



RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Home of the Blackhawks

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**River Valley Blackhawk
Cross Country Invitational
Information Sheet**

Saturday, September 12th, 2026

******Athletic Directors******

Please share this information with your high school and middle school cross country coaches as soon as possible.

Welcome and thank you for your continued participation in the River Valley Blackhawk Cross Country Invitational. A detailed outline of information regarding the meet is provided below. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jaime Hegland at 608-588-2554 --- jhegland@rvschools.org or Steve Stettler at 608-712-7037 --- [sstettler@rvschools.org](mailto:ssettler@rvschools.org).

REMINDERS

- Remind spectators and runners to be conscientious of our neighbors on the golf course and the golf course itself.
 - ***Please stay out of private yards and do not use yards to enter or exit the golf course.***
 - **Please enter/exit through the golf course parking lot or through the entrance/exit by the cannon off of Hoxie Street.**
 - **Please stay off greens and tee boxes.**
- Absolutely NO unloading, loading, or parking on Highway 23. Doing so could result in a ticket being issued.
- Absolutely NO dogs - per WIAA Rules/Regulations and River Valley School Board Policy.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Each high school team is allowed to enter seven (7) varsity runners and an unlimited number of JV runners. All participating junior high/middle school teams will be allowed to enter an unlimited number of runners.

PTTIMING will be onsite, but Athletic.net will be used again for registration – www.athletic.net/CrossCountry/meet/279384/register Please allow extra time, especially if you need to create a separate Middle School account.

Please let us know immediately if your district will be bringing a Junior High/Middle School team that is not included in the list of teams.

Online registration will close at 12:00 noon on Thursday, September 10th.

Runners entered into the wrong race by their coaches will be removed from scoring and will not be added to or placed into appropriate races for competition, scoring, or award purposes. Please check your team at the time of registration to make sure that runners are entered into the correct race(s).

Teams that do not pre-register online will not be allowed to participate on the day of the race and will not be refunded their entry fees.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS AND DIVISIONS

We utilized the WIAA School District Directory to determine divisions, based on the high school enrollment.

Large Schools (20): Baraboo(879), Deforest(1197), Dodgeville/Mineral Point(600), Edgewood(598), Lancaster(301), Lodi(429), Madison LaFollette(1607), Madison West(2302), McFarland(705), Middleton(2354), Monroe(676), Mt. Horeb(730), New Glarus/Monticello(401), Platteville(434), Reedsburg(848), Richland Center/Ithaca(443), River Valley((344), Sun Prairie East(1392), Waunakee(1373), Wisconsin Dells(550)

Small Schools (20): Albany(70), Bangor(211), Belleville(265) Boscobel(192), Brookwood(171), Darlington(254), Fennimore(255), Hillsboro(138), Iowa-Grant(219), Necedah(214), Palmyra-Eagle(144), Pecatonica-Argyle(207), Prairie du Chien(252), River Ridge(148), Riverdale(193), Royall(131), St. Ambrose Academy(157), SW/Benton(217), Wauzeka-Steuben(76), Wisconsin Heights/Barneveld(226)

Junior High/Middle Schools (37): Albany, Bangor, Barneveld, Belleville, Boscobel, Brookwood, Cherokee Heights MS, Darlington, Dodgeville, Fennimore, Hamilton MS, Hillsboro, Iowa-Grant, Jack Young MS (Baraboo), Lancaster, Monroe, Mount Horeb, Necedah, New Glarus-Monticello, Palmyra-Eagle, Pecatonica-Argyle, Platteville, Prairie du Chien, Richland Center-Ithaca, Riverdale, River Ridge, River Valley, Royall, Saint Ambrose, Sacred Heart/St. Peter's Lutheran (Reedsburg), Saint Patrick's (Mauston), Sennett MS (Madison), Sun Prairie East, Wauzeka-Stueben, Webb MS (Reedsburg), Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin Heights

RACE SCHEDULE

8:00 am	Coaches Meeting @ the Registration Shed
8:15 am	National Anthem
8:30 am	Small School Girls Varsity Race
9:05 am	Large School Girls Varsity Race
9:40 am	Small School Boys Varsity Race
10:10 am	Large School Boys Varsity Race
10:40 am	Junior Varsity Girls Race (One division/race)
11:15 am	Junior Varsity Boys Race (One division/race)
11:45 pm	Junior High/Middle School Girls Race
12:05 pm	Junior High/Middle School Boys Race

Awards Approximately 12:45 pm.

