

2026 BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF NEW MEXICO STATE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS



BlueCross BlueShield
of New Mexico

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 2026 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico State Cross Country Championships.

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NMAA State Championships

Date, Site and Time Schedule.

Date. Saturday, November 7, 2026

Site. Albuquerque Academy, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Time Schedule. The 2026 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico State Cross Country Championships will be run according to the following time schedule:

<u>Time</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
8:15 a.m.	National Anthem
8:30 a.m.	5A Girls
9:00 a.m.	5A Boys
10:00 a.m.	2A Girls
10:30 a.m.	2A Boys
11:30 a.m.	4A Girls
12:00 p.m.	4A Boys
1:00 p.m.	A Girls
1:30 p.m.	A Boys
2:30 p.m.	3A Girls
3:00 p.m.	3A Boys

Award presentations will take place immediately after each classification.

Packet Pick Up. Packet pick up will take place on Saturday, November 7, 2026. Packets will be available for pick up on the north end of the Track.

Financial Terms

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(1) **Admission.** \$17.00 day pass with re-entry allowed, \$12.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students/seniors/military. Children under 5 years of age will not be required to pay admission. All tickets will be digital and must be purchased in advance.

Meet Regulations

(1) **Teams. Class 2A-5A** - 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.

Class A - A team shall be composed of three (3) to five (5) runners. Schools that enter fewer than three runners, and schools who have fewer than three 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 2026 Blue Cross and Blue Shield 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 Timing.** Bib timers will be used to time each racer. Results will be available online following the completion of each race.

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.** 2026 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Mexico 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.