorned devices such as bobby pins, barrettes and hair clips, no longer than two inches, may be worn to control a competitor's hair.
4. Headbands and head coverings are permitted unless banned by the games committee.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. A runner may carry an atomizer with him/her provided a physician's statement documenting the need for the athlete to use the prescription is presented to the meet director prior to the beginning of the meet. (**Rule 4-6-5h Note 1**)
2. **GPS watches are not legal and considered an aid.**

Per **Rule 3-4-8**, prior to the start of the meet, the head coach shall be responsible for verifying to the meet director that all his/her competitors are properly equipped (uniform, equipment, number and chip placement) in compliance with these rules. Any questions regarding legality shall be resolved prior to the start of the meet.

For KSHSAA events, a properly completed "Sportsmanship & Uniform Card" is to be turned in. Coaches will verify that team members will be expected to exhibit good sportsmanship and will comply with all NFHS and KSHSAA rules. Prior to the meet, coaches and meet personnel are to be advised of any special concerns or rules in an effort to prevent disqualifications, and to review special circumstances, procedures and information pertaining to the meet, particularly how the individual qualifiers are determined.

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