

**AIA Sectional
Cross Country Championships
Thursday, October 26, 2017**

Location:

Rose Mofford Sports Complex
9833 N 25th Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85021

From the I-17: Take the Dunlap Exit (#207). Turn east onto Dunlap Ave. Travel approximately 1/4 mile and turn north onto 25th Ave. Travel approximately 3/4 mile and the park will be on the east side of the road.

Time Schedule:

7:45 am	Course open for warm up
8:30 am	Coaches Meeting [All Divisions]
9:00 am	Division 1 Girls
9:40 am	Division 1 Boys
10:20 am	Division 2 Girls
11:00 am	Division 2 Boys
11:40 am	Division 3 Girls
12:20 pm	Division 3 Boys

Awards:

Awards for Division 1 will begin at 10:40 am
Awards for Division 2 will begin at 12:00 pm
Awards for Division 3 will begin at 1:20 pm

Awards will be presented in the bleachers located on the field behind the finish line.

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

Course:

The course is mostly grass, some dirt, a bit of asphalt, and sidewalk crossings.

A copy of the map is online at the AIA website under coaches → cross country.

Make copies of the map.

The course consists of a 1.5 mile loop that athletes will complete twice. There will be course monitors on the course to direct athletes and to help with crowd control.

There will abundant taping and flagging so the course is well designated. Athletes will be permitted to run on the asphalt along the eastern edge of the course after crossing the dirt landscape (as noted on the map).

Athletes must remain on the warning track when running the baseball / softball fields (not on the grass).

The course will be open for preview between 7:45am to 8:45am. Athletes in later races wanting to warm up on the course must use extreme caution as it is a looped course and athletes will be racing.

The start line is located on the southern base line of the southern soccer field. Boxes will be numbered 1 (far west side) to 16 (mid-field). The one-mile mark is located in the first loop as athlete's transition from the baseball to the softball fields.

Please print and bring copies of the course map for your athletes use.

Finish Line:

There will be a significant number of officials at the finish line to help ensure athlete safety and result accuracy.

Athletes will have their race tag removed and used as the official scoring method. Athletes will also be provided a numbered index card that coaches should keep as a back-up scoring method (will be collected 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 start/finish line will be using chip timing pads. In order to keep the results accurate and timely, please ensure that any athletes with chips on their shoes avoid the start line when other races are starting and avoid the finish line as other races are finishing.

Each school is responsible for the collection & return of all their shoe tags.

Tags must be returned in numerical order and kept together with one of the twist ties provided.

Use your team roster to ensure none of your shoe tags are missing.

It is suggested you use your team managers / assistant coaches to collect the shoe tags from your athletes after they cross the finish line – there will not be a collection corral used.

Have a COACH return all of your shoe tags to an event official at the same location you picked up your team packet – please refrain from sending an athlete to return shoe tags.

An event official will check your shoe tags with you for accuracy.

Parking:

Bus parking will be reserved for the two most northern parking lots at the park.

Parent and spectator parking will be in the parking lot in front of the recreation center and playground.

Please see the map for details.

Team Camps:

Team camps are not to be set up on the soccer fields.
Team camps are not to be set up within close proximity to the race course.
Team camps should be set up in designated locations.

Please see the map for details.

Teams are responsible for ensuring that their camp area is clean of all debris before departing the meet. Good environmental stewardship is the responsibility of all.

Spectators:

Spectators are to remain on sidewalks 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.

Spectators and coaches will not be allowed onto the baseball / softball fields.

Bathrooms:

There will be bathrooms available in the recreation center south of the starting line. There will be bathrooms available in the small bathroom building north of the starting line.

There will be port-o-potties available for athletes only near the starting line.

Medical:

There will be trainers on site to assist with medical needs. Trainers will be located in the finish line area.

Schools are required to bring their own water for athletes and spectators.

Water will be made available at the finish line for athletes upon finishing.

Section Entry Procedure:

Each team must designate up to seven runners.

Entries are to be submitted online at www.athletic.net .

Entry deadline is Sunday, October 23, by 11:59 PM.

Changes to your entries will be allowed at check in.

It is recommended that you add this meet to your calendar sooner than later.

IF you do NOT have an Athletic.net account you need to allow several days for your account to be set and activated.

State Qualification:

Only the top 50% of full teams entered and individuals in the top twenty-five (25) will advance to state. If there is an odd number of scoring teams, then one additional team (even number) will advance. You will be notified of these numbers at the coaches meeting.

State Entries:

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

Deadline for entries is Monday, October 31, 2016 by 12:00 PM.

For time schedule and more information on the state meet visit www.aiaonline.org and scroll through the athletic tab button and tournament guides, under “coaches” tab.

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.

Mike Gleason	Horizon	Division 1
Jason Coury	Sunnyslope	Division 2
Scott Giddings	Greenway	Division 3
Jim Pouquette	AIA	Referee
Julie Patton	Glendale	Administrator

Post-Race Meals:

If you are in need of eating establishments, the Metro Center Mall area has countless restaurants—both sit down and fast service. Restaurants are located on the north side of the outer loop [along Peoria Ave between 32nd Ave & 28th Ave].

Contact Information:

Email questions or concerns to Matthew Schmitt.

Matthew.Schmitt@guhsdaz.org

Please call only on the day of the sectionals if there is some sort of crisis.
623.853.6903

Starting Line Boxes:

Box	Division 1 Section 2	Division 2 Section 2	Division 3 Section 3
1	Boulder Creek	Apollo	Buckeye Union
2	Mountain View Mesa	Independence	Mohave
3	Brophy / Xavier	Barry Goldwater	Cactus
4	Pinnacle	Ironwood	Moon Valley
5	Desert Mountain	Bradshaw Mountain	Chino Valley
6	Red Mountain	Liberty	North Pointe Prep
7	Dobson	Cactus Shadows	Cortez
8	Sandra Day O'Connor	Sierra Linda	Peoria
9	Horizon	Centennial	Estrella Foothills
10	Skyline	Sunnyslope	River Valley
11	Mesa	Deer Valley	Greenway
12	Westwood	Sunrise Mountain	Shadow Mountain
13	Mountain Ridge	Flagstaff	Kingman
14		Washington	Thunderbird
15		Glendale	Lee Williams
16		Willow Canyon	Wickenburg