

HHXC Meet - Updated Schedule and Logistics

Hey Coaches,

We are excited to welcome you and your teams to our cross-country meet this Thursday! The turnout has far exceeded our expectations with 48 teams across middle school and high school, totaling nearly 1,000 runners. As you can imagine, logistics are key, but rest assured, we're fully prepared to host an amazing event for your athletes.

****Schedule Adjustments and Logistics****

Due to early morning school traffic, our administration has asked that we push the start time back by 15 minutes. Additionally, we have only four 5A/6A girls teams attending, and after speaking with their coaches, we've decided to combine their race with the 5A/6A boys. The girls will start 30 seconds after the boys.

For those of you familiar with our course, you'll notice some changes this year. Color maps and parking maps are attached to this email, and we'll also provide them at check-in. The start will be on a better surface—our practice football field—and the finish will be on our brand-new track. These adjustments bring the start and finish areas closer to bathroom facilities, located at both the tennis and athletic centers. I recommend setting up your team tents near these facilities, as indicated on the maps. ****Please note, tents will only be allowed in the designated areas on the map.****

****Course Access****

The course will be open for inspection as early as 7:30 AM. Please note that cars will be moving over one section of the course until 8:30 AM when we lock the gate down.

****Event Highlights****

Our sports media team will be on-site, and we'll have a live video feed of the finish displayed on our video scoreboard—a great way to showcase your athletes! Coaches, we've also got you covered with coffee, juice, and breakfast items available in the ****Coaches' Hospitality**** area. Additionally, the SSM Medical trailer will be on-site for any athlete needs, and we're thrilled to welcome "Blessed and Highly Caffeinated," a coffee truck that will be serving your spectators.

****Updated Race Schedule****

We've slightly changed the order of the races so that we only have to switch the race course twice to accommodate the three different race distances. We've also moved the 5A/6A race to the first slot, allowing those schools to leave earlier since many don't have middle school teams competing. The updated race times are:

- 8:45 AM – Coaches' Meeting
- 9:15 AM – 5A/6A Boys & Girls
- 9:45 AM – 1A/4A HS Boys
- 10:15 AM – 1A/4A HS Girls

- 10:45 AM – MS Boys
- 11:15 AM – MS Girls

Medals will be awarded to the top 20 runners in each race, and we've designed custom medals that should be a special keepsake for those who earn them. Plaques will also be awarded to the first-place teams in each division. The middle school GMAC conference race will be run in conjunction with the MS races, with GMAC results being scored separately.

****Course and Spectator Notes****

Since the finish is on our new track and field, only athletes competing in their current race will be allowed on the track. Spectators and coaches will need to remain outside the track fence. The finish area offers excellent visibility for spectators, both from the fence and the home and visitor bleachers.

Please let your parents and spectators know in advance, if possible, that we'll have the coffee truck on-site and that parking will be at a premium due to the large number of attendees on campus. There is no charge for parking.

****Payment Details****

If possible, please bring a check with you to the meet. I have attached our W-9 form for your finance department if needed. We will also have invoices available for you at check-in if that helps with processing payment.

****Timing****

As in past years, Tim from OK Runner will handle the electronic timing for the meet, ensuring everything stays on schedule.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me on my cell at 704-968-9678.

We look forward to seeing you all on Thursday for what promises to be a fantastic event!

Best regards,
John Champney
HHXC Coach