

Reminders for Wednesday's Suburban League Championship Meet

BUS ENTRANCE

Buses should enter via GATE 10 off of Leffingwell Rd. Bus parking lot will be clearly marked & straight ahead. A parking area and entrance map is attached to this message.

SPECTATOR ENTRANCES

Cars may enter from EITHER GATE 9 (rt. 46) OR GATE 10 (Leffingwell Rd.) this year. It would really help the rt. 46 traffic if the spectators **coming to the fairgrounds from the south enter via the Leffingwell entrance** (Gate 10), **and all other spectators enter via the rt. 46 entrance** (Gate 9). **There is a \$3 charge for parking (per car) at this event, payable upon entrance.** Again, a parking area and entrance map is attached to this message.

HANDICAP PARKING

Spectators who require close parking should identify themselves at either entrance. They will be directed to the parking lot near the finish area, next to the buses, for easier access.

EXIT THE EVENT

During the event -- if racing is still going on -- please ask your parents to ONLY use GATE 8A! This will be marked. After the racing is over, anyone can exit anywhere they please. We plan to have several gates open. See attached parking & entrance map.

COACH'S PACKETS

Packet pick ups will be at the finish area upon team arrival.

MAPS

Course maps will be available at the T-Shirt sales table. A copy is also attached to this message. Every effort will be made to make the HS course 3.1 mi, and the MS course 2.0 mi. It will be clearly mowed, double-lined and all turns will be marked well.

CHANGES

[1] The first turn (roughly 1000ft in... at the end of the first straight-away) has been "softened" since our races are always so large. This should reduce any "bottleneck" formerly at that tree, but shortens the course a bit.

[2] The finish area is moved up directly near the garage to provide easier access to electricity, but lengthens the course a bit.

[3] The preceding two minor changes will move our mile markers slightly from what's shown on the attached map -- but they will be accurately & clearly marked on our course that day, and very similar to the attached map.

[4] The race is chip timed this year -- so instead of the old finish chute area, there will be a large finish corral (similar to other locations) for runners to break, re-group, have water, and detach their chip for return.

[5] Award go the top 50 in each race -- and can be picked up at the T-Shirt tent this year shortly after each race.

T-SHIRTS

T-shirts are available for \$15 at a tent near the finish line.

CONCESSIONS

Keich Concessions will have food vendors & Kona Ice is coming again.

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They will be directly behind the start line, and also beside the finish area.

TEAM SETUPS

Teams are free to set up anywhere they like, as long as they are not on the course. Directly north of the finish area is common.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Second Sole, who is providing our race clocks and other supplies. And Saucony is coming with their usual runner-friendly setup, west of the finish area. Our league has updated this event with chip timing this year -- which have been provided by GOPHERARUN.

VISITING THE COURSE

Our area of the fairgrounds is off limits (Swap Meet weekend) until sometime Sunday afternoon. You can visit anytime after that. Here's our prep schedule for reference: The course will have been "roughly" laid out & mowed by Sunday evening... and ruts filled... lined on Monday and Tuesday (depending on the weather)... and final mileage accurately adjusted, signs posted, starting blocks painted, final setups Wednesday morning/afternoon.

Fingers crossed the hurricane remnants go elsewhere... Good luck this weekend!