

Dear Coaches,

I hope you all are enjoying a pleasant spring. We here at GA are already preparing for next fall and the Gilmour Academy Paul Primeau Cross Country Invitational.

Our meet has become very competitive, with many top-tier teams and outstanding individuals that end up racing at National Trail in November. We are certainly thrilled with the success of the meet, and we are committed to making this year's event the best it can be. This year's meet will be held on Friday September 27, 2019. We hope that you will be able to attend.

This will be the **60th annual** running of the oldest continually-run cross country meet in the state of Ohio. The course is mostly flat and fast, and blends both wooded areas and open fields. **We will be using automatic chip timing.** Timers will be provided at the one mile and two mile splits. Registration will be through Baumspage.com, and more information will follow in August after we receive your confirmation.

Because of the overwhelming numbers of entries last year, we will divide the races into two divisions, based on OHSAA enrollment figures. The Gray division consists of Division I teams. The Blue division will be Division II and Division III schools. With the coming divisional realignment, if you are not sure which division you will be in this coming season, please indicate which division you think you will be in. We can adjust in the fall. **Teams with less than 5 individuals must compete in the open races. No exceptions.**

As we did last year, teams will be allowed to enter nine (9) runners in the varsity race, but regular scoring rules will apply. The eighth and ninth runners will not displace runners from other teams. This will allow coaches to make decisions about line-ups as we approach conference and district championships. In addition, with added runners in the line-up, schools will be limited to one team in the varsity race.

The schedule is as follows
Blue Division Boys: 4:00 PM
Gray Division Boys: 4:30 PM
Blue Division Girls: 5:00 PM
Gray Division Girls: 5:30 PM
JV/Open Boys: 6:00 PM
JV/Open Girls: 6:30 PM

2018 participating teams that placed at the State Championships:

- Bay Boys (4th in DII)
- St. Ignatius (6th in DI)
- Gilmour Girls (7th in DIII)
- Beaumont (8th in DII)
- Chagrin Falls Girls (9th in DII)
- Gilmour Boys (11th in DIII)
- University School (15th in DI)
- NDCL Boys (15th in DII)



Because of the strong response last year, we encourage you to get your entries in as soon as possible. Either e-mail me or return the attached form, and our athletic department will send your school an online contract via MyOHSAA. **In order to have a safe, enjoyable race, we are limiting the field to the first 18 schools in each division that enter.**

The cost will be \$150.00 for one team and \$250.00 for two teams.

We will have team trophies for first, second and third places in the varsity races and a trophy for the top team in the JV races. In addition, there will be individual awards for both varsity and open races, including plaques for the individual champions.

Please return the enclosed contract to indicate your participation by June 1, 2019 to ensure your spot in the meet. We hope to see you here!

Yours truly,



Matthew Lindley
Head Coach/Meet Manager



2019 Gilmour Academy Paul Primeau Cross Country Invitational

September 27, 2019

_____ will/will not attend this year's Gilmour Paul Primeau Cross Country Invitational.

Circle races:

Boys: Varsity	Open	Girls: Varsity	Open
Division:	Blue (DII-III)	Gray(DI)	

Coach's name: _____

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