



MICHIGAN STATE CROSS COUNTRY



2022 Auto Owners Spartan Invitational

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Date: Friday, September 16, 2022
Site: Michigan State University's - Forest Akers East Golf Course
Meet Director: Bekah Smeltzer-Pickard
 E-mail (preferred): smeltz11@ath.msu.edu
 Phone: 734.497.6716
Meet Registration: Reserve your team's spot by registering at: [Team Registration Form](#)

As in 2021, teams will be allowed to run **12 athletes in a single "varsity" race** with no JV specific races being offered at the Spartan Invite. **We will be reintroducing Middle School races in 2022. They will compete over a 2k distance.**

Collegiate Race Schedule

11:00 AM - College Women 6k
 11:40 PM - College Men 8K

High School Race Schedule

12:20 PM - High School Girls Bronze Race (Division 2)
 1:00 PM - High School Girls White Race (Division 3&4)
 1:40 PM - High School Boys Bronze Race (Division 2)
 2:15 PM - High School Boys White Race (Division 3&4)
 2:50 PM - High School Girls "Spartan Elite"
 3:30 PM - High School Girls Green Race (Division 1)
 4:10 PM - High School Boys "Spartan Elite"
 4:45 PM - High School Boys Green Race (Division 1)
 5:20 PM - Middle School Girls 2k
 5:35 PM - Middle School Boys 2k

Note #1: Schedule has been finalized with no official awards ceremony being hosted in 2022

Note #2: Reintroducing the Middle School Races back into the schedule. Distance to be covered is a 2k

Entry Fees:

Note: For College, High School – Male & Female are separate teams in regards to entry fees

Collegiate (Online Athlete Entries - www.directathletics.com)

\$300.00 per College Team per Gender

All unattached athletes will be charged \$20.00 each. **MSU Students: Please contact Bekah Smeltzer-Pickard - smeltz11@ath.msu.edu on having your unattached registration fee waived

High School (Online Entries - www.athletic.net)

\$150 per High School Team per Gender

**** Male & Female are separate teams in regard to entry fees ****

\$30.00 per person for teams with less than 5 people

Middle School (Online Entries - www.athletic.net)

\$100 per Middle School Team per Gender

\$30.00 per person for teams with less than 5 people

(Receipt of payment will be provided to coaches at competition in team packet)

Mail Checks (Payable to MSU)
Michigan State Cross Country
223 Kalamazoo St. Room 210
East Lansing, MI 48824

High and Middle School Entry Fees: The entry fees are not a flat rate per school with male and female being considered separate teams. Meet payment is due by Friday, October 29, 2022. School districts with more than 1 team attending, should list the specific team/school when a payment is submitted. **Entry fees not postmarked by October 29th risk will be charged a \$100 late fee.**



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Entry Procedure - High School and Middle School

1. High and Middle school teams must register their teams for the 2022 Spartan Invite by filling out the "Team Registration" form at www.playmakers.com/spartan by Friday, August 26th at 11:59pm.
2. A limited number of positions are available for teams in each race - please register ASAP to assure your position.
3. Once your team has registered on www.playmakers.com/spartan - your team will be invited to the meet on www.athletic.net. The athlete registration deadline on A-Net is Friday, September 9th at 11:59pm. (Invites may take up to a week to complete)
4. A preliminary race assignment breakdown will be posted on Tuesday, August 30th by 5:00pm. Coaches should e-mail the Race Director to request a change of races/divisions if desired after the team registration has been completed.. Change requests are due by Friday, September 2 at 11:59pm.
5. **Deadlines: (Please remember there are only a limited number of team entries available - please register today)**
 - a. Friday, August 26th, 2022 at 11:59pm- "Team Registration" Form at www.playmakers.com/spartan due
 - b. Friday, September 2nd, 2022 at 11:59pm - Race Assignment Change requests due to Race Director
 - c. Monday, September 5th, 2022 by 5:00pm - Final Race Assignments posted at www.playmakers.com/spartan
 - d. Friday, September 9th, 2022 at 11:59pm - Athlete Registration at www.athletic.net

Entry Note 1: Coaches may enter "1" Varsity Team, No Exceptions!

Entry Note 2: Coaches should enter up to 16 athletes in the race your team selected. Teams will be able to run any 12 athletes of the 16 entered in their race with the Top 7 finishers being scored in accordance with cross country rules. There will be no designated JV Races.

