

To: Varsity Cross Country Coaches and Athletic Directors

From: Amanda Faunce, Lawrence Free State Athletic Director
Steve Heffernan, Lawrence Free State Head Cross Country Coach

RE: 3A, 5A, and 6A Kansas State Cross Country Meet

Date of the 3A, 5A, and 6A Kansas State Cross Country Meet: Saturday, October 27, 2017

Cross Country Coaches and Athletic Directors:

Congratulations to you and your team for an excellent season! We understand the amount of hard work and commitment it takes to reach this level of competition and we are excited to host you at the 3A, 5A, and 6A Kansas State Cross Country Meet this year! We hope your day on Rim Rock Farm is exciting and memorable. The following information provides details which will assist your day running more smoothly and ensure your student-athletes to have the best day possible.

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Schedule of Events

5A Boys – 10am – Awards at 12:30pm
3A Girls – 10:35am – Awards at 1:05pm
6A Boys – 11:10am – Awards at 1:35pm
5A Girls – 11:45am – Awards at 12:45pm
3A Boys – 12:20pm – Awards at 1:20pm
6A Girls – 12:55pm – Awards at 1:50pm

Team Packets

Head coaches may pick-up their team packets at the pass gate. The packets include everything you will need for the day, including bib numbers and pins. If you need more pins, please come to the finish line/trailer area and ask for more.

Coaches Meeting

There will be a coaches' meeting ten-minutes prior to the start of each race at the starting line.

Course/Map

A map of Rim Rock Farm may be accessed electronically by clicking on the following link: https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/8d3783_6dda9bbbff9d46b799c87789250baa8c.pdf. The map is also included at the end of this packet on page 9.

Directions

Please see enclosed handout on page 10.

Admission

The admission price, including a \$1 parking fee assessed by the University of Kansas, will be **\$7 for students K-12 and \$9 for adults**. Please note this price is set by the KSHSAA.

Pass Gate Admittance

- Two Coaches and One Manager
- Competitors
- Superintendents, Principals, and Athletic Directors

Parking

Team buses/vans should park in the open areas next to the course grounds. All other vehicles will be directed to available lots.

Dressing/Restrooms

Dressing rooms and showers **will not be available**. Portable restrooms will be available for use at the spectator entrance and will be available for anyone to use (with runners be given the opportunity to go to the front of the line if their race is starting soon).

Scoring

Heartland Timing has been contracted by KSHSAA to score the championship races. Each competitor will receive a bib that has a timing chip as part of its design. A Finishlynx camera and an Identilyn timer video camera will be used to place runners that are very close when crossing the finish line. The determining factor for the order of finish is the torso crossing the finish line.

Please note it is not necessary to return the timing chips year as the KSHSAA has purchased bibs with chips already in the bib. Runners will not have to wear chips on their shoes. Since the bib will act as the chip, no chips will need to be returned. This most important thing is to make sure that your runners are wearing the bib that is assigned to them. Please check and double-check that runners are wearing the bib in which they are assigned.

Results

Coaches will be able to pick-up race results once Heartland Timing has finalized the results of each race. Hard copies of the results will be available at the trailer near the finish area – please make sure you bring your results coupons with you. Heartland Timing will post real-time results of each state race on their website as well for coaches and fans to access: <http://www.heartlandtiming.com/index.htm>. Results will also be posted at www.freestaterunning.com under the "State Cross Country tab" by Saturday evening.

Time on the Course

Times will be given at the 1-mile and 2-mile marks.

Course Markings

A lead vehicle will lead runners through the marked course.

Course Marshals

Course Marshals will be stationed around the course for the purpose of identifying any runner who might intentionally take advantage by cutting or performing any unsportsmanlike act to interfere with other runners. *Any runner performing an unsportsmanlike act shall be disqualified.* Please inform your runners that we have over 40 course marshals to make certain they follow the correct course.

Jury of Appeals

If you need to file a protest, please do so at the trailer so that we can resolve the situation as quickly as possible. Please note there will be a Rules Committee comprised of three coaches, who will be contacted ahead of the meet date by Steve Heffernan. If the committee is needed, those coaches will be called to the white trailer at the finish line.

