



WIAA DIVISION 2 STATE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS



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Dear Coach,

Congratulations on your athlete(s) qualifying for the 2020 WIAA State Cross Country meet. We in Colby are excited to have you come to our school and race. Included in this email is the schedule for Saturday's races, maps of the course, maps of the site for teams and spectators, the sportsmanship form and the COVID-19 form. WIAA has assigned teams to a session based on the sectional site your team participated in and your geographical location. Your team and the fans that support you are welcome at our course during the session you have been assigned, but only during that session.

Masks

Everyone is required to wear a mask while on the Colby school grounds. Athletes will be allowed to remove their mask 2 minutes prior to the start of their race. Masks must be put back on upon completion of their race.

Check-in Area

In order to speed up entry time upon arrival, we are setting up a check-in site just south of our school grounds at the bus garage (see enclosed map) for Sessions B & C. If you want to arrive early (15-20 minutes) for this check-in process away from the school grounds, you can do that. That way, all the paper collection, instructions, etc. can be completed by the time you are allowed to move on site. No one will be allowed off your bus until the start time of your session. This early check-in process will allow teams to come on site, unload and start their meet prep at the beginning of the scheduled session time. (Session A will do check in at the Team Parking Area.) Please have your COVID-19 verification form and ticket payments ready when you stop for check in. Your team will not get their meet packet if you do not have your COVID-19 verification form with a signature from your coach and athletic director.

Tickets

Also attached to this email is the ticket template you need to print for the fans who will be coming to support your runner(s). Each qualifying team (7 runners, 1 alternate, 3 coaches=11 total) will get 55 tickets to sell to your fans. Each qualifying individual (1 runner, 3 coaches=4 total) will get 20 tickets to sell to your fans. If you have more than 1 individual who qualified, you will get 5 additional tickets for each qualifying runner. Tickets are not need for the runners/coaches on each team roster and individuals/coaches who qualified for the meet. If your team brings additional team members outside of the 11 or 4 allotment, they must purchase a ticket from your ticket pool. Please abide by these numbers when printing and selling tickets. We trust that you will execute ticket handling honorably. Doing so is important not only for the reputation of cross country, but for setting an honorable standard for winter sports as well.

Coaches are being asked to distribute their ticket allotment and collect the payment for these tickets. When your team arrives at the state meet and checks in, you will be asked for a check or cash for the tickets you sold. Please make checks out to Colby High School. When printing your tickets, please adhere to the ticket color assigned to your session. If you are running in Session A, please print your tickets on green paper. If you are running in Session B, please

print your tickets on yellow paper. And if you are running in Session C, please print your ticket on blue paper. We will only allow ticket holders with each specific color to enter their assigned session.

Spectators

Please remind spectators that they must have a ticket for entry onto school grounds. NO tickets will be for sale on site. Once inside the gate, spectators will not be allowed back in if they leave. MASKS must be worn at all times. Spectators are not allowed in tent village. Spectators and runners need to keep their distance at all times. Share the site map with your fans so they will know where to park. Remind fans/parents that they are not allowed on the course during preview time. Only coaches and participating runners are allowed on the course. All fans should leave immediately following the second race in the session. We need to get the parking lots empty right away to prepare for the next session.

Please encourage your fans not to arrive until 30 minutes after your session opens to help allow teams the needed time to get to the course and start their preview time.

Site Map

A site map is also included in this packet. Please look it over and share it with your fans as well. Team and individual athlete parking (buses and school vans) will be in a lot that is accessed off of Dolf Street, between the elementary and high school buildings. Spectators will be asked to park in the high school lot (this is on the east side of school grounds). Once it is full, spectators will be directed to other areas. Tickets will be needed to enter the parking lots. Fans will need to turn in their tickets as they enter the course grounds on the northeast end of the high school.

Course Map

There are two course maps included. One is our surveyed map from MSTC, the same school that surveyed the Ridges's course. The QR code on the map will take you to a GPS enabled website that tells you where you are located on the course. There is also a larger map with other details included.

Course Description

The course at Colby is a true cross country course. There will be flag markers at 3 miles and 4 kilometers. There will also be marks at 400m and 800m. The course will be double lined with multiple course marshals. The first 1000m is on grass which circles our practice football fields, softball field, and baseball field. At 1000m the course narrows to a trail that enters the woods. During the next 700m the course travels through the school forest on packed gravel where they will reach one mile just before coming back out onto the grass. The second mile loops around our track and football complex to the south end of our property and circles back to the starting area at the 2-mile mark. The final mile is a repeat through the practice and baseball fields, once again entering the woods. The second time through the woods, the runners will exit halfway through with a 400m loop around a practice field to the finish. The final straightaway to the finish is a slight downhill and about 200m in length. The course is very spectator-friendly; one can see the racers 4 times by only moving 100m. All corners are nicely rounded turns with a minimum of 3 flags.

Medical Assistance

Athletic trainers from Marshfield Clinic will be in trail vehicles, at the finish area and in the school gymnasium, which will also house our medical treatment center for anyone who needs advanced medical treatment. Sports Medical Advisory Committee member Dr. Rudolph will also be on site.

Starting & Finish Area

During warm-ups (20 minutes prior to the start of the race) only coaches and participating runners should be in the starting area.

Team Camp Area

Team tents are allowed but must be set up with space between each team. We will have a grid set up. Please skip a space between tents when you set up. NO SPECTATORS are allowed in the team tent or team parking areas.

Team Parking

Team parking is towards the back (west side) of the high school. NO SPECTATORS are allowed in the team parking area. There will be parking attendants to help with team parking. Teams are not allowed to unload their van or bus until the start time of each session (8:30, 11:30, 2:30).

Bib Reminder

Please make sure your athletes have the correct bib on when they report to the starting line. Make sure bibs are worn properly by your runners. Any numbers in the wrong place, upside down or with the wrong number will result in disqualification.

State Meet Apparel & Programs

All state meet apparel orders will be placed online and shipped to you. There will not be any apparel sales done on site. Programs will also be available online. After state, WIAA will provide a way for team/coaches/athletes to order a printable commemorative program. WIAA apparel store can be found here: <https://wiaa-state-cross-country-2020.itemorder.com/sale>. These items will be for sale until November 7, 2020.

Awards Announcements

Results will not be available until the completion of the final race of Session C. There will not be an Awards Ceremony. All awards will be mailed to each school. We will hope to have a live stream announcement at the end of the day. More information will come on this later in the week.

Sincerely,

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