



2016 LAGUNA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION STATE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS



STATE CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

Athletic Directors and Coaches:

Greetings from the NMAA and welcome to the State Cross Country Championships! In coordination with our sponsors, it is our privilege to serve as your host for this one of a kind event. Enclosed you will find several important pieces of information regarding the State Cross Country Championships. Best wishes to all of you, and we look forward to hosting you during the 2016 Laguna Development Corporation State Cross Country Championships.

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Important Dates and Times

Friday, November 4, 2016 – 2:00 PM – RRHS Parking Lot open for Teams/Individuals

Friday, November 4, 2016 – 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM – Course Opens to Teams for Walk/Run

Friday, November 4, 2016 – 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM – Packet Pick Up, Rio Rancho T&F Offices

Saturday, November 5, 2016 – NMAA State Cross Country Championships

NMAA State Championships Date, Site and Time Schedule.

Date. Saturday, November 5, 2016

Site. Rio Rancho High School, Rio Rancho, New Mexico

Time Schedule. The 2016 Laguna Development Corporation State Cross Country Championships will be run according to the following time schedule:

<u>Time</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
9:15 a.m.	Opening Ceremonies
9:30 a.m.	5A Boys
10:00 a.m.	6A Boys
10:30 a.m.	A-2A Boys
11:00 a.m.	3A Boys
11:30 a.m.	4A Boys
12:00 p.m.	5A Girls
12:30 p.m.	6A Girls
1:00 p.m.	A-2A Girls
1:35 p.m.	3A Girls
2:05 p.m.	4A Girls
Awards Presentation after conclusion of final race	

Packet Pick Up. Packet pick up will take place on Friday, November 4, 2016 and on Saturday, November 5, 2016. On Friday, November 4, 2016 packet pick up will be from 2:00 PM to 4:30 PM in the Rio Rancho Track and Field offices. On Saturday, November 5, 2016 packets must be picked up at least two hours prior to your teams first race. This will allow you to make any last minute adjustments and inventory all needed materials.

Spaghetti Dinner. There will not be a spaghetti dinner this year due to the early schedule we will have on Friday afternoon. We must also clear Rio Rancho campus by 5:00 PM in order for the next event to take place that evening. We adjusted the schedule to allow you more time with your team in the evening after you have picked up your team packet.

Financial Terms

2016 Laguna Development Corporation State Cross Country Championships

(1) **Admission.** \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students/seniors/military. Children under 5 years of age will not be required to pay admission.

Meet Regulations

(1) **Teams.** A team shall be composed of five (5) to seven (7) runners. Schools that enter fewer than five runners, and schools who have fewer than five runners finish the race, shall not be eligible for team honors. Individual contestants from such schools, however, may earn individual awards.

(2) **Starting Positions.** The starting position for each team at the 2016 Laguna Development Corporation State Cross Country Championships shall be determined by the team's finish at their district meet. Individuals will be placed with other individual qualifiers.

(3) **Meet Management Software.** Champion Chip of the Rockies will time the NMAA State Cross Country Championships. There will be other systems in place for back up purposes. We will have results posted online following each race.

(4) Games Committee

(a) A Committee consisting of four members of the NMAA Cross Country Sports Specific Committee and representing each classification, shall be appointed by the Event Director. The games committee will be utilized to review and make decisions regarding all protests which have been properly submitted. There can be no disqualification without a minimum of three members being involved in the process.

(b) Example: If a protest is submitted regarding a class A-2A individual and/or school, the member from the games committee that represents class A-2A will not be included in the discussions or final decisions. This will be the case for all classifications.

The head coach of a team who wishes to file an appeal must do so in writing using the proper protest form within 10 minutes of the conclusion of the race being appealed.

- The appeals process will adhere to NFHS Track and Field and Cross Country Rules Book and Case Book guidelines.
- The decision of the Games Committee shall be final. The Games Committee cannot set aside any decision.

State Championships Policies

(1) **Administration and Management.** All State Championships shall be conducted in accordance with the policies established by the NMAA Board of Directors and shall be under the control, direction and supervision of the NMAA Office.

(2) **Enforcement of Rules & Policies.** Participating schools shall adhere to all regulations and policies governing the NMAA State Cross Country Championships.

(3) **Passes/Complementary List.** 2016 Laguna Development Corporation State Cross Country Championships Passes, NMAA VIP Passes, and NMAA State Championships Media Passes ONLY, will be honored at state championship events. Individuals who are on the complementary list will also be admitted with a photo ID.

(4) Signs and/or Banners. The display of signs, banners, placards or similar items at the state championships is permitted, provided:

- They are in good taste and reflect good sportsmanship in their message and use.
- They reflect identification and encouragement to participants and their school, and make no reference to the oppositions school, individuals or community.
- They are not displayed on the course, or in a manner which interferes with the runners.
- They do not obstruct the view of participants or spectators.
- They are not safety hazards.
- They do not represent a conflict of interest with any NMAA sponsor.