

October 6, 2017

Dear Coaches,

Welcome to the 10th Annual Andrews Osborne Academy Cross Country Invitational. We appreciate your attendance at our meet and hope that you and your athletes have an enjoyable and memorable time. The meet again has a lot of fast competition so we are expecting a competitive and exciting invitational.

A few notes to go over beforehand to help everything run as smoothly as possible:

We are asking that all buses park at Todd Park (located just west of campus on the other side of the Mentor Ave. bridge) to allow more parking for parents and other spectators at the school. Please have buses drop off your team using the Mentor Ave. entrance.

Spectator parking will be in the Van Gorder and Field House parking lots. Access to these lots will be from the Kirtland Road entrance ONLY. There will be a \$4 fee for all cars parking in these lots. **Parents and spectators should not park in the Willoughby Fine Arts Association parking lot as that lot is needed for patrons of the Fine Arts building.** Overflow parking will be at Todd Park and a shuttle bus will be available to shuttle spectators from the park to the campus. Please be sure to relay this information to your runner's families as we have had some issues in the past.

Check-in/registration will be located near the start/finish line. This is a change from its location last year so as to put it right next to the timing and operations area.

We will again be utilizing chip timing provided by Great Lakes Race Timing. Please email the timing company at info@greatlakesracetiming.com your varsity 7 runners prior to the race. Varsity 7 need to be declared by 8:30am. If you need to make changes to your lineups you can do that when you check in. When you arrive please check-in at the check-in/registration table and turn in bibs of any of your runners that are no longer running in the meet. Teams that do not turn in their unused bibs will unfortunately be charged the cost of the bib.

All results will be based on the chip time. Close finishes can be reviewed and confirmed via high speed camera and the first runner to break the plane of the leading edge of the timing mat will be awarded the better finishing place.

Awards will be handed out after the race is complete and results have been finalized. Team awards and first through fifth will be handed to the recipients during each race's award ceremony. After results have been announced, an envelope with any other awards your team has earned in that race will be available for pick up by coaches only, at the check-in/registration table.

The results of the races, including individual places and times along with team scores, will be posted by the concession stand on the window of the Lee building. This year, we will again have live results available on Baum's page as well as TV screens set up for runners to check their individual results and stats. In addition to the live final times there will also be live mile splits and live team rankings based off of the mile splits. The link to these splits is accessible from [baumspage](#) and greatlakesracetiming.com.

In all varsity races, you must enter between five and seven runners. Those with less than five runners must run in the open/jv race. Likewise if you have more than seven runners the extra runners must run in the open/jv race. Only one team per school per varsity race.

Starting assignments are in your packet and available on Baum's Page. Only coaches and athletes running the race are allowed into the starting/finish area. Please keep runners away from the finish line so as to avoid accidentally triggering the timing system resulting in false readings.

Every team has been provided with a large garbage bag. Please use this bag to throw away all trash in your team area before you leave and then tie the bag up and leave it where you set up camp so that one of our maintenance staff members can come around to pick it up

We are hoping that the weather will cooperate, however in the case of severe weather the turf soccer field located in the Indoor Athletic Center and the small gym located in the Osborne building will be opened as storm shelters. Otherwise, we ask that everyone stay out of all buildings. Port-o-potties are located near both team camping areas.

In addition to this invitational, we have the Phoenix 5k race that will be occurring directly after this invitational promptly at 3pm. All are welcome to attend and participate for a \$10 entry fee. As an additional incentive a special division has been created just for coaches with an award going to the top finishing coach. If you are interested there is a form in your envelope with more details as well as on baumspage.

Thank you and good luck!

Coach Starkey Coach Blasko Coach Lariccia