

18th Annual Salem Early Bird Cross Country Invitational

Saturday, August 29, 2020
Salem Memorial Park
Salem, Ohio

Instructions for Spectators

Dated: 08/24/2020

As a follower of OHSAA Cross Country, you are quite aware of the *great spectacle* “Our Sport” provides to participants and spectators alike. This year we are faced with new challenge though. The *Salem High School Athletic Department & Salem Early Bird Meet Management* is committed to executing the level of event that you have come accustomed to while also conducting it in the safest manor possible. Dealing with the current virus has sited us with needed while unpopular restrictions. While some of these requirements may seem cumbersome, we are approaching these circumstances seriously and expect you as a spectator to follow our guidelines in an admirable manor.

1) Spectator Limit

It is to the meet management’s regret that spectators at the *Salem Early Bird XC Invitational* must be limited to two (2) per athlete. This restriction is based on OHSAA recommended guidelines. It is requested that spectating be done in a revolving fashion to limit the numbers onsite at any one time. Please plan to arrive in time only to view your athlete’s race then exit the venue upon its finish. The elderly and those with preexisting medical conditions are strongly encouraged to not attend. They can view live results as they come in at <http://timingcrew.com> .

2) Parking

The main parking lot accessed from Superior will be closed to spectators and only be accessible to officials and meet management. It is our recommendation that spectators park in the Salem High School main lot and take a short 10 minute walk around Hope Cemetery to the park. Additional parking is also located off Ellsworth Ave behind the Centerplex. The Sunset Blvd lot is primarily for team busses.

3) Restrooms

There are two restroom facilities at the park. One near the Band Shell and the other near the pond. Each building has a Ladies’ & Men’s side. Only 4 individuals are permitted in each Men’s or Ladies’ restroom at one time. Others must wait in a line outside while maintaining 6 foot distancing. Those using the restrooms must carry personal hand sanitizer. Restrooms are primarily for use of the athletes so please plan accordingly, you may regret having that 2nd cup of coffee.

4) Required Gear

All attending the meet with no exception must wear a face covering. This shall not be removed as long as one is in the park and the event is active. It is strongly suggested that individuals carry had sanitizer which is also a requirement if using the rest rooms.

5) Team Camps

Team camps are restricted solely to school board approved athletes, coaches & support staff. Spectators may not enter the team camp area.

6) Viewing the Race

Spectating is limited to course viewing only. No close viewing of starting line and finish area's is permitted. Position yourself a minimum of 10 feet from the race course and 6 feet from any other individuals. With a 5k high school & 3200 meter middle school race course, there is an abundant number of viewing areas to choose from so do not feel that you have to follow everyone else. The athletes need encouragement even more in the most remote locations. Under no circumstances can a parent or spectator enter the finish area and this could be grounds for a disqualification.

7) Maps

Maps of the course and the location of the park can be viewed online. It is recommended that coaches, athletes & parents download maps from Baumspage.com prior to meet arrival. Printed maps & results will not be distributed at the meet.

8) Results

To promote distancing, all results will only be posted electronically. Live results can be accessed at <http://timingcrew.com> . A link to this will also be present on **Baumspage** under **Salem Early Bird Invitational**.

9) Conclusion

While some of these requirements may seem cumbersome, we are approaching these circumstances seriously and expect you as a spectator to do the same. The continuation of the 2020 OHSAA Cross Country season depends on the successful implementation of the early season meets like the *Salem Early Bird Invitational*. Thank you again for your interest in attending.

Sincerely,

Salem High School Athletic Dept.

Salem Early Bird Meet Management