Chute

Workers assisting in the chute will keep runners finishing the race moving away from the finish line area. Placing is electronically determined with a Finishlynx camera and an Identilyn timer video camera used for back-up if necessary. Please instruct your athletes to continue running into the chute. Every year we have several runners stopping (and collapsing) right at the line. ****Please note: the torso crossing the finish line is the determining factor for the order of finish.****

Uniform Rules

Coaches, please, double and triple-check your runners on the uniform rules **before** the athletes run in an effort to avoid a runner being disqualified. Our chute Clerk will be checking for uniform violations as well. Please give the clerk your school's "Sportsmanship & Legal Uniform" card during check-in at the chutes.

Awards

For each class and gender, the Top 20 placers will be awarded medals and The Top 3 teams from will receive a team plaque and team medals. Please pay attention to the award times!

Bob Timmon's Award (non-KSHSAA)

At the conclusion of the Meet, an award will be presented in recognition of Bob Timmons, long-time University of Kansas Track & Field and Cross Country Coach who is the founder and architect of Rim Rock Farm. The award will go to the individual state champion (one female winner and one male winner) with the fastest times of the day and will be presented following the awards. Please note: this award is not a part of the KSHSAA awards ceremony as the award is privately sponsored.

Awards Location

Awards will be presented at the awards stand (large rocks) East of the finish line area for presentation of the awards. Parents and fans wishing to watch the awards will cross the course during competition and need to be aware if a race is coming through. We will not do any presenting while the race passes by the awards stand area.

Concessions

There will be a concession stand available.

Spectators

Parents and other fans WILL NOT be allowed near the finish line/trailer area. People working in the trailer will only field questions or concerns from coaches and people other than coaches will be escorted away from the area. Coaches, please share this with your parents.

Pets & Bicycles

Pets are not allowed on Rim Rock Farm. Please note our gate workers will not allow anyone to enter with animals other than ones required for handicapped assistance. Spectators are also not allowed to ride bicycles on Rim Rock Farm.

Course Preservation

Please help preserve the course by picking up any trash that is around and please notify us if you see anyone damaging the course in any way. There is also a list of rules specific to Rim Rock Farm on page 11 of this packet.

2018 Kansas State Cross Country Tshirts

2018 Kansas State Cross Country tshirts will be available for purchase near the entrance gate. Please note: no pre-orders will be accepted.

Available Sizes

Small, Medium, Large, X-Large, XX-Large

Pricing

Short Sleeve \$18 (S-XL), \$20 (XXL)

Long Sleeve \$22 (S-XL), \$24 (XXL)

Hoodies \$29 (S-XL), \$31 (XXL)

Performance Shirt \$25.00 (S-XL), \$28 (XXL)



2018 Kansas State Cross Country Participant Removal Guidelines

Safety of participants is a primary concern of the KSHSAA in all activities. There are situations when runners show signs of obvious physical distress during a race and a decision must be made about whether they should be allowed to continue or be given medical attention. Based on these concerns the KSHSAA has the following guidelines:

- A runner showing signs of obvious physical distress such as collapsing on the course, or other indications of his/her inability to finish the race may be immediately removed from the race by designated event personnel.
 - If the runner can be safely moved, the runner will be immediately transferred to the event medical area to be evaluated by onsite medical personnel.
- If a runner voluntarily removes him/herself from the race for any medical reason or is removed by their coach, they should also proceed to the medical area for evaluation. The onsite medical personnel will determine the appropriate care to be administered.

To assist designated event personnel and coaches on determining the level of distress, these guidelines will be used:

- If the runner looks questionable, event personnel will ask if they need help, if the runner is able to answer immediately and clearly state "no" the runner will be allowed to continue. If a runner looks questionable and event personnel asks if they need help and the answer is "yes" the runner will be pulled.
- If the runner looks questionable and event personnel ask "if they need help" and there is no response, the event personnel will continue to follow the runner (off the course) and monitor.
- If the runner continues to be unresponsive to the event personnel and is unable to run fast enough to separate themselves from the walking event personnel, the runner will be pulled.
- If the runner is able to communicate something and they are just tired, they will be allowed to continue. Course Marshals designated by meet management will be provided these guidelines.

Water will not be provided by meet management on the course during the race. Water will be available before and after the race. A determination on whether or not coaches will be allowed to hand out water during a race will be made prior to the start of races each day. Please note: the challenge of handing water to runners is the potential to interfere with other runners when handing the water and what the runner will do with the bottle/cup that could possibly interfere with another runner. In a 5K race, runners who are properly hydrated before the race begins have little risk of becoming dehydrated during the race.

