

“The” COVID Tiger Classic

August 29, 2020

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Admission to the event is \$5.00 per ticket.

Hello Coaches and Athletic Directors!

This year Seneca East will be hosting its 8th annual cross country invitational! The course runs on the grounds of the school complex and adjoining woods. On the day of the race, the course will be clearly marked and painted as if it's a highway. Attached are course maps for both the junior high and high school courses. The maps also list areas of interest including bus and spectator parking, team camps, restrooms, concessions, and where to collect team and individual awards.

Unfortunately, this year is certainly going to be different than in years past, as there will not be award ceremonies, concessions will be limited, and spectators will be limited as well. With that being said, the Seneca County Health Department approved our meet with some expectations. First, masks are to be worn by coaches, athletes, and spectators at all times, unless competing in the race or taking part in a warm-up or cool-down. Next, a specific number of athletes, workers, and spectators are permitted on the grounds at one time. In order to meet this number, spectators must be limited, and there will be specific expectations for arriving and leaving the meet. Schools and spectators in the Orange Division are to arrive no sooner than 1 hour and 15 minutes prior to their first race! White Division schools are required to collect awards, complete cool downs, and exit the grounds as soon as the last race is complete. White Division teams and spectators are NOT permitted to stay during the Orange Division races. There will be a 1.5 hour gap between the White and Orange Divisions to assist in this matter. The total number of spectators per school is going to be contingent on the number of athletes each school has, and which division you are competing in. White and Orange Division schools will have 1.5 spectators per athlete. By limiting the number of spectators on the grounds, we will be able to meet the number required by the Seneca County Health Department. It is imperative that we meet this number, therefore everyone must follow the expectations! Finally, in order to limit the amount of contact individuals encounter while attending the meet, tickets will be mailed to each school this week, and should arrive no later than Tuesday, August 25th. Spectators will be **REQUIRED** to present the ticket and \$5 when they enter the school campus. No one will be admitted without a ticket, and security officers will be present.

This year the races will be split into two divisions, and awards will be handed out to the top 3 teams and top 25 finishers in each race, allowing ample award opportunities for your athletes! We have assigned divisions taking into consideration enrollment figures. Races are labeled as “White Division” being the smaller schools, and “Orange Division” being the larger sized schools. Junior high teams are also assigned to the same division as their respective high school teams or the respective high school teams that their middle schools feed into. We will be using electronic chip timing once again this year! **BE SURE TO RUN THE RACE YOU HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED** or else issues may occur with the timing system. If you have any questions regarding your race assignment please contact the meet manager (contact info located at bottom of meet info). New this season, it is imperative that coaches from each school collect their team's chips and return them prior to leaving the meet. Athletes are NOT permitted to take them off at the finish line. Any chip not turned in will result in a \$25.00 fee sent to your school athletic director.

Again, this year will certainly be different, and there will be a final meet expectations informational sheet that will be sent out in the near future. This informational sheet will provide coaches with all of the information they need to know before coming to the meet. We understand the expectations are many, but it is what we have to do in order to have a safe and acceptable meet for our student athletes. We truly hope you enjoy your day at Seneca East! Any feedback is more than welcome, and will be reviewed for future meets as our ultimate goal is to put on a first-class event for everyone!

Divisional Assignments

White Division Teams: (15)

Cory Rawson, Elmwood, Findlay St. Michaels (JH Only), Gibsonburg, Hopewell Loudon, Lakota, Mohawk, New Riegel, North Baltimore, Old Fort, Ridgedale, Seneca East, Tiffin Calvert, Woodmore, Wynford

Orange Division Teams: (9)

Bellevue, Columbian, Edison, Fostoria, Galion, Lake, Norwalk, Perrysburg (JH Only), Willard

Awards:

Award winners will not be recognized on the Tiger Classic Podium, to help limit the congregation of large groups of individuals. The podium will still be up, and athletes are welcome to take their own pictures throughout the day while minding recommended social distancing guidelines.

