

2008 Boys & Girls Cross Country Policy

I. LEAGUE / REGION QUALIFYING

1. *1A Northern and Southern Leagues*

The Class 1A will combine with the Class 2A in its league meets.

2. *2A Northern and Southern Leagues*

All eligible teams and individuals, who are part of a recognized program and have competed in a regular-season schedule, qualify for their respective league championship / state qualifying meet.

Class 2A amended scoring format:

The “ghost runner” rule will be in effect during 2A championship meets.

This team scoring position will be used when a team does not have a fourth and/or fifth finisher. Teams must, however, have at least three runners finish to be eligible to use the “ghost runner(s)” for team scoring.

The “ghost runner’s” team scoring position will be equal to the race’s last-place finishing position plus one with no adjustment(s) for incomplete team scoring runners. For example, if 21 individuals finish the race, the “ghost runner’s” team scoring position would be “[22]” regardless of how many of the 21 finishers do not figure into the team scoring process.

Example (race with 21 finishers):

Team A	1, 4, 5, 8, 10, (14), (16)	= 28 (seven finishers)
Team B	2, 3, 6, 9, 15	= 35 (five finishers)
Team C	7, 11, 12, 17, [22]	= 69 (four finishers)
Team D	13, 18, 20*, [22], [22]	= 94* (three finishers)
Team E	19*, 21*	= Incomplete, N/S

Note: The #14 and #16 finishers for Team A are, according to NFHS rules, (non-scoring) team finishers. Those individual do, however, still count in the overall race scoring since they part of an allotted seven-member team.

NFHS rules will apply whereby the first five finishers for a team make up that team’s score, and the sixth and seventh finishers serve to displace (make another team’s score higher). When a team does not have a team score (Team E, for example), the finishers from the incomplete team(s) DO NOT factor into the team scoring process (*... example: 20 becomes 19) as per NFHS rules.

3. **3A Northern and Southern Leagues**

All eligible teams and individuals, who are part of a recognized program and have competed in a regular-season schedule, qualify for their respective league championship / state qualifying meet.

4. **4A Sunrise and Sunset Regions**

All eligible teams and individuals, who are part of a recognized program and have competed in a regular-season schedule, qualify for their respective region championship / state qualifying meet.

4b. **4A Northern Region**

The top four (4) teams from the Sierra League and the top four (4) teams from the High Desert League, based on regular-season dual meet standings, qualify for the region championship / state qualifying meet. Teams which do not qualify for the region championship meet are permitted to enter a maximum of three (3) individuals for the meet.

II. STATE QUALIFYING

1. **Class 1A**

The Class 1A will combine with the Class 2A in its state meet.

2. **Class 2A**

A. Team – ***The top two (2) teams from the Southern League championship / state qualifying meet and the top four (4) teams from the Northern League championship / state qualifying meet*** advance to the six-team state championship meet.

B. Individual – ***The top three (3) individuals from non-qualifying teams out of the Southern League championship / state qualifying meet and the top five (5) individuals from non-qualifying teams out of the Northern League championship / state qualifying meet*** advance to the state championship meet.

Class 2A amended scoring format:

The “ghost runner” rule will be in effect during the 2A state meet.

This team scoring position will be used when a team does not have a fourth and/or fifth finisher. Teams must, however, have at least three runners finish to be eligible to use the “ghost runner(s)” for team scoring.

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3. *Class 3A*

- A. Team – The top two (2) teams from the Southern League championship / state qualifying meet and the ***top four (4) teams from the Northern League championship / state qualifying meet*** advance to the six-team state championship meet.
- B. Individual – ***The top five (5) individuals from non-qualifying teams out of the Southern League championship / state qualifying meet*** and the top five (5) individuals from non-qualifying teams out of the Northern League championship / state qualifying meet advance to the state championship meet.

4. *Class 4A*

- A. Team – The top three (3) teams from the Sunrise Region championship / state qualifying meet, the top three (3) teams from the Sunset Region championship / state qualifying meet and the top two (2) teams from the Northern Region championship / state qualifying meet advance to the eight-team state championship meet.

A1. Team (Adopted, September 2005) – The NIAA Board of Control adopted a new format for the Class 4A state cross country meet based on proposals submitted by the Northern and Southern Nevada coaches associations. The proposal increased the number of qualifying teams in the state meet from six (6) to eight (8) based on the state meet’s location.

1. When the state meet is being contested in the South...
The top three (3) teams from the Sunrise Region meet, the top three (3) teams from the Sunset Region meet and the top two (2) teams from the Northern Region meet qualify for the eight-team state championship meet.
2. When the state meet is being contested in the North...
The top four (4) teams from the Northern Region meet, the top two (2) teams from the Sunrise Region meet and the top two (2) teams from the Sunset Region meet qualify for the eight-team state championship meet.

Note: The adoption outlined above in A1 included provisions for the same number of individual qualifiers as in the previous policy.

B. Individual – The top five (5) individuals from non-qualifying teams out of the Sunrise Region championship / state qualifying meet, the top five (5) individuals from non-qualifying teams out of the Sunset Region championship / state qualifying meet and the top five (5) individuals from non-qualifying teams out of the Northern Region championship / state qualifying meet advance to the state championship meet.

III. General Information

1. More information with regards to meet procedures, rules and regulations (entries, schedule, etc.) can be found in the specific league / region and state championship meet information packets located on NIAA’s web site, www.niaa.com. These meet information packets are binding documents for the meets they serve and act as standing state adopted rules.