



Cross Country Sectional Championships – Crossroads Park Thursday, November 5, 2026

Deadlines are highlighted.

Location:

Crossroads Park, Gilbert, Arizona. Crossroads Park is located at Greenfield Road and Knox between Ray and Warner Road.

Directions:

From Tucson: Take I-10 to loop 202 east bound. Exit at San Tan Village Road and turn left (heading north-west) Travel approximately 2.5 miles. The park entrance will be on your left, at the light for Knox Road.

From Phoenix: Take the Superstition (US60) Freeway east bound. Exit Greenfield Road and turn right (heading south). Head south approximately 3 miles. Park entrance will be on your right at the light for Knox Road.

Awards:

Medals will be awarded to the top fourteen (14) individuals in each sectional race.
The top team will receive a Sectional Championship Plaque.

Time Schedule:

6:00 am	Course open for warm up.
7:40 am	Girls Division 1 Southwest
8:15 am	Boys Division 1 Southwest
8:50 am	Girls Division 3 East
9:25 am	Boys Division 3 East/ Awards Division 1 Southwest
10:00 am	Girls Division 4 East
10:35 am	Boys Division 4 East /Awards Division 3 East
11:10 am	Girls Division 1 Southeast
11:45 am	Boys Division 1 Southeast /Awards Division 4 East
12:20 pm	Girls Division 2 East
12:55 pm	Boys Division 2 East/ Awards Division 1 Southeast
1:45 pm	Awards Division 2 East

This will be a full day of racing. Athletes need to report to the starting line check in as a full team. Athletes also must be race ready. Check in begins 20 minutes before the start of each race.



Course:

The course is grass, granite, dirt and some concrete and asphalt. Copy of the map is at the end of this packet. Make copies of the map as there will be none at the coaches meeting or in the coaches' packet.

NO SPIKES are allowed to be worn. NOR are bikes allowed to be ridden by coaches or those affiliated with a team.

AIA Bylaws state that NO team or individual may practice on the championship course within seven (7) days of the meet. With the exception being if the course is a home course for a team.

General Rules for Sectional Meets & State Championship

All rules as stated in the National Federation Rules Book for this sport, along with the AIA Constitution & Bylaws as well as these tournament instructions apply.

1. Bicycles will not be allowed on the sectional courses as well as on the state championship course. Neither coaches nor those associated with a team are to ride bicycles as it can create an unfair advantage.
2. Spikes are not allowed on the sectional courses or the state championship course.
3. Per AIA Policy 24.10.5.1 – The use of unmanned aerial systems, often referred to as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any person at all AIA post-season events.

Finish Line:

- There will be officials at the finish line to help ensure athlete safety and result accuracy.
- Athletes will have RF tags attached to their bibs as the official timing and scoring method. Use of a camera and watch will serve as a back-up scoring method (will be reviewed by race officials if needed).
- Coaches, athletes, and spectators are not permitted into the finish area. Athletes will be walked through the finish chute and exit to the northern end of the field where they can be greeted.
- The finish line will be using chip timing pads. In order to keep the results accurate and timely, please ensure that any athletes with bibs on avoid the finish line as other races are finishing.

Team Camps:

- Use the area South of Polar Ice for team camps.
- Do not use the restrooms inside Polar Ice. Use the porta potties only.

Spectators:

- Spectators are to be aware of racers at all times.
- Spectators are to follow the commands of the course monitors to ensure athlete safety. Spectators deliberately disobeying course monitors or race officials are subject to removal and their team's disqualification. Please ensure your spectators are aware of the expectations for appropriate and safe cross country cheering.
- **Pacing is not allowed, bicycles are not allowed. This results in automatic disqualification of athlete.**

**Medical:**

- Athletic Trainers on site to assist with medical needs. Athletic Trainers will be located in the finish line area.
- Schools are required to bring their own water for athletes and spectators.
- Water will NOT be available at the finish line for athletes upon finishing. All athletes and teams are required to bring their own, labeled, water containers.

