

Coaches!

Welcome to the 2018 Spartan Invitational. Please review this important information. This year we will again approach 7,000 registered athletes and well over 400 teams. The more we can all get on the same page, the smoother and more enjoyable the day will be!

START LISTS

Start lists that include on-time registrants (Monday, 5 p.m.) are attached. Thank you for getting your rosters to us by the deadline. If you missed the deadline, but have contacted us, your rosters will be in your packet.

SCHEDULE NOTE!

We are following the published schedule included on the Coaches Instructions (attached) in your packet and published on Baumspage earlier this summer.

For Your GPS

Boardman High School
7777 Glenwood Avenue
Boardman, OH 44512

- ***Busses – Please enter the bus only area using the Glenwood Middle School driveway NORTH of the WOODS. Busses should not enter via the main BHS entrances on Glenwood or Market Street.***

ATHLETES FINISHING AFTER 35:00 #1

Athletes taking longer than 35:00 to finish can no longer be included in our printed results. We will attempt to, but can't guarantee, a running clock so they can note their finish time. This is a 5 minute extension over 2017.

ATHLETES FINISHING AFTER 35:00 #2

Athletes finishing after 35:00 may not cross the finish line as their chip will register with the race currently taking place. Please instruct any athletes affected by this to veer to the right as they finish and to continue to the water, chip return area.

MED TENTS

It's going to be hot & humid Saturday. We will again have expanded medical capability and have partnered with Akron Children's to have sports medicine physicians, RN's, and certified AT's at the main tent in the finish area. Additional tents will be located near the mile marker, and on top of the hill near the sports complex. The main tent will have a cooling tub to be used if necessary.

MED TENT PROTOCOL

If an athlete of yours is being treated in a med tent, we ask that you wait to be invited to enter. Please see one of our uniformed police officers who will assist. "On demand" entry is not an option due to privacy and appropriate care considerations. Once admitted, you and parents may remain if following the instructions of our medical staff, treating them with respect, and not interfering in anyone's care. We ask that you direct any teammates not being treated to exit the tent and return to your team camp.

Our medical personnel have an ethical obligation to remove athletes from the race who are suffering from obvious physical distress. If a medical professional - doctor, registered nurse, or athletic trainer - begins treatment of an athlete they have rendered judgement that immediate treatment is necessary. This takes precedence over the athlete's competition status. If this unfortunate situation occurs, they cannot be interfered with by officials, teammates, or coaches.

ICE

You will notice an ice chest near Glenwood Middle School. It is there only to stock our medical tents and water tables. Hopefully, it will be locked. If it's not, please respect that and remind your team and parents that you've been a responsible coach and have adequate water / ice / etc., for standard use.

NEW COURSE CONFIGURATION FOR MS (Map Attached)

The new Middle School course is a 2-mile double loop on the "front only" portion of the course. Middle school runners will use the traditional start, finish, and "front only" course configuration. As shown on the map, they will no longer cross the road by the Sports Complex. Instead, they will turn right when nearing the discus cage at the top of the hill.

PARKING

*Please tell parents GPS may take them to either a Market Street or a Glenwood Avenue entrance to BHS. Cars and vans can use either. **Buses may use neither.** All bus parking is at **Glenwood Middle School**. The bus entrance will be well marked and is just north of the high school on Glenwood Avenue.*

*So, **all buses should enter from Glenwood Avenue.** No buses should enter from Market Street (Rt. 7). See the attached MAP for location of Bus Entrance.*

There is a \$3 per vehicle charge for spectator parking. No charge for buses.

SCRATCHES

No need to formally notify at this point. Merely return unused chips to the Registration Tent (south end of Glenwood MS lot) when you pick up your packet.

TEAM CAMPS

Be sure to set tents at least 30-40 feet away from the middle school building. If you get too close security will ask you to move your tent.

RESTROOM FACILITIES

Porta-Johns are in the parking lots in front of Glenwood Middle School, at the football stadium, and in the **NIKE / Second Sole Celebration Village**. 'Brick & Mortar' restrooms are inside Boardman High School.

T-SHIRTS

Commemorative t-shirts sell out early every year. They will be on Pre-Sale at the Boardman Second Sole beginning Friday, September 14.

Legends Cross Country Meet

Emily Infeld, Sid Sink, Sam Bair, Les Nagy, and Paul Talkington will be honored at this year's LEGENDS cross country meet! Always a great event. Get your team involved on October 6th. Just click the link above for more information! Flier is attached.

Lightning/Thunderstorms

Looks like weather will be good, but I've just jinxed us... Please direct your athletes to return to your team bus if we need to shelter from lightning/thunder. Parents should shelter in their vehicles. **If we need to shelter mid-race, umpires will blow air horns to alert competitors.** Boardman High School will also be open if we have a catastrophic weather event.

Regional Information

Once again, we are OHSAA mandated to collect a \$7 entry fee from all spectators at the Regional Meet. More specifics on process as we get closer, but please begin to remind your parents.

Safe Travels!

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