

Georgia High School Association

Cross Country

Region/Area Instructions

The AAAAAA, AAAAA, AAAA, AAA, and AA Classifications in both Boys and Girls Cross Country are considered regionalized. Cross Country is considered an Area event in Class AAAAAAA and Class A. Class A will be divided into 4 Public School Areas and 4 Private School Areas. Class AAAAAAA will combine two Regions to form 4 Areas. A Coordinator should be selected by the schools in each Area to oversee the event for that Area in both boys and girls. Scheduling and method of determining Region/Area winners should be decided at Region/Area Meeting.

The State Championship Course for all classifications is off limits beginning August 1st of each year until all State Championships are concluded, (unless a GHSA sanctioned/scheduled meet is run during the regular season on the course and a school participates in the event). Course preview and practice times for all State Championship participants will be TBD and posted at a later date.

The Region Secretary (or Area Coordinator in Class A and AAAAAAA) is in charge of scheduling, advancement procedures, provision of awards, reporting winners, finances, etc., for the assigned Region/Area. Each school in the area should be assessed equally for the expenses of the areas in Class A and AAAAAAA.

A Contestants List must be submitted to the GHSA Office **ELECTRONICALLY** by October 18, 2019. Cross Country team rosters should list twelve (12) contestants. Replacements may be made to the list submitted to the GHSA by a deadline date set by each Region or Area. Any of seven (7) of the twelve (12) may run in the Region and/or State Meets. The first six (6) individual finishers will qualify for the State Meet in Classes A-AAAAAA regardless of whether they are a member of a qualifying team. The first twelve (12) individuals in AAAAAAA will advance. There will be no Invitational Qualifying Meets. Four teams from each Region/Area A-AAAAAA will advance to the State Meet. Six teams will advance in AAAAAAA.

Area qualifiers for Class A and AAAAAAA and Region qualifiers in other classes (AA-AAAAAA) must be determined by October 26, 2019 for all Classifications. Qualifiers must be submitted **ELECTRONICALLY** to the GHSA Office within 48 hours of the completion of the Region/Area Meet, but no later than 9:00 a.m. the Monday following competition (October 28, 2019).

There are no trophies and medals provided by the GHSA for the Region/Area Tournaments.

Rules for broadcasting sub-region/region games should be followed. Region rules determine whether or not a region activity may be broadcast, televised, taped or filmed. Region/Area permission must be arranged prior to the date of the contest.

If admission is charged, a Financial Report Form must be submitted, along with 5% of gate receipts to the GHSA Office within 10 days of event.

If someone other than the Region Secretary or Area Coordinator is in charge of this event, make sure that person is aware that Region/Area Winners must be submitted to the GHSA Office by the deadline date.

If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Giddens @ 706-647-7473 EXT 25 or kevin@ghsa.net.