Sectional Meet Entry Instructions

All entries will be completed on www.athletic.net.

Directions are found here: <https://aiaonline.org/files/18351/athleticnet-cross-country-meet-entry-process.pdf>

DEADLINE FOR SECTIONAL REGISTRATION: Sunday, 12:00 pm (noon!). November 1, 2026

All changes must be completed prior to race time with the Wingfoot Finish Timing tent.

Sectional Meet Information

Chip timing will be used and provided by Wingfoot Finish at all sectional meets:

Sectional BIB Instructions for Coaches

1. Inspect your team packet to ensure you received all your bibs
 - a. Immediately notify meet management if you are missing any bibs.
 - b. Very important – this must be done before leaving the packet pickup area.
2. Distribute your bibs to all competing athletes
 - a. All athletes must wear their assigned bib, as assigned on your team roster.
 - b. Athletes that are not registered should not use someone else's bib.
 - c. Failure to properly distribute the bibs will result in inaccurate results.
3. Athletes must properly secure their bibs with the three provided safety pins

State Qualification:

The top half (50%) of full finishing teams (5 athletes) will advance to state. If there is an odd number of scoring teams, then one additional team (even number) will advance.

The next 7 individuals NOT on a qualifying team will advance to state.



State Entries:

Entries for the State Championships are to be made online at www.athletic.net.

Deadline for entries is Monday, November 9th by 2:00pm.

For a time schedule and more information on the state meet visit www.aiaonline.org and go to Sports>Cross Country.

Games Committee:

In the rare instance that a games committee is needed for a decision, the following will be represented:

Members are subject to change.

Jeff Guy	Site Director	
David Hines	Referee	
Bridgette Barber	Tucson	Division One
Patrick Scott	Corona del Sol	Division One
Mike Gleason	Horizon	Division Two
Dean Ouellette	Seton Catholic	Division Three
Eric Dall	Scottsdale Christian	Division Four

Post-Race Meals:

If you need eating establishments, the San Tan Village has countless restaurants—both sit down and fast service. Restaurants are located on both sides of Williams Field Road.

Contact Information:

Email questions of concerns to Dave Shapiro
Cell phone is (602) 918-6479.

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Box Assignments

Box	D I Southeast	D I Southwest	D II East	DIII East	D IV East
1				Valley Christian	
2				Desert Sunrise	
3				Mesquite	
4	Chandler	Gila Ridge		Somerton	Franklin
5	La Joya	Sunnyslope	Central	Benjamin Franklin	Miami
6	Williams Field	Youngker	McClintock	Madison Highland	Shepherd
7	Cactus Canyon	Canyon View	Vista Grande	San Tan Foothills	Chandler Prep
8	Hamilton	San Luis	Campo Verde	ALA Queen Creek	Heritage Academy Mesa
9	Sunnyside	Valley Vista	Horizon	Heritage Academy Gateway	Scottsdale Christian
10	AZ College Prep	Apollo	Skyline	Saguaro	ALA Mesa North
11	Corona del Sol	Liberty	Arcadia	ALA Gilbert North	Gilbert Classical
12	Maryvale	Tolleson	Crismon	Eastmark	Rancho Solano Prep
13	Basha	Brophy/Xavier	North Canyon	Payson	Arete Prep
14	Desert Vista	Marana	Camelback	ALA Ironwood	Globe
15	Perry	Tucson	Desert Mountain	Gilbert Christian	San Carlos
16	Carl Hayden	Cibola	Paradise Valley	Poston Butte	Fountain Hills
17	Higley	Shadow Ridge	Casa Grande	Apache Junction	Horizon Honors
18	Trevor G. Browne	West Point	Maricopa	Heritage Academy Maricopa	Scottsdale Prep
19			Tempe	Seton Catholic	Tempe Prep
20				Combs	
21				Marcos de Niza	