



**2009
NEW MEXICO NATIONAL GUARD
STATE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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STATE CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

Athletic Directors and Coaches:

Greetings from the NMAA and welcome to State Championship Cross Country! In coordination with our sponsor, the New Mexico National Guard, it is our privilege to serve as your hosts for this one of a kind event. We are in the process of finalizing event details and ask for your assistance. Enclosed you will find several important pieces of information regarding the state cross country championships. Please read all information and contact us at the New Mexico Activities Association Office for clarification and/or assistance. Best wishes to all of you and we look forward to hosting you for the 2009 NMAA State Cross Country Championships.

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Important Dates and Times

Friday, November 6, 2009 – 2:30 PM – RRHS Parking Lot open for Teams/Individuals
Friday, November 6, 2009 – 3:00 PM – Course Open to Teams for Walk/Run Course
Friday, November 6, 2009 – 5:00 PM – Coaches Meeting, Rio Rancho H.S. Gym
Friday, November 6, 2009 – 5:00 PM – Spaghetti Dinner, Rio Rancho H.S. Cafeteria
Saturday, November 7, 2009 – NMAA State Cross Country Championships

NMAA State Championships Date, Site and Time Schedule.

Date. Saturday, November 7, 2009

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

Time Schedule. The 2009 NMAA 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
9:25 a.m.	AAA Girls
10:00 a.m.	AAAA Girls
10:30 a.m.	AAAAA Girls
11:00 a.m.	A-AA Girls
11:35 a.m.	AAA Boys
12:05 p.m.	AAAA Boys
12:35 p.m.	AAAAA Boys
1:00 p.m.	A-AA Boys
1:40 p.m.	Awards Presentation

Mandatory Coaches Meeting. A meeting for head coaches will be conducted at 5:00 PM on Friday, November 6, 2009 in the Rio Rancho High School Gymnasium. Each school entering a team or individual in the 2009 NMAA State Cross Country Championships must be represented at this meeting by either the head girls coach and/or head boys coach. Failure to attend without proper communication to the Event Director will result in sanctions applied at the discretion of the NMAA Executive Director.

Spaghetti Dinner. The annual Spaghetti Dinner will take place on Friday, November 6, 2009 in the Rio Rancho High School Cafeteria for all participating student-athletes and coaches. This dinner, which is provided by the Rio Rancho Convention and Visitors Bureau, will run from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM. NMAA Executive Director Gary Tripp will address the athletes.

Financial Terms

NMAA State Cross Country Championships

(1) **Admission.** \$5.00 for all spectators. Children under school 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 NMAA 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. They will generate individual times at the mile and two mile marks in addition to the final time. There will be other systems in place for back up purposes.

(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-AA individual and/or school, the member from the games committee that represents class A-AA will not be included in the discussions or final decisions. This will be the case for all classifications.

(c) Games Committee members for the 2009 NMAA State Cross Country Championships shall be:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
A-AA	Laci Lockwood	Estancia HS
AAA	Daniel Otero	Laguna Acoma HS
AAAA	Kathy Hipwood	Los Alamos HS
AAAAA	David Nunez	Ocate HS

- 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. NMAA 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; and
- They do not represent a conflict of interest with any NMAA sponsor.

