

Section 8 Cross-Country

Spring 2021

Modifications

1. Win-Loss Division and Conference Record

The league meets will be scored as usual.

However, in an effort to preserve the integrity of the sport, and not to reward or penalize teams for Covid-related or other extenuating circumstances, the following provision will be implemented:

-If a team is not able to participate with at least 5 runners in a competition due to a COVID-19 related situation i.e. quarantine or school restrictions, the team will not appear in the standings as a Win or Loss, nor will their opponents receive a Win or Loss.

Ex. If a team has 8 members on their roster, and 4 of the members are on quarantine, the 4 members can still compete as individuals, however the team will not count in the overall scoring and will not count as a loss.

-If a team is not able to participate due to Covid-related matters or extenuating circumstances (bus breaks down, school lockdown, etc.) then the school's Athletic Director or Principal must notify the Section's Cross-Country Coordinators in writing within 24 hours of the competition to avoid a loss in the standings.

-The intent of the rule is purely for significant extenuating circumstances as mentioned above, not for the prom, awards night, SAT tutoring, etc. The primary concern is to maintain the integrity of competition.

2. County Championship:

Historically, there have been 3 varsity races in excess of 100 athletes in each race (Counties Class I, II, III).

Due to NYSPHSAA COVID guidelines, the maximum number of participants in any single race is 50.

In order to accommodate most and/or all participants:

1. Each class has a championship and non-championship section(s) of a maximum of 50 participants in each race. As in the past, this will allow maximum participation.

The championship race will consist of the top 6 teams (7 on each team) + the 8 next fastest individuals not on those teams.

-In an effort to preserve the integrity of head-to-head competition, only the Championship section will count for the team championship. The other sections will not be merged into one.

However, all athletes who participate in any of the varsity race sections will be eligible for All-County honors based on times.

Qualification Procedures:

-The Conference Champion will automatically receive a spot in the Championship Race.

Due to the possibility of Covid related circumstances substantially interrupting the season, the following criteria will be used to select the remaining teams in the Championship and Non-Championship sections:

-Overall League Record

-Head to Head Competition

-5 person Average

-When the above mentioned criteria cannot adequately select the entire field for the championship section due to ties, Covid, etc. a committee will be formed.