

**2018**



**CROSS COUNTRY  
State Qualifiers'  
Handbook**

**UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE**  
**STATE QUALIFIER HANDBOOK**  
**2018**

Congratulations on your team’s advancement to the Cross Country State Meet. This handbook has been prepared to serve as a guide to administrators and coaches and provide information about the State Meet. You will find this material valuable as you prepare for the meet and upon your arrival to the meet.

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## MEET INFORMATION

**State Qualifiers:** The results from your regional meet serves as certification to the UIL State Meet.

- Schools must scratch an individual or change team members utilizing the UIL forms ONLY.
  - Team Substitution Form: <https://www.uiltexas.org/machform/view.php?id=311305>
  - Individual Scratch Form: <https://www.uiltexas.org/machform/view.php?id=311841>
- For any spelling or grade changes to be included in the program, please email Hannah Higgins ([hhiggins@uiltexas.org](mailto:hhiggins@uiltexas.org)).  
Please note that any changes made after October 26<sup>th</sup> WILL NOT be included in the State Meet Program.

**Packet Pick-up:** School packets will be available for pick-up on **Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 12:00-4:00pm** at the blue UIL tent in the designated event area **OR Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:15am-2:00pm**. Schools MUST enter on Aten Loop or Oatts Ln to be allowed to proceed to the UIL tent to pick up school packets.

**State Venue Location:** Old Settlers Park- 3300 E Palm Valley Blvd, Round Rock, TX 78665

**Tickets:** Students \$7 Adults \$10. Onsite ticket sales will be **CASH ONLY**. An ATM will be available on site at Dell Diamond.

**Parking:** Public parking will be located at Dell Diamond (3400 E Palm Valley Blvd, Round Rock). Parking will be \$5.00 and **CASH ONLY**.

**Lodging:** For a list of hotels in the area, please see the following- [http://www.uiltexas.org/files/athletics/UIL\\_2018-2019\\_Website\\_Hotel\\_Listing.pdf](http://www.uiltexas.org/files/athletics/UIL_2018-2019_Website_Hotel_Listing.pdf)

**Contestant Bibs:** All contestants must wear issued bibs attached to the front of their jersey. Safety pins are provided to attach the bib. Timing chips are attached to the runner's bib. Please make sure the bib is securely fastened to the front of the uniform top.

**School Tents:** School "team" tents may be set up in the designated area off of Aten Loop south of the Start Line Check-In Tent (see map). Please note that only school personnel with a school parking pass will be allowed into the event area where the school tent area is located on Saturday. Tents may be set up on Friday afternoon.

**Competition Course:** The meet course will be available for school warm-ups no earlier than 12:00pm on Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Marking the course prior to competition in any manner will constitute possible disqualification of a school, individual or team. All runners shall be instructed to run between cones and/or flags, which will outline the course. Inspectors and course marshals will be positioned along the course to observe and report any infraction.

**Officials:** The UIL Staff will appoint a meet referee. National Federation Rules for Cross Country will be followed. Decisions of the meet referee are final. Protests must be submitted in writing to the meet director to be reviewed by the jury of appeals.

**Games Committee:** The meet games committee will be appointed by the Cross Country Director prior to the start of the competition. A jury of appeals will be utilized when needed.

**Jury of Appeals:** The Jury of Appeals will serve as the final board of appeals. The Jury of Appeals will include the UIL Cross Country Director, UIL Athletic Director, State Meet Referee, and any other meet official appointed by the meet director. See Jury of Appeals process below .

### Appeal/Protest Process

#### *FOR: Misapplication of the rules*

- For an appeal/protest to take place: (must be submitted within 30 minutes after the announcement of event results)
  1. Must be filed/presented in written form (on UIL protest form) by the school coach after **first** appealing to the referee
    - i. "[UIL Protest Form](#)" can be obtained at the UIL Tent
  2. Must include competitor's name, school, and bib number.
  3. Must include the rule in question.
  4. A brief description of the situation or ruling being appealed.

**\*\*No video review will be allowed for misapplication of rules appeal.**

#### *FOR: Correction of clerical or team scoring errors*

- Must be protested/appealed within 30 minutes after the announcement of event results.

\*All appeals/protests, must begin with a verbal appeal to the Meet Referee (**Dave Dunbar**)

**Starting Area:** Contestants MUST be “**competition ready**” (warm-ups removed, dressed in a legal uniform, spikes on) upon arrival to the starting area.

- Athletes scheduled to compete must report as a **complete team** 20 minutes prior the scheduled start time.
- Starting box assignments established by the UIL Staff through a seeding process are included in the team packet.
- The command shall be, “Runners Set;” and when all competitors are steady, the pistol shall be fired. In an unfair start, the starter or back-up starter shall recall the runners by firing the pistol. If a runner falls during the first 100m due to contact with another runner, the race shall be recalled by firing the pistol.
- Parents, athletic trainers, coaches and managers are prohibited from accessing the starting area.

**Finish Chute:** Chute inspectors will help supervise the runners after they enter. Spectators are prohibited inside the chute.