Late entry fee is \$75.00 per gender; e-mail the "Race Director", if your team missed the deadline.

High School Divisions: The Spartan Invite will be conducting 4-5 different divisions based on volume of teams. The "Spartan" Elite races will be comprised of the top teams from the 2021 MHSAA State meet, and those made by request. The remainder of the races will be a school's designated MHSAA Division or similar school size for out of state schools. Please register for the appropriate race/division for your team to compete and make entries into this race on A-Net!

Middle School Divisions: All Divisions will run together.

High School Time Standard: Coaches are asked to only compete athletes who are able to safely participate in the Spartan Invite given the weather/course conditions on the event date and within the time limit of 40 minutes, time between race starts.

Entry Procedure - Collegiate Teams and Unattached Collegiate Athletes (ONLY)

1. Collegiate Teams must register their team for the Spartan Invite by completing the "Team Registration" form at www.playmakers.com/spartan by Friday, September 2nd at 11:59pm.
 - a. Teams will not be invited on Direct Athletics until Team Registration Form is complete.
 - b. All unattached/open runners should register at Direct Athletics.
2. Athletes registration deadline is Friday, September 9th at 5pm using Direct Athletics
Collegiate Registration Website: DirectAthletics.com
3. Unlimited Participants --- Time standards in place and mentioned below

Collegiate Time Standard: There will be a Time Limit placed on the collegiate races. Men should be able to complete the course in under 38 minutes and women in under 32 minutes. Those not meeting these standards will not have TFRRS scores reported.



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- Awards:** **Collegiate** - No official team or individual awards.
High School - We will no longer be having an official High School awards ceremony. Individual awards will be distributed in the finishing chute and trophies can be picked up near the T-Shirt tent. Top 3 teams and 30 individuals will receive awards. If your athlete places top 30 and does not receive an award in finishing chute, they can pick up their individual award at the t-shirt tent.
- Timing Company:** Superior Timing. Results will be online, website TBA
Souvenir T-Shirts: A limited amount of MSU Spartan Invite and MSU Cross Country commemorative gear will be available.
Admission Prices: Adult - \$7.00 Students - \$5.00 (with valid student ID)
- Packet Pickup & Course Inspection** **Available meet day starting at 9:00 AM**
Course Maps: [Collegiate Men 8K Map](#)
[Collegiate Women 6K Map](#)
[High School Boys & Girls 5K Map](#)
Middle School Boys & Girls 2k Map (map coming soon)
- Weather Contingent:** Course final setup, design, and race schedule is weather dependent. Excessive heat or rain may alter the typical course and the distance may be altered for the safety of the athletes. Lightning will lead to an altered schedule or possibly a complete meet cancellation.
- Team "Tent" Camp:** High School Teams will be directed to the west of the finish straightaway along Harrison Ave for their Team Camps, please keep your camp within this designated space. No camps allowed to the east of the finish area.
- Meet Information:** All additional meet materials including registration information, course maps, driving directions, schedule updates, and spectator information will be posted on the MSU Cross Country webpage at www.MSUSpartans.com or www.playmakers.com/spartan
- Medical:** Michigan State Athletic Trainers, Doctors and EMT will be present on the day of the race and will stay at least 30 minutes following the conclusion of the final race.
- Parking:** [Parking Map](#) [Forest Akers Course Overview Map](#)
Spectator parking: MSU Commuter Lot – Free Shuttle Bus to course or walk to North Entrance off Mt. Hope. Limited ADA parking available at a first come first serve basis. Must have ADA tag displayed.
H.S. & M.S. Team Parking: MSU Pavilion after team drop-off at Forest Akers East clubhouse
College Team Parking: Forest Akers East clubhouse if arriving by car or van
(Limited number of collegiate parking passes - Must have team registered on D.A. to request passes)
- Drop Off Passes:** High School Teams not arriving by an official school bus must request Drop-off passes by Wednesday, August 31st. Max number of drop off passes permitted will be 3 per gender. These passes are for student athlete and/or equipment(ie. tent) drop only. Not for spectators.
- Race Results:** Results will be posted at the awards area at the conclusion of each race along with being posted online immediately after each event at www.playmakers.com and following the invite on www.MSUSpartans.com and the Spartan Invite page on Athletic.net.