Towels will not be allowed to be handed out on the course, and they may only be distributed by team personnel after the runner has cleared the finish chute.

Cold water immersion tanks will be available if the weather dictates. Meet management will determine the need based on the Heat Guidelines provided.

There will be medical personnel and an ambulance will be on site. A trail vehicle will be provided to transport runners in distress to the medical area. A runner who is in need of medical attention shall not be removed from the medical area until cleared by the personnel on site. Coaches/parents should not take a runner away from this area until cleared.

2018 Legal Uniforms for Cross Country Competitors

Rules 8-6 & 4-3

The following information is a guide as to what constitutes a legal uniform for a cross country competitor in interscholastic competition.

The Legal Uniform for Cross Country

Rules 8-6 (1-4) & 4-3 (1-3) states that the legal Cross Country uniform consists of "shoes, school-issued or school approved shorts and full-length jersey or body suit (one or two pieces)." Each member of the team shall wear the same color & design uniform (jersey & shorts).

Shoes

Shoes shall be worn on both feet and shall have an upper and definitely recognizable sole and heel. The shoe must be designed so that it can be fastened securely. In cross country, the sole and heel may contain grooves, ridges or track spikes no longer than one inch. The use of slippers or socks does not meet the requirement.

Jerseys

1. Must be school issued or school approved. Bare midriff tops are not allowed.
2. Visible shirt worn under the jersey must be unadorned and of a single (same, solid) color.
3. The jersey may contain no ornamentation which will be objectionable in taste and shall not be knotted or have a knot-like protrusion.
4. Removing any part of the team uniform, excluding shoes, while in the area of competition, as defined by the games committee, shall lead to a warning and if repeated, to disqualification from the event.

Shorts

1. Must be school issued or school approved.
2. Shorts may vary in length and style, but must be of the same color for all team members.
3. Shorts may contain no ornamentation which will be objectionable in taste.
4. The waistband of a competitor's shorts shall be worn above the hips.
5. French or high cut apparel shall not be worn in lieu of shorts.
6. The looser fitting boxer-type shorts are an approved short for boys and girls, while the closed leg
7. briefs are also acceptable for girls' competition. By KSHSAA policy, school-issued spandex shorts may be worn by either boys or girls. If any competitors are wearing school issued spandex shorts or one-piece uniforms, the inseam length of the shorts must be a minimum of 2 inches.

Hats, Caps, Gloves

1. In the event of inclement weather, meet management will advise coaches of the decision to permit, hats, caps and/or gloves.
2. If worn, gloves must be the same color for all team members.
3. If hats, caps are approved for wear by the games committee, they should be the same color for all members of the team choosing to wear them. By KSHSAA policy, visors and baseball style hats may not be worn during competition by any competitor.

Visible Items Worn Under the Jersey or Shorts

Garments worn under the shorts above the knees are considered foundation garments and do not need to meet color requirements. Any visible shirt(s) worn under the jersey must be unadorned and of a single (and the same) color. If more than one (2 or more) wear a visible shirt under the jersey all must wear the same solid color, but not necessarily the same length. Not all team members are required to wear a shirt underneath if one team member does. Any visible garment underneath the shorts extending below the knees shall be unadorned and of the same single, solid color, but not necessarily the same length. If more than one (2 or more) wear visible tights below the knees, under the shorts they all must wear the same solid color. Not all team members are required to wear the tights. Visible items worn under both the jersey and the shorts do not have to be the same color. Boxer underwear showing below the shorts is unacceptable. A single manufacturer's logo/trademark, no more than 294-square inches with no dimension more than 214-inches, is permitted on each item of apparel. Items with logos on the front and back that are visible must be removed, or all but one of the logos permanently covered. Please note a 'sports bra' is not considered as visible apparel underneath the jersey!

Jewelry

1. NFHS rules permit runners to participate wearing jewelry. The meet referee may direct the athlete and coach that an item is to be removed if not properly secured.
2. Coaches may prohibit their athletes from wearing jewelry.
3. Excessive safety pins on the jersey are not permitted.

