

**AIA Sectional
Cross Country Championships
Thursday, November 6, 2025**

Deadlines to be aware of are highlighted.

Location:

Glendale Heroes Park
8300 W Bethany Home Rd
Glendale, AZ 85303

There are two will be one gates to enter the park.

- One off Bethany Home Rd just east of 83rd ave. Limited access after 7:30am
- One off of 83rd Ave just north of Bethany Home Rd.

Time Schedule:

The schedule reflects the same order of divisions that will be run at state.

7:00 am	Course open
8:00 am	Division 2 - Northwest Boys
8:30 am	Division 2 - Northwest Girls
9:05 am	Division 2 - Northwest Awards
9:00 am	Division 2 - Metro Boys
9:30 am	Division 2 - Metro Girls
10:05 am	Division 2 - Metro Awards
10:00 am	Division 3 - Metro Boys
10:30 am	Division 3 - Metro Girls
11:05 am	Division 3 - Awards
11:00 am	Division 1 - Northeast Boys
11:30 am	Division 1 - Northeast Girls
12:05 pm	Division 1 - Awards
12:00 pm	Division 4 - Metro Boys
12:30 pm	Division 4 - Metro Girls
1:05 pm	Division 4 - Awards

Awards:

Medals will be awarded to the top fourteen (14) in each sectional.
The top team will receive the Sectional Championship Plaque.

An awards ceremony will be given from the ramada circle. The awards ceremony will be for both the boys and girls of the same division. The awards ceremony will be approximately 15 minutes following the conclusion of the final race for that division.

Course:

The course is mostly sidewalk, compact dirt, and grass.

A copy of the map is online at the AIA website under coaches → cross country.

Make copies of the map. Maps may not be provided in your team packet.

There will be course monitors on the course to direct athletes and to help with crowd control.

There will be abundant flagging and cones so the course is well designated.

The course will be open for preview throughout the day. Athletes in later races wanting to warm up on the course must use extreme caution.

Bicycles will NOT be allowed on the course.

Spikes are not allowed on the sectional courses or the state championship course. This includes “spikeless” shoes that have spikes as part of the sole of the shoe.

Finish Line:

There will be officials at the finish line to help ensure athlete safety and result accuracy.

Athletes will have RF tags attached to their bibs as the official timing and scoring method. Use of a camera and watch will serve as a back-up scoring method (will be reviewed by race officials if needed).

Coaches, athletes, and spectators are not permitted into the finish area. Athletes will be walked through the finish chute and exit to the northern end of the field where they can be greeted.

The finish line will be using chip timing pads. In order to keep the results accurate and timely, please ensure that any athletes with bibs on avoid the finish line as other races are finishing.

Parking:

Buses may drop teams off in the park but then MUST leave the park. Bus parking is reserved at Westside Church located one block east of the park on Bethany Home Rd.

Minibuses and school vans that take up only one parking space may park in the parking lot.

Spectator parking will be available in the parking lots.

Team Camps:

Team camps may be set up in the ramadas or in the grass fields next to the starting line.

Teams are responsible for ensuring that their camp area is clean of all debris before departing the meet. Good environmental stewardship is the responsibility of all.

NO staking of team tents is allowed in the grass at the park.

Spectators:

Spectators are to be aware of racers at all times.

Spectators are to follow the commands of the course monitors to ensure athlete safety. Spectators deliberately disobeying course monitors or race officials are subject to removal and their team's disqualification. Please ensure your spectators are aware of the expectations for appropriate and safe cross country cheering.

Bathrooms:

There will be bathrooms available in the building next to the ramada circle (next to the playground). There will also be portable toilets next to that building as well for athlete use. There are additional bathroom buildings in the park between the start and finish lines.

Medical:

There will be Athletic Trainers on site to assist with medical needs. Athletic Trainers will be located in the finish line area.

Schools are required to bring their own water for athletes and spectators.

Water will NOT be available at the finish line for athletes upon finishing. All athletes and teams are required to bring their own, labeled, water containers.

Section Entry Procedure:

Each team may designate up to seven runners.

Entries are to be submitted online at www.athletic.net

Entry deadline is Sunday, November 2, by 2:00pm.

Changes to your entries will be allowed at check in.

It is recommended that you add this meet to your calendar sooner than later.

IF you do NOT have a athletic.net account you need to allow several days for your account to be set and activated.

All Athletes entered in the sectional Cross Country Championship; MUST have completed at least ONE race through the season.

State Qualification:

The top half (50%) of full finishing teams (5 athletes) will advance to state. If there is an odd number of scoring teams, then one additional team (even number) will advance. The next 7 individuals NOT on a qualifying team will advance to state.

State Entries:

Entries for the State Championships are to be made online at www.athletic.net.

Deadline for entries is Monday, November 10th by 2:00pm.

For a time schedule and more information on the state meet visit www.aiaonline.org and go to Sports>Cross Country.

Games Committee:

In the rare instance that a games committee is needed for a decision, the following will be represented:

Members are subject to change.

Matt Shannon	Pinnacle	Division 1
Michael Mendoza	Washington	Division 2
Kevin Riegle	Deer Valley	Division 3
Matt Hull	PCDS	Division 4
TBD	AIA	Referee
Julie Patton	Glendale	Administrator

Post-Race Meals:

If you are in need of eating establishments, the West Gate Entertainment area has countless restaurants—both sit down and fast service. West Gate is located off of Glendale Ave and 95th Ave.

Contact Information:

Email questions or concerns to Matthew Schmitt. Matthew.Schmitt@guhsdaz.org

Please call only on the day of the sectionals if there is some sort of crisis.
623.853.6903

Starting Boxes

Box	Division 1 NE Section	Division 2 NW Section	Division 2 Metro Section	Division 3 Metro Section	Division 4 Metro Section
1	Boulder Creek	Willow Canyon	Agua Fria	ALA - West Foothills	Wickenburg
2	Desert Ridge	Westview	Deer Valley	Tonopah Valley	Kingman Academy
3	Skyline	Washington	Alhambra	Cactus	Veritas Prep
4	Westwood	Barry Goldwater	Desert Edge	St. Marys	Highland Prep West
5	Dobson	Bradshaw Mountain	Betty H Fairfax	Chino Valley	Valley Lutheran
6	Gilbert	Canyon View	La Joya Community	Shadow Mountain	Heritage Academy Laveen
7	Red Mountain	Thunderbird	Buckeye Union	Coronado	Trivium Prep
8	Sandra Day O'Connor	Sunrise Mountain	Lake Havasu	Parker	Glendale Prep
9	Highland	Raymond S Kellis	Carl Hayden	Cortez	St. John Paul II
10	Mesa	Coconino	Metro Tech	Paradise Honors	Desert Star
11	Mountain View Mesa	Dysart	Centennial	Estrella Foothills	Ray
12	Pinnacle	Flagstaff	Mountain Pointe	Odyssey Institute	Cicero Prep
13	Millennium	Prescott	Central	Greenway	Phoenix Country Day
14	Mountain Ridge	Peoria	North	Northwest Christian	Camp Verde
15		Notre Dame Prep	Chaparral	Highland Prep	Phoenix Christian
16		Glendale	Sierra Linda	Moon Valley	ALA - Vistancia
17		Independence	Copper Canyon	Kingman	North Valley Christian
18		Ironwood	Youngker	Mohave	Arizona Lutheran
19			Verrado	Lee Williams	North Phoenix Prep
20					Great Hearts Anthem
21					Maryvale Prep