



2026 UHSAA Cross Country Championships

ATTENTION: ENTRY INFORMATION:

Entries will be made by **individual schools** at [SportTrax](#) and **must be completed by Sunday, October 18**. Entries will close at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, reopen at 12:00 p.m. on Monday for corrections, then close again on Monday at 6:00 p.m. Seeding will occur after this. Teams can register up to 9 athletes, but only 7 may compete.

Regions not competing in divisional races must send the region results to Chris Shipman (cshipman@uhsaa.org) immediately following their region meet.

Meet Information

Please read carefully even if you're an experienced coach, athlete or spectator.

The 2026 UHSAA State Cross Country Championships will be held Tuesday, October 27 and Wednesday, October 28, at the Sugar House Park. Sugar House Park is located at 1330 E. 2100 South, Salt Lake City. Team packets will be distributed at the pavilion near the start line area (listed on map). The facility will not open until one hour prior to the scheduled start of the first race for patrons (10:00 a.m. open for patrons; 9:30 a.m. for teams).

Parking

Vehicles will be charged \$30. RV's and other oversize vehicles will be charged at \$50, due to the use of multiple parking spots. Parking passes can be purchased on the UHSAA GoFan online ticket portal at <https://gofan.co/app/school/UHSAA>.

There will be no cash option for purchase. It is advised for everyone to pre-purchase passes to allow for faster parking and entrance into the facility.

Individuals who hold UHSAA Annual Passes will show the pass at the parking lot entry gate.

Patrons and teams are encouraged to leave after their respective awards ceremonies to allow more parking for patrons and team buses. There will be a parking attendant at the exit gate to ensure people do not enter the facility through an alternate route.

Schools who are planning on bringing student support buses will park in the designated bus parking. These buses must have an oversized parking ticket prior to arriving at Sugar House Park.

Team Entry

Buses will then proceed to the bus parking area (see on map). **Buses parked on the left hand side of the road will be towed.** When leaving, teams are encouraged to leave for the bus parking area for loading to leave.

Coaches will be required to be wearing their UHSAA-issued credential for certified coaches to coach in the meet. These coaches' passes will also be considered valid entry into the venue as long as coaches are entering with the team.

Teams are encouraged to show up no earlier than 1 hour (60 minutes) before the first race time in their classification to help with staggering the check-in process.

Bib Numbers for Competitors

Coaches, please check all bib-numbers with athletes on SportTrax! Team packets which will include bibs will be distributed near the starting line. Meticulous attention here will ensure accuracy for news releases and the UHSAA results. If anything is incorrect, please report it to the computer station near the

finish line to have it corrected. This must be done **BEFORE** the races take place. Information is only as accurate as what is received.

Results

All meet results will be posted live to the internet. As soon as a runner crosses a timing point, those results will be posted live to the results page. We expect the time interval to be less than 10 seconds between the runner crossing a timing point and the result being displayed on the results page. Timing points will be located at the 1-mile, 2-mile and the finish line marks. Results at each timing point will display both the individual positions & times and team positions & score.

Results can be found on the SportTrax website.

Final results will be posted on SportTrax in the **Results** tab. You can follow along with live results as they happen in the **Schedule** tab.

Race Procedures

Coaches, be sure your athletes understand these procedures:

Each athlete must wear the correct bib number that displays their name. Failure to wear the correct bib number may result in disqualification.

- The pre-assigned bib number with the chip must be pinned to the front chest only (use four pins).
- The other number (the one without the chip) must be pinned on the back of the uniform (use two pins).
 - o Note: The front and back numbers must match.
- Pins and numbers are included in the team packet.
- After crossing the finish line, athletes must keep moving through the chute since chip timing no longer makes it necessary to maintain finish order in the chute.

Certified Officials

Certified Officials will be on the course watching for violations.

Awards

Medals will be awarded to the top 10 individual finishers in each race. The first and second place boys' and girls' teams in each classification will receive trophies. All awards will be made as quickly after the finish as possible. Awards will be presented near the finish line (listed on map). Please be there on time to receive awards. Awards will be done by classification (for example: the 5A girls awards will be immediately followed by the 5A boys).

Schedule

Tuesday, October 27		Wednesday, October 28	
11:00	6A Girls	11:00	2A Girls
11:45	6A Boys	11:45	2A Boys
12:15	6A Awards	12:15	2A Awards
12:45	3A Girls	12:45	1A Girls
1:30	3A Boys	1:30	1A Boys
2:00	3A Awards	2:00	1A Awards
2:30	5A Girls	2:30	4A Girls
3:15	5A Boys	3:15	4A Boys
3:45	5A Awards	3:45	4A Awards

Races will not start prior to the listed times. Start times may be delayed by weather or meet conditions. Runners should check in well in advance of the listed start times. When a race is partially through the course, an announcement will be made at the starting line for teams in the next race to assemble. **Coaches are responsible for having teams ready to run immediately after the announcement.**

Qualification

Please see the Cross Country section of the [UHSAA Handbook](#), for qualifying procedures.

Practice at State Meet Site

No practice is allowed at the site of the state meet within two (2) weeks of the state competition. This includes walking the course as a team or as an individual.

Starting Positions

A random draw for team starting positions will be done and included in your packet.

Athletic Trainers and EMT

EMTs and athletic training volunteers will be on hand at the finish line. If you see someone in need, please assist by getting information concerning the location and problem to the start or finish lines immediately. The UHSAA strongly encourages all teams to bring their own athletic trainer, who will then coordinate with the UHSAA liaison for athletic trainers at the start line. Teams should plan on providing for all their own athletic training needs.

PARENTS ARE TO NOT ASSIST INJURED ATHLETES FOR LIABILITY REASONS.

1A Tiebreaker

With 1A Cross Country having a unique format, due to the decision of UHSAA Executive Committee 1A Classification representatives, the following will serve as the tiebreaker for 1A Cross Country:

- 1- All 1A teams will be scored on their top 4 finishers only.
- 2 - The 5th runner would be the tie breaker if both teams have five or more runners. If one team has five or more and another team has four runners, the fourth runner would be the tiebreaker.
- 3 - With a tie between teams that only have 4 runners the tie breaker would be the placement of the 4th runner.

Uniform Rule

Teams are reminded of the uniform rule from Rule 4, Section 3 of the NFHS Track and Field and Cross Country Rules Book and applicable sections of the NFHS Case Book. A copy of the Rules Book is sent to all UHSAA member schools each year. Please know the rule and abide by it. The ultimate responsibility to have each competitor compliant with uniform rules and other reasonable and legal items is with the coach.

[NFHS Track & Field and Cross Country Uniform Rule](#)

Assistance to Competitors

Coaches, please educate the members of your team, their parents and others that will come to support your student athletes that per rule 9-7-4 it is a disqualification for a competitor who receives any assistance from another person. The most common form of the violation of this rule is when a non-competitor runs alongside a competitor during the race (pacing). This has been a problem in the past. It would be unfortunate to have to disqualify a runner for the actions of someone not in the race. Please help by informing those who will be there to support your team. Also, any runner who assists another runner will also be disqualified.



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1330 2100 S, SALT LAKE CITY, UT