



# SECTION NINE

## Cross Country

### 2008

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#### INTRODUCTION

Interscholastic Athletics is an inherent part of the total education program for students in the secondary schools of Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster Counties. Our athletic programs will be properly organized, administered, and conducted, to provide opportunities for students to participate in athletic activities which ensure the health and safety of the athletes and spectators, promote growth and development, teach social and recreational skills, and develop leadership qualities. These values are more rapidly attained when the program is founded upon the highest standards and ethical practices developed and adhered to by all member schools.

This handbook sets forth the policies and practices for participation in Section Nine post-season competition. It is designed to inform and update all coaches, athletic directors, principals and superintendents of the procedures set forth by the NYSPHSAA and the National Federation. These procedures and policies apply to allow schools participation in post-season competition beginning with Sectional play and continuing through the State Tournament. Although dates may change from year to year, most information will remain constant.

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SECTION IX CROSS COUNTRY

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SECTION IX CROSS COUNTRY  
CLASSIFICATION NUMBERS  
2008

SCHOOL	ENROLLMENT	CLASS	CUT-OFF
1 NEWBURGH FREE ACAD	3022	AA	
2 KINGSTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	1867	AA	
3 MONROE WOODBURY HIGH SCHOOL	1789	AA	
4 MIDDLETOWN HIGH SCHOOL	1662	AA	1083 & up
5 PINE BUSH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	1563	AA	
6 VALLEY CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL	1284	AA	
7 WARWICK VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL	1216	AA	
8 WASHINGTONVILLE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	1215	AA	
9 MINISINK VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL	1180	AA	
10 FDR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	1148	AA	
11 WALLKILL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	916	A	
12 MONTICELLO HIGH SCHOOL	873	A	
13 PORT JERVIS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	866	A	712-1082
14 CORNWALL CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL	858	A	
15 SAUGERTIES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	825	A	
16 RONDOUT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL	751	A	
17 GOSHEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL	712	A	
18 NEW PALTZ SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	610	B	
19 RED HOOK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	567	B	
20 ONTEORA HIGH SCHOOL	546	B	468-711
21 MARLBORO CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL	538	B	
22 JOHN S. BURKE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL	497	B	
23 HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL	472	B	
24 JAMES I. O'NEILL HIGH SCHOOL	459	C	
25 SPACKENKILL HIGH SCHOOL	437	C	
26 ELLENVILLE HIGH SCHOOL	428	C	
27 LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL	406	C	
28 FALLSBURG JUNIOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	349	C	
29 SULLIVAN WEST HIGH SCHOOL	348	C	290-467
30 STISSING MOUNTAIN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	337	C	
31 MILLBROOK HIGH SCHOOL	323	C	
32 RHINEBECK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	302	C	
33 GEORGE F. BAKER HIGH SCHOOL	301	C	
34 TRI-VALLEY SECONDARY SCHOOL	295	C	
35 CHESTER JUNIOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	258	D	
36 WEBUTUCK MS HIGH SCHOOL	197	D	
37 S.S. SEWARD INST	192	D	
38 ELDRED JUNIOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL	183	D	
39 JOHN A. COLEMAN HIGH SCHOOL	174	D	0-289
40 FAMILY SCHOOL	155	D	
41 AEF CHAPEL FIELD HS	135	D	
42 LIVINGSTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL	133	D	
43 ROSCOE CENTRAL SCHOOL	57	D	
44 WAWARSING CHRISTIAN ACAD	21	D	

Section Nine Championships  
Friday October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008  
Bear Mountain State Park

Schedule of Races:

GIRLS:

C	10:30 am
D	11:00 am
AA	11:30 am
A	12:00 pm
B	12:30 pm

BOYS:

C	1:00 pm
D	1:30 pm
AA	2:00 pm
A	2:30 pm
B	3:00 pm

SECTION IX CHAMPIONSHIPS  
ENTRY PROCEDURES

This year we will be using onlinentries.com for Sectional  
championship meet.

Please go to:

[http://www.sectionixathletics.org/sectionixcrosscountry  
home.html](http://www.sectionixathletics.org/sectionixcrosscountry<br/>home.html)

for complete entry instructions .

## SECTION IX CHAMPIONSHIPS MEET PROCEDURES

**Your** cooperation is requested in the following manner:

1. Pick up packets from scorer table near finish line. If you need to make any changes to your line up, please see Eric McLaud no later than 10 am for girls and 12 noon for boys.
2. Make sure your runners report to the starting line no later than 10 **minutes** before your scheduled race. Starting positions will be posted on race day.
3. Make sure that your runners have their identification tags pinned to the front of their shirt. **DO NOT PUT PIN IN THE HOLE!!!** Make sure that the tag has the correct information on it. **IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE SEE STEVE LOTURCO, JIM GLOVER, ERIC MCLAUD OR MIKE WHITE IMMEDIATELY.** Any runner without a tag will not be allowed to run.
4. Upon the conclusion of the race, each runner will be handed a number at the end of the chute. Please take these from your runners and fill out your scorecard.
5. **PLEASE** return the cards with your scorecard to scoring table within **5 MINUTES** after the conclusion of your race.
6. Make sure your runners know the course. If there are any questions, ask **BEFORE** your race is run.
7. **PLEASE** do not bother the officials for results. Results will be posted near the finish line. Copies will be handed out at the conclusion of the meet.
8. **Awards:** All state qualifiers will receive section IX patches. Plaques to Team Champions and runner up.
9. **State Qualifiers:** Team champion from each class. The first five runners *not* on the winning team will also qualify.
10. **Please** pick up your award packet at the scorer table. It contains important information for the state meet.

# NYSPHSAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Sunken Meadow State Park

Kings Park, NY

OPENING CEREMONY: 8:45

GIRLS:	C	9:00
	D	9:30
	AA	10:00
	A	10:25
	B	10:50

BOYS	C	11:20
	D	11:45
	AA	12:10
	A	12:35
	B	10:00

AWARDS 2:30 +/- @ Half Hollow Hills East HS

## **Cross Country Federation Selection Process, Updated 8/20/04**

No process is perfect. However, the intent of the enclosed Federation Selection Procedure is to design a process that provides specific guidelines and consistency in the selection process from year to year.

In an effort to allow all teams that are being considered for advancement to the Federation Meet to be judged on related data, information should be gathered for each team from Invitationals and quality dual meets that have taken place during the **last six weeks of the season**. Information presented prior to the McQuaid Invitational cannot be used in any decision making process. The following data is recommended to allow for comparisons between teams:

- 1 The Individual Winning Time and Distance of each race.
- 2 Team Scores.
- 3 The Number of Runners in each race.
- 4 The times of the winning teams 1st through 5th Runner, Cumulative Team Time for 1st through 5th Runner, and Team Average Time for 1st through 5th Runner.
- 5 The times of the petitioning teams 1st through 5th Runner, Cumulative Team Time for 1st through 5th Runner, and Team Average Time for 1st through 5th Runner.
- 6 The times of any potential at-large teams 1st through 5th Runner, Cumulative Team Time for 1st through 5th Runner, and Team Average Time for 1st through 5th Runner.

(See the Excel Federation Comparison Chart for a Working Document to organize this data.)

### **Team Selection Procedures**

- 1 Friday before the State Meet, the Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Coordinators shall meet and rank the teams that are not participating in the state meet and could be considered for an at-large bid. These teams should be ranked based upon the information received from the committee and each team's respective Section Coordinator. The Federation Comparison Chart is recommended as a guideline for this process. After discussion and ranking, not to exceed 15 minutes, a majority vote is taken to finalize the ranking of these teams. If a majority is reached from the committee the ranking is finalized. If a majority is not reached, additional discussion and voting continues until a majority is reached.
- 2 After the completion of the entire State Meet, both the Boys' and Girls' Federation Committees will meet in separate rooms to make the Federation selections. Data that can be used to make the selections for teams advancing to the Federation Meet is the rankings of at-large teams from Friday's meeting, Merged Results (Including the Team Cumulative Times and Average Times for 1st through 5th Runner), the Individual Class Results from the NYSPHSAA State Meet and any information from the Federation Comparison Charts obtained from the past six weeks.

NOTE: If a team that participates in the NYSPHSAA State Meet wins head to head in its Class but loses to that team in the merge, the Teams Cumulative Time of the 1st through 5th Runner should take precedence in order to determine the better team.

- 3 A Team that participates in the NYSPHSAA State Meet and finishes as one of the top 5 teams in the Merged Results will automatically advance to the Federation Meet. If any of these five teams fail to accept the advancement, the committee cannot automatically accept the 6th spot. (Maximum of 5 Teams can be selected after this Step).

- 4 The Winning Team from each Class at the NYSPHSAA State Meet will automatically advance to the Federation Meet if they finish between 6th or 10th place. If any of these teams fail to accept the advancement, the committee cannot offer the position to the second place team in that class. (Maximum of 9 Teams could be selected after this Step).
- 5 The Teams that are remaining from the NYSPHSAA State Meet that remaining in the merge should be re-ranked based upon the Teams Cumulative Time of their 1st through 5th Runner from the NYSPHSAA State Meet Results. Discussion (Maximum of five minutes) should take place regarding the fairness of this ranking and adjustments may be made. After discussion, a majority vote is taken to finalize the ranking of these teams. If a majority is reached from the committee the ranking is finalized. If a majority is not reached another five minutes of discussion is allowed. If a majority cannot be reached at this time, then the teams stay ranked based upon their cumulative time.
- 6 At-large bids are considered at this point. The remaining ranked teams from the NYSPHSAA State Meet are compared to the Top Teams from the At-Large Ranking that was voted on at Friday's meeting. Discussion is allowed for three minutes and a majority vote is then taken to determine which of the two teams advances to the Federation Meet. This process continues until 13 teams have been selected to the Federation Meet.
- 7 At this point, Section Coordinators are asked to remove any team from their respective section that is not deserving of one of the three final spots. Five minutes of discussion is allowed on the remaining teams and then a vote is initiated. Each Section votes for three teams and ranks them in order 1st, 2nd, 3rd. When tallying the votes, 1st Place Teams earn 5 points, 2nd place Teams earn 3 Points and 3rd place Teams earn 1 point. The three teams with the most points will advance to the Federation Meet. If there is a tie that prevents the advancement of a third team, then a majority vote is taken to break that tie.

### **Individual Selection Process**

After all the teams have been removed from the merge of the NYSPHSAA State Meet the first 18 individuals will advance to the state meet. After these individuals are selected, each Section Coordinator selects two additional individuals from their respective section.

**Companion Documents:** ... To download, go to:

<http://www.tullyrunners.com/XC2004/FedRankProcedure.htm>

Then click:

**Microsoft Excel Comparison Chart** ... working document to organize data

**Hand Calculation Only Document**