INVITE INFORMATION

LOCATION: The race is held at the Spring Green Municipal Golf Course. The golf course entrance is located at the intersection of Hoxie Street and Winsted Street (Hwy 23).

ENTRY FEES: \$225 for HS Boys & Girls ----- \$100 for MS Boys/Girls

PARKING: There is no parking at the Spring Green Municipal Golf Course. The small parking lot that does exist will be used for emergency vehicles, meet staff, and portable toilets. Team buses and spectator vehicles are encouraged to park in the neighborhoods adjacent to the golf course. There should be no parking on Winsted Street (Hwy 23) south of Hoxie Street along the Golf Course. Parking on Hwy 23 may result in your vehicle being ticketed.

STARTERS: Ms. Tina Aldrich & Mr. Erik Braun

RULES COMMITTEE: Ms. Tina Aldrich

Mr. Jaime Hegland, River Valley Activities Director & Meet Manager

Mr. Steve Stettler, River Valley Cross Country Head Coach

Richland Center/Ithaca Cross Country Coach

McFarland Cross Country Coach

Darlington Cross Country Coach

**If you are unable to be on the committee please let me know

RESTROOMS: Portable toilets will be available in the parking lot of the Spring Green Municipal Golf Course. The screened clubhouse will not be available to runners or spectators on the day of the meet.

PACKET AND TIMING INFORMATION PICK-UP: Coaches can pick up their team packets beginning at 7:00 am on race day. The packets and timing information will be available at the starter shed between the Hole 1 Tee Box and the Hole 9 green. Lane assignments and updated course maps will be included in the packet.

COACHES MEETING: A brief coaches meeting will take place at 8:00 am in front of the starter shed.

CONCESSIONS: The River Valley Athletic Booster Club will be selling concession items. We have breakfast (donuts, bagels, coffee, and more) along with lunch (brats, hot dogs, chips, and more) items. We will have a large selection of other food and a variety of beverages.

T-SHIRTS: The River Valley Cross Country Team will be selling t-shirts near the concession stand - \$25 each. Please note the new price due to rising costs.

COURSE MAPS: Course maps are attached, will be in your race packet on race day and extra maps will be available at the golf course starter's shed near the race starting line.

GREENS AND TEE BOXES: Please keep your runners off of the greens and tee boxes on the golf course.

AWARDS

Team Awards:

- Plaque and 7 Medals to First and Second Place Teams in All Varsity Divisions
- Plaque to Third Place Team in All Varsity Divisions
- Plaque to First Junior Varsity Girl's and Boy's Teams (One Division for JV)
- Plaque to First Junior High-Middle School Girl's and Boy's Teams (One Division)

Individual Awards:

- Engraved Medal to First Place Finisher All Varsity Divisions
- Medals from 2nd to 20th Place All Varsity Divisions
- Medals from 1st to 10th Place Junior Varsity Girl's and Boy's Races (One Division for JV)
- Plaque to Girl and Boy Spirit of the Race Winner
- Medals from 1st to 10th Place Girl's and Boy's Junior High-Middle School Races (One Division)

Spirit of the Race Award:

- In your race packet, there will be a form to use the morning of the meet to nominate a member of your team for the Spirit of the Race award. This award is given to a runner who may not win races, but exemplifies what it means to be a cross country runner: teamwork, dedication, selflessness, perseverance, etc...
- This award should go to an individual who may have had to overcome obstacles in life or running. Please nominate a runner from your girl's team or boy's team (or both) that exhibits the spirit of the race. If more than one nomination is received, the winner will be selected by River Valley School District senior (grade 12) members of the cross country team.