- Awards are to be picked up at the awards area located next to the podium. Coaches and/or athletes wearing a mask are welcome to pick up awards.
- Coaches, please be sure to check at the awards area prior to leaving the meet in order to ensure all of your school's awards have been collected.

“The” Tiger Classic Race Schedule

| Race | Race Time | Team Awards | Individual Awards |
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| High School Girls White Division (All Runners Participate) | 8:30 a.m. | Top 3 Teams <i>Trophies</i> | Runners 1-16 <i>Glass Plaque</i> Runners 17-25 <i>Medal</i> |
| High School Boys White Division (All Runners Participate) | 9:10 a.m. | Top 3 Teams <i>Trophies</i> | Runners 1-16 <i>Glass Plaque</i> Runners 17-25 <i>Medal</i> |
| Junior High Girls White Division (All Runners Participate) | 9:50 a.m. | Top 3 Teams <i>Trophies</i> | Runners 1-10 <i>Plaque</i> Runners 11-25 <i>Medal</i> |
| Junior High Boys White Division (All Runners Participate) | 10:20 a.m. | Top 3 Teams <i>Trophies</i> | Runners 1-10 <i>Plaque</i> Runners 11-25 <i>Medal</i> |
| High School Girls Orange Division (All Runners Participate) | 12:45 p.m. | Top 3 Teams <i>Trophies</i> | Runners 1-16 <i>Glass Plaque</i> Runners 17-25 <i>Medal</i> |
| High School Boys Orange Division (All Runners Participate) | 1:25 p.m. | Top 3 Teams <i>Trophies</i> | Runners 1-16 <i>Glass Plaque</i> Runners 17-25 <i>Medal</i> |
| Junior High Girls Orange Division (All Runners Participate) | 2:05 p.m. | Top 3 Teams <i>Trophies</i> | Runners 1-10 <i>Plaque</i> Runners 11-25 <i>Medal</i> |
| Junior High Boys Orange Division (All Runners Participate) | 2:35 p.m. | Top 3 Teams <i>Trophies</i> | Runners 1-10 <i>Plaque</i> Runners 11-25 <i>Medal</i> |

Packets

Please pick up your packets near the start and finish line when you arrive at the meet. As usual, we will be attempting to greet your team bus with your packets as you arrive.

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, please move all athletes to school buses/parent transportation. Coaches should report to the school office (front entrance of school) to meet and find out more information. Please keep phones handy, as email communication can be used throughout the day in the event of a weather delay.

Chip Timing

In each packet there will be a bib number and chip for each runner submitted. All coaches must return their athletes' chips to the finish line prior to leaving the meet. A fee of \$25 will be charged to athletic directors for each chip not returned.

Starting Boxes

Starting boxes will be assigned to comply with OHSAA regulations, and they will be setup to follow the COVID Guidelines (more information in pre-race informational email). Starting box numbers will be printed on the front of your team packets.

Entries

Entries must be completed online using www.baumspage.com. Runners must be entered by **Tuesday August 25th 12:00 Noon**. If you have any questions regarding Baumspage registration please contact the Meet Manager, Matt Schock, by email at mschock@se-tigers.com or phone (419) 618-8974

Fees

HS Teams \$75 each (\$150 total)

JH Teams \$25 each (\$50 total)

T-shirts & Concessions

T-shirts will be available near the concession stand area at a cost of \$15.00. There will be a limited amount of pre-packaged food and drink available, as well as Kona Ice items available for purchase throughout the day!

Team Drop-off Information

Buses will be directed to unload athletes near the concessions and awards area, and then proceed to park in designated bus parking area. Due to COVID guidelines, bus drivers will not be permitted into the school during the meet this year.

Spectator Parking

As noted above, there is a \$5.00 charge per ticket this year, and the tickets are limited and will be sent out to coaches in the mail. Coaches may distribute the tickets amongst their teams however they would like, but a ticket is required for entry to the meet.

Contact Information for "The" Tiger Classic Operations

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