



2007



**NEW MEXICO ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION
STATE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS**
PRESENTED BY FURRI'S FAMILY DINING



**DISTRICT MEET
&
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION**

Dear Athletic Directors and Coaches:

Greetings from the NMAA and welcome to State Championship Cross Country! In coordination with our sponsor Furr's Family Dining, 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 district and 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 as you proceed through your District Championship event and we look forward to hosting you for the 2007 NMAA State Cross Country Championships.

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Important Dates and Times

Friday/Saturday, November 2-3, 07 - District Meets
Sunday, November 4, 07 – 10:00 AM – Entries Due to NMAA Office
Sunday, November 4, 07 – District Champions Team Photo due on NMAA Website
Friday, November 9, 2007 – 2:30 PM – RRHS Parking Lot open for Teams/Individuals
Friday, November 9, 2007 – 3:00 PM – Course Open to Teams for Walk/Run Course
Friday, November 9, 2007 – 5:00 PM – Coaches Meeting, Rio Rancho H.S. PAC
Friday, November 9, 2007 – 5:00 PM – Spaghetti Dinner, Rio Rancho H.S. Cafeteria
Saturday, November 10, 2007 – NMAA State Cross Country Championships

***Entry Form** – The entry form for this year's state championship will be e-mailed to all district hosts. If you do not receive a copy of this, please e-mail Rudy Aragon, Meet Director at raragon@nmact.org. Please note that entries must be submitted via e-mail and are due by 10:00 AM on Sunday, November 4, 2007.

NOTE: Per NMAA Handbook policies, if entries are late, a \$500.00 fine will be imposed to the District Host who is responsible for e-mailing the official meet results to the NMAA Office (raragon@nmact.org).

***Program Photos (Districts Champions)** – District Champions team photos are required to be posted on the NMAA website under your school information. If you are unaware of this process, please contact your athletic director or our office. Your team photo, once placed on-line prior to Sunday, November 4, 2007, will be placed in the program.

***Rosters** – Rosters will be used from those teams and individuals who qualify and are submitted to our office by the district meet director. Please note that it is all head coaches responsibility to make sure that the District Host has submitted names and grades correctly to the NMAA office.

Sub - Varsity Races at District Meet: Sub-varsity races may be run during the district meet as long as they are not run in conjunction with the varsity race. Sub – varsity races run during the district meet will NOT count toward the allowable eight (8) meets.

District Meet Structure and Time Schedules

(1) **Date, Time Schedule and Site.**

(a) Date. Friday or Saturday, November 2-3, 2007

(b) Time Schedule. Each district host will individually determine the time schedule for the district meet and distribute to its participants. However, per NMAA policy if a district will be hosting on Friday, the meet may not start prior to 3:00 PM.

(c) Site. Each district will determine a site for its meet and distribute to its participants.

Qualifications of Teams and Individuals to State Championships

(1) **District Meet to State Championships.**

(a) A-A-A-A-A. The top three (3) teams and the first ten (10) individuals in each district meet will qualify for the state championships.

Entries for State Championships. The district meet host and/or chairperson will be responsible for submitting the proper paperwork to the NMAA Office upon conclusion of the district meet. Results **must** be e-mailed using the proper form to the meet director at raragon@nmact.org by 10:00 AM, Sunday, November 4, 2007.

We recommend that each coach contact Rudy Aragon, Assistant Director, NMAA administrator for Cross Country at (505) 238-3596 to make sure that all entries have been received for his/her team or individuals.

NMAA State Championships

(1) **Date, Site and Time Schedule.**

(a) Date. Saturday, November 10, 2007

(b) Site. Rio Rancho High School, Rio Rancho, New Mexico

(c) Time Schedule. The 2007 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 |
| 9:30 a.m. | A-AA Girls |
| 10:00 a.m. | AAA Girls |
| 10:30 a.m. | AAAA Girls |
| 11:00 a.m. | AAAAA Girls |
| 11:30 a.m. | A-AA Boys |
| 12:00 noon | AAA Boys |
| 12:30 p.m. | AAAA Boys |
| 1:00 p.m. | AAAAA Boys |
| 1:40 p.m. | Awards Presentation |

(2) **Mandatory Coaches Meeting.** A meeting for head coaches of schools with participating teams or individuals will be conducted at 5:00 PM on Friday, November 9, 2007 in the Rio Rancho High School Performing Arts Center. Each school entering a team or individual in the 2007 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 at the discretion of the NMAA Executive Director.

(3) **Spaghetti Dinner/Guest Speaker.** The Annual Spaghetti Dinner will take place 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. Music and a digital photo album of cross country events held throughout the year will be provided for you and your athletes' entertainment.

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 from which fewer than five runners finish the race, at any meet, 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 based upon the teams finishing place at their district meet. Individuals will be placed with other individual qualifiers.

(3) **Meet Management Software.** The chip timing system will be used at the NMAA State Cross Country Championships. There will also be three other systems in place for back up purposes only, in the case of failure.

(4) Games Committee

(a) A Games Committee consisting of four coaches, one from each class, from four different participating schools, shall be appointed by the event director for the state championships. The games committee will be used for all protests which are properly submitted. There can be no disqualification without three members 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 2006 NMAA State Cross Country Championships shall be:

| Class | Name | School |
|--------------|------------------|------------------------|
| A-AA | Salomon Gonzales | Pecos HS |
| AAA | Alan Lockridge | Pojoaque HS |
| AAAA | Kathy Hipwood | Los Alamos High School |
| AAAAA | Roxy Hunt | Athletic Trainer |

(d) Diversity in school classification, gender and geography, as well as knowledge and experience, was taken into consideration when the Games Committee members were selected.

(e) 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 individual race's conclusion.

(f) The appeals process will adhere to NFHS Track and Field and Cross Country Rules Book and Case Book guidelines.

(g) 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:

- (a) They are in good taste and reflect good sportsmanship in their message and use;
- (b) They reflect identification and encouragement to participants and their school or community, and make no reference to the opposing team, its school, players or community;
- (c) They are not displayed on the course, or in a manner which interferes with play;
- (d) They do not obstruct the view of participants or spectators;
- (e) They are not safety hazards; and
- (f) They do not represent a conflict of interest with any NMAA sponsor.

