



2024 Sectionals Cross Country Championships

Division II, Southern Section

Division III, Southern Section

Division IV, Southern Section

1. General Information

Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Location: Rio Rico High School
590 Camino Lito Galindo
Rio Rico, AZ 85648

2. Admission: Free

3. Meet Director: Chris Laughland, 520-375-8762, cloughland@scv35.org

4. Sectional Tournament Games Committee: Michael Smith (Ironwood Ridge), Jeremiah York (Pusch Ridge), Enrique Giron (St. Augustine)

Meet Referee: Dennis Hansen

5. Entries: Each school will be allowed 7 individual entries per Boys Team and 7 individual entries per Girls Team. (Please note that ALL team members should be in matching school issued uniforms. Per NFHS, there are no rules prohibiting jewelry, hairbands, religious or cultural hardware. Watches are also permitted.

Please enter your athletes into the athletic.net website for the sectional meet. Entry deadline is Sunday, October 20th by 2:00pm.

6. Parking: Teams should park in the main stadium parking lot at Rio Rico High School. The course surrounds the entire athletic complex; therefore, your arrival, regardless of your scheduled race time, should be between 2:30 - 3:00 p.m. All gates surrounding the athletic complex will be closed and locked at the start of each race. If you arrive after 4:00pm, please be prepared to wait in line for the next available opening. There will be a 5-10 minute window between races to be able to enter and exit the stadium parking lot. If you prefer not to deal with the gate at all, your team will need to walk from the east and west parking lots up at the main high school entrance and then walk down the switchback (zig-zag/ramp).

7. Team Camps: Camps will be located in the designated camp area which is the outfield of the baseball field. Porta-potties will be available.

8. Terrain: A three-loop criterion, decomposed granite (dirt) path, gradual hills, grass start, minimal paved surfaces. No spikes allowed.



9. Athletic Trainer: The AIA will assign an athletic trainer for this event. Please provide taping supplies, etc. if needed for anything other than an emergency. An EMT will be on call.

10. Time Schedule:

Coaches Meeting (Baseball Field - 1st Base Dugout)	3:30 pm
Division IV Girls Race	4:00 pm
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Division III Girls Race	5:00 pm
Division III Boys Race	5:30 pm
Division II Girls Race	6:00 pm
Division II Boys Race	6:30 pm

11. State Qualifying: Each sectional race will qualify the top 50% of scoring teams (with five or more runners). The top seven (7) from a non-qualifying team will also advance to the state meet. If there is an odd number of scoring teams the number will be rounded up. Example: If 13 teams score in a sectional race, seven (7) teams will qualify for the state meet. You will be notified of these numbers at the coaches meeting. NOTE: As per AIA State Tournament Guide: All athletes entered in the Sectional Cross Country Championship MUST have completed at least ONE race during the season.

12. Determining Team Scores: Only the first five members of each team shall determine the overall team score. The sixth and seventh place finishers from a team do not score points for a team but may be used in the event of a tie for team scoring. If fewer than five competitors of a team finish the race, the places of all members of that team shall be disregarded in team scoring.

13. Sectional Bib Instructions for Coaches

1. Inspect your team packet to ensure you received all your bibs
 - a. Immediately notify meet management before leaving the packet area if you are missing any
2. Distribute your bibs to all competing athletes.
3. Pursuant to NFHS Track and Field and Cross Country Rules Book: ... A competitor shall wear the assigned contestant number and/or computerized transponders/chips during competition. The number and/or transponders/chips shall be worn, unaltered, for purposes of official timing and place finish. Failure to wear the correct bib, or to finish without one, will result in disqualification.

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sure they stay secured.

PENALTY: A competitor not wearing the assigned contestant number and/or computerized transponders/chips or altering such items in a manner which interferes with the recording of place finish is a rule violation resulting in disqualification from the race.



- 14. Appeals: All appeals must be processed through the Meet Referee. No appeals will be processed on judgment calls made by a meet official. The Meet Referee will be the final authority on rule infractions.
- 15. Awards: Division awards will be presented after completion of that division's races. The championship team will receive a plaque and the Top 14 individuals will receive a medal.
- 16. Concessions: Limited concessions will be available.
- 17. Competing Teams:

Division II Southern	Division III Southern	Division IV Southern
Buena	Amphitheater	ALA - Anthem South
Canyon del Oro	Andrada Polytechnic	ASDB
Catalina Foothills	Catalina Magnet	Baboquivari
Cholla	Douglas	Benson
Cienega	Empire	Bisbee
Desert View	Palo Verde	Desert Christian
Flowing Wells	Pusch Ridge	Fort Thomas
Ironwood Ridge	Rio Rico	Morenci
Mica Mountain	Sabino	Santa Rita
Mountain View Marana	Safford	St. Augustine
Nogales	Sahuarita	St. David
Pueblo	Sahuaro	The Gregory School
	Salpointe Catholic	Tombstone
	Tanque Verde	Willcox
	Thatcher	
	Walden Grove	