

# Cross Country Preliminary Meets 2014 Information

**Dates:** October 11 at Norbuck  
October 18 at Norbuck  
October 25 at UD

## **Eligibility:**

All the same standards apply as for other DPL sports. Teams consist of 1 or more persons. No combination teams. Athletes may age up (i.e. a 5th/6th grader running Varsity), but not vice versa.

## **Uniforms:**

Uniforms are not required of each participant, however; they can be very helpful. At a minimum, schools are asked to have their athletes dress in the same color scheme with something that identifies their school. This will allow for easier and quicker placement on the starting line. Athletes may wear watches for pacing, but all other jewelry is prohibited.

## **Arrival:**

Once you arrive, please get your kids together in a group to take a brief roll call, warm-up, stretch, etc. Once settled the coach must check-in at the registration table.

## **Time Schedule (approximate) we start running once the sun is up:**

<b>JV Girls</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>
<b>JV Boys</b>	<b>7:45 am</b>
<b>Varsity Girls</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>
<b>Varsity Boys</b>	<b>8:15 am</b>

\*These are the times that the divisions **START** their respective races. Please allow enough time to register and warm-up. We've moved the start back slightly due to daylight / sunrise.

## **Registration Procedure:**

Coaches (ONE per SCHOOL) must present their cross country roster to the registration table prior to the meet. A roster is attached for your convenience. Coaches are instructed to CIRCLE the number corresponding to each runner that will participate that day.

Tip to Coaches: Run 4 copies of your rosters prior to Saturday so that you can easily add each week if desired. You will probably have different people each week, thus different circles.

We will have a large supply of coffee on hand for coaches and parents. Please bring your own water for the kids.

## **Race Logistics:**

All participants for a given Division will be called to the Start Line approx. 5 minutes prior to their race beginning. Cones will divide the starting positions, with each school being guaranteed equal placement on the starting line. Volunteers will be positioned along the course to help make sure everyone is headed in the right direction.

## **Course Length (approx):**

JV Girls & JV Boys	1.5 miles
Varsity Girls & Varsity Boys	2.0 miles

## **Health:**

Please make sure that the kids' warm-up properly. There will be no interaction with streets or cars. The courses are very safe from that standpoint, but does involve uneven terrain, good to know in advance for those with only a Track & Field reference.

**Finish Line:**

As runners cross the finish line, they will be handed a color-coded card. The coach is to take the card for each of his/her runners and place them into the proper division envelope which will be acquired at registration. Once a coach has acquired all cards for a given division, they should immediately submit the envelope to the registration table for scoring.

**Coaches are required to:**

- \*Arrive Early
- \*Get their teams assembled and warmed-up
- \*Register their participants
- \*Help get athletes placed at Start line
- \*Acquire Place card immediately after each race.
- \*Submit Place cards for each division to Scoring Table.

**Coaches are prohibited from:**

- \*Running or driving alongside athletes to pace, offer encouragement, etc.

**Scoring:**

The results from the first two meets are for mythical team titles, however; we will award ribbons to the top 6 finishers in each category for weeks 1-2. We will have an Awards Ceremony at the Championship Meet (meet #3). After the 1st meet, we will look at participation numbers to determine how many runners will be needed per team to score. In years past, it has been either 3 or 4 runners.

Coaches may time their kids if desired, however; placement of finish is what really matters in cross country as the courses vary in distance and make-up from week to week.

Should you have questions, please contact the DPL office at 972.404.0375.