

V. Cross Country 2026-2028

A. General Responsibility

It shall be the responsibility of the host school (Principal or Game Supervisor) to initiate corrective measures at all District 27-6A Cross Country meets to prevent unusual disturbances from individuals or groups and to prevent the use of noise-making instruments.

B. Sites

A District 27-6A member shall host the District Cross Country meet for boys and girls. The District Meet will be held at Starke Park on Tuesday October 13th, 2026. Hosted by Steele/Clemens. The bad weather date is Thursday the 15th at Steele High School Course.

C. Entry form

All entry forms must be in five (5) days prior to the meets, October 6, 2026.

D. Changes

A scratch or change may be made in existing entries, but no additions will be permitted once the District host receives the official entry form.

E. Meet Director

- The host school shall contact and set up a Meet Director.
- The host schools shall notify the District Chairman and District members as to who the Meet Director will be.
- The Meet Director shall be responsible for organizing the meet at the host schools and shall have final say to how the meet is organized within the confines of the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* and District 27 AAAAAA rules.
- The Meet Director will be paid for by DEC.
- Hill Country Timing will be timing the meet and will be paid for by DEC.

F. Protests

Protests shall be made to the Meet Director or by the District ADs and his decision shall be final. This final decision does not prohibit protests to the District Executive Committee on items covered in the *UIL Constitution and Contest Rules* that go beyond the actual play (except for the place of finish which is handled by the clerk of the course).

G. Entries

Entry blanks for varsity entries can be found in the UIL Cross Country Coaches Manual. The deadline for filing entry blanks is five (5) days prior to the meet. Seniors will be scored and awarded in the JV division. The entry deadline will be on **Thursday October 6 @ 5:00 pm**. All entries will be entered by each school at the following milesplit registration link.

H. Championship Structure

A maximum of three teams and ten individuals shall qualify from district to regional. An individual qualifier may also be a member of a qualifying team. Additional individuals are not moved into the top ten qualifiers if any of the first ten qualifiers are also on a team. Only varsity competitors will advance.

I. Distance

Girls cross country competitors will run approximately 3.1 Miles (5000 Meters). Boys cross country competitors will run approximately 3.1 Miles (5000 Meters).

J. Order of events:

***CHECK-IN/PACKET PICK-UP* - 6:30 a.m.**

WORKERS MEETING - 7:15 a.m.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS -7:30 a.m.

NATIONAL ANTHEM - 7:45am

Varsity Girls - 8:00 a.m.

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J.V. Girls - 9:00am

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K. Entry Limitations

A minimum of five participants and a maximum of seven participants shall constitute a team. The first five finishers on each team will count for the total team score. A school may enter less than five; however, it cannot compete for the team title. A school may enter only one varsity team of boys and one varsity team of girls in the District meet. Junior Varsity will be unlimited. Seniors may run in the JV division. Seniors not on Varsity will be in the same Junior Varsity race but will not be scored.

L. Uniforms

The cross country uniform consists of a minimum of school issued jersey and shorts which are not objectionable, and shoes which may be supplied by the contestant. A team's members shall wear the same color and design school uniform (jersey and shorts). When other apparel is worn under the jersey, or leotard or body suits are worn under the shorts by more than one team member (two or more), that apparel must be the same color. A contestant must wear the assigned competitor number when numbers are used.

M. Rules

The cross country rules found in the current National Federation Track and Field Rules shall be enforced at the District meet.

N. Determining Team Scores

Place at Finish	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	etc.
Points	1	2	3	4	5	etc.

Competitors finishing the race shall be ranked and tallied in accordance with the above table. The team score shall be determined by totaling the points scored by the first five finishers of each team. The team scoring the fewest number of points is the winner.

If less than five competitors from a school finish, the places of all the competitors from that school are disregarded in determining the team scores and the team scores are re-ranked. Although the sixth and seventh place finisher does not score points toward the team total, the place is counted in determining the scores of the other teams.

Ties in team scoring shall be resolved by comparing the sixth place finishers from the tied teams. The team with the best sixth place finisher shall prevail. If one team does not have a sixth place finisher, the team with a sixth place finisher shall prevail. If only five competitors of tying teams finish, the scoring shall be resolved by totaling scores of the first four finishers.

O. Meet Officials

The Meet Director will be responsible for securing all necessary meet officials. Each school entered in the meet shall be expected to furnish at least two (2) qualified adults to assist in conducting the meet. The Meet Director will contact each school prior to the meet to obtain the names of the persons who will be serving as officials.

P. Awards

Individual awards will be presented as follows:

Varsity - The top ten (10) finishers will each receive a medal. The seven (7) team members of the top 3 teams will receive a medal. The top three (3) teams and top ten (10) qualifiers will qualify automatically for Regional. A team plaque will be awarded to the champion team in both the boys and girls races.

Junior Varsity - The top fifteen (15) finishers will each receive medals. A team champion plaque will be awarded to the boys and girls teams. The seven (7) team members of the top 3 teams will receive a medal.

Academic All-District – An Academic All-District team will be selected and composed of all varsity runners with a 90 or above average for the previous 9 weeks or 2 six weeks grading periods.

All-District – The top 10 finishers in each varsity division at the District Meet will be named to the All-District team. 11-20 Second team, and 21-30 Honorable mention.