**Results:** Final results will be posted at the meet site. Official results will be posted on the UIL Website.

<http://www.uilTEXAS.org/cross-country/state/cross-country-state-meet-qualifiers-results>

**Trainers:** Athletic trainers will be available at the tent located inside the finish line area. EMT personnel will be onsite for emergencies.

**Awards:** Medals will be presented approximately 30 minutes after each conference’s race (boys and girls) and after official results have been posted.

- The first, second, and third-place team will receive a trophy.
- Seven team members from the first, second, and third-place teams will receive medals.
  - One coach from the winning teams will receive a medal
  - Schools with award winning teams may purchase additional medals for team alternates.
- The first ten finishers in each race will receive medals.

**Programs:** Each team will be provided 1 program in their school packet. Additional programs will be available for purchase.

**Photos:** 1<sup>st</sup> Photo Texas, the UIL sanctioned photographer, will be taking photos at the awards stand. Coaches, parents or other individuals will **not** be permitted on the course or in the awards area to take pictures. Please visit the 1<sup>st</sup> Photo Texas’ website to order photos ([www.1stphototexas.com](http://www.1stphototexas.com)).

**Restrooms:** Portable toilets will be available to the public and contestants.

**Food and Beverage:** Concessions will be available from 8:00am-3:30pm at the course site.

## **STATE MEET SCHEDULE**

All events will run at their scheduled time. EXCEPTION: The Games Committee in collaboration with the referee may suspend the meet due to an emergency, such as hazardous weather conditions.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Time</b>
6A GIRLS	5K	8:30 AM
6A BOYS	5K	9:10 AM
1A GIRLS	3200m	9:50 AM
1A BOYS	5K	10:20 AM
2A GIRLS	3200m	11:00 AM
2A BOYS	5K	11:30 AM
3A GIRLS	3200m	12:10 PM
3A BOYS	5K	12:40 PM
4A GIRLS	3200m	1:20 PM
4A BOYS	5K	1:50 PM
5A GIRLS	5K	2:30 PM
5A BOYS	5K	3:10 PM

## **BROADCAST INFORMATION**

### **UIL Cross Country State Meet to Stream Live on the NFHS Network**

The University Interscholastic League is pleased to announce that the 2018 UIL Cross Country State Meet will be available LIVE on the NFHS Network. Live coverage of the UIL Cross Country State Meet begins on Saturday, Nov. 3 at 8:30 a.m.

Fans, family and alumni unable to attend the event can watch the Cross Country State Meet live online with a subscription at <http://www.nfhsnetwork.com/associations/uil>. Subscribers can also watch on the go by downloading the NFHS Network app for iPhone and Android devices.

The NFHS Network is the nation's leading destination for live coverage of high school sports and events and is a joint venture between the NFHS, its member associations – including the UIL – and PlayOn! Sports.

## RUN-OUT PROCEDURE

*All contestants must report to the start line no later than 20 minutes prior to the race time.*

1. Clerks will check each contestant bib number and box assignment.
2. *“Step – out”* will occur at a specified time for each contestant which consists of the contestant stepping out of the start box about 3 yards at the time of the announcement of name or team name and raise their hand(s) for recognition.
3. Step – out introduction will proceed as follows:
  - **15 minutes prior** - Announcer will announce individual participants by box assignment beginning with contestants
  - **10 minutes prior** - Announcer will BEGIN announcing school teams by box assignment beginning outside and working according to this schedule:

BOX #	ASSIGNMENT	INTRODUCTION TIME
1	4 <sup>th</sup> PLACE TEAM	10 MINUTES PRIOR TO RACE
2	4 <sup>th</sup> PLACE TEAM	10 MINUTES PRIOR TO RACE
3	3 <sup>rd</sup> PLACE TEAM	10 MINUTES PRIOR TO RACE
4	3 <sup>rd</sup> PLACE TEAM	10 MINUTES PRIOR TO RACE
5	INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS	15 MINTUES PRIOR TO RACE
6	2 <sup>nd</sup> PLACE TEAM	7 MINUTES PRIOR TO RACE
7	2 <sup>nd</sup> PLACE TEAM	7 MINUTES PRIOR TO RACE
8	INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS	15 MINUTES PRIOR TO RACE
9	1 <sup>st</sup> PLACE TEAM	6 MINUTES PRIOR TO RACE
10	1 <sup>st</sup> PLACE TEAM	6 MINUTES PRIOR TO RACE
11	INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS	15 MINUTES PRIOR TO RACE
12	1 <sup>st</sup> PLACE TEAM	6 MINUTES PRIOR TO RACE
13	1 <sup>st</sup> PLACE TEAM	6 MINUTES PRIOR TO RACE
14	INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS	15 MINUTES PRIOR TO RACE
15	2 <sup>nd</sup> PLACE TEAM	7 MINUTES PRIOR TO RACE
16	2 <sup>nd</sup> PLACE TEAM	7 MINUTES PRIOR TO RACE
17	INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIERS	15 MINUTES PRIOR TO RACE
18	3 <sup>rd</sup> PLACE TEAM	10 MINUTES PRIOR TO RACE
19	3 <sup>rd</sup> PLACE TEAM	10 MINUTES PRIOR TO RACE
20	4 <sup>th</sup> PLACE TEAM	10 MINUTES PRIOR TO RACE
21	4 <sup>th</sup> PLACE TEAM	10 MINUTES PRIOR TO RACE