Hair Adornment

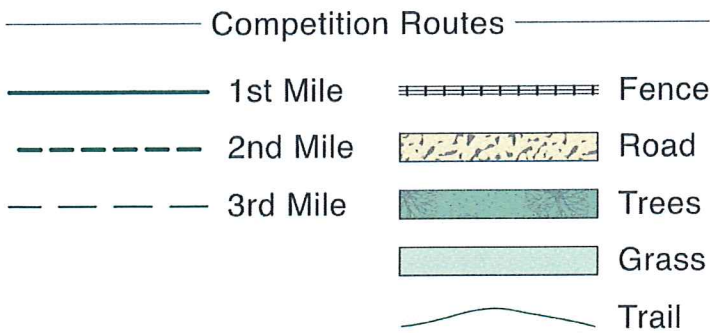
While participating in competition, it is permissible for a student to use in their hair for a functional purpose the following -

1. Ribbon of any single color (Ribbon length such that it is not "flowing" 3" or less in length),
2. If multiple "functional" rubber bands or ribbons are used, they must be the same color,
3. A "scrunchie" (device intended to hold hair in place) of a single color.
4. Unadorned devices such as bobby pins, barrettes and hair clips, no longer than two inches, may be worn to control a competitor's hair. Such unadorned items are not considered jewelry.
5. Headbands are permitted unless banned by the games committee.
6. Participants are not permitted to wear feather hair extensions, beaded items worn in the hair are illegal.

Miscellaneous

1. A runner may carry an atomizer with him/her provided a physician's statement documenting the need for the athlete to use the prescription is presented to the meet director prior to the beginning of the meet. (Rule 4-6-5 Note 2)
2. GPS watches are not legal and considered an aid.
3. Per Rule 3-4-8, prior to the start of the meet, the head coach shall be responsible for verifying to the meet director that all his/her competitors are properly equipped (uniform, equipment, number and chip placement) in compliance with these rules. Any questions regarding legality shall be resolved prior to the start of the meet.
4. For KSHSAA events, a properly completed "Sportsmanship & Uniform Card" is to be turned in. Coaches will verify that team members will be expected to exhibit good sportsmanship and will comply with all NFHS and KSHSAA rules.
5. Prior to the meet, coaches and meet personnel are to be advised of any special concerns or rules in an effort to prevent disqualifications, and to review special circumstances, procedures and information pertaining to the meet, particularly how the individual qualifiers are determined.

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5K COURSE

RIM ROCK FARM

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

RIM ROCK FARM

RIM ROCK FARM ADDRESS:

2276 Burnett Lane
Lawrence, KS 66044

1. Start by going NORTH on KS Highway 24/59
(2.8 miles from Turnpike exit 204,
4.1 miles from the bridge)
2. Turn RIGHT onto E 1400 Rd / CR-1045
(0.9 miles)
3. E 1400 Rd / CR-1045 becomes 1045
(1.6 miles)
4. Turn LEFT onto 13th
(0.3 miles)
5. Turn RIGHT on Republic Rd
(0.5 miles)
6. Republic Rd becomes Republic St
(0.6 miles)
7. Turn RIGHT onto Burnett Lane
(0.1 miles)



RIM ROCK FARM COURSE RULES

Welcome to Rim Rock Farm the home cross country course of the Kansas Jayhawks. Rim Rock Farm was designed and graciously donated by Bob and Pat Timmons. Rim Rock is only one of a few pieces of land specifically dedicated to the sport of cross country. We would appreciate your cooperation to uphold our course rules for the safety of athletes and spectators.

- 1. Swimming is not allowed in the ponds.**
- 2. Please have your athletes remind fans to leave bicycles, footballs, frisbees, and dogs at home. They can cause difficulties for runners and spectators.**
- 3. Practice on the course is:**
 - a. Not allowed without permission except at designated times to preview course.
 - b. Possible if the University of Kansas has been contacted and has approved the request.
 - c. Not permitted if school coach is not present with the athletes.
 - d. Not permitted if weather conditions could cause injury to an athlete or damage to the course.
- 4. Please put trash in barrels.**
- 5. Please be most considerate of the parking areas.**
- 6. Please use the gates provided to pass from one area to the others. DO NOT CLIMB FENCES OR ROCKS.**

We thank you for making competition at Rim Rock exciting and wish each of your athletes the very best during the cross-country season.