# State Cross Country Course Map

3200 Meter Course - RED LINE on Course



# State Cross Country Course Map

5000 Meter Course - WHITE LINE on Course





## SCHOOL PARKING

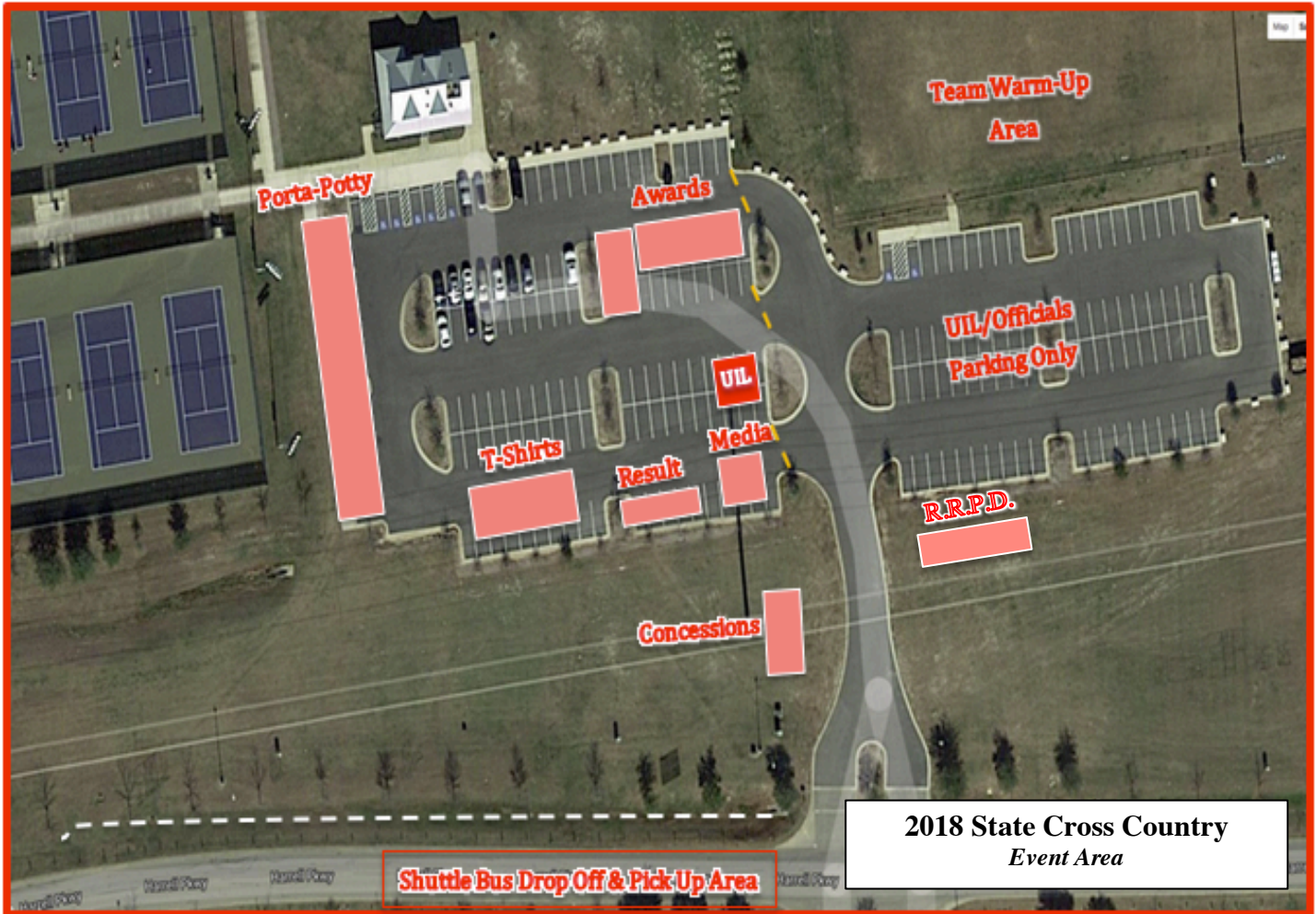
**Gates will open at 6:15am.** One parking pass will be issued to each team in their school packet. Only coaches and teams will enter the park with a choice of Aten Loop off of Old Settlers Blvd **OR** Oatts Ln off of Red Bud Ln. Administrators and parents **WILL NOT** be allowed to enter or park in the designated school parking areas. Tents or other supplies must be transported by the school.

At the conclusion of competition, school vehicles **MUST** exit on Harrell Pkwy.

- School vehicles **MUST** be parked in designated parking lots. No parking is allowed on Aten Loop or Harrell Pkwy.
- Participants are **NOT** allowed to warm-up on roadways.
- Areas have been designated for warm-ups and school tents.



# EVENT AREA MAP



# START/FINISH AREA MAP

