



Santa Ana Lightning Cross-Country Invitational

SANCTIONED BY: USA-TF

DATE: Saturday, September 26, 2026

INVITE HOST: Lightning Youth Academy/ Lightning Youth Running Club

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SITE: **Thornton Park;** 1801 W. Segerstrom Ave. Santa Ana, CA 92704

PARKING: Limited parking at the park. Additional free parking at McFadden Middle School: 2701 S Raitt St, Santa Ana, CA 92704

DESCRIPTION:

- The Santa Ana Cross Country Invitational is both a community and competitive event open to clubs and schools. Race distances vary by age division and category: 1-mile Open for the community, and 2K, 3K, and 4K for youth participants. Race start times may be delayed, but they will not start earlier than scheduled.

KEY TIMES:

- 7:00 am– Team packet & individual bib pick up begins
- 8:00 am- Coaches meeting by the starting line.
- 8:10 am-1 Mile Open Race
- 8:30 am- First Youth Race

DISTANCE, SCHEDULE & AGE DIVISION: *Times may start later but NOT earlier.*

- **1 Mile Open:** Open Race for the community (youth and adults) @ **8:10 am**
- **2K Race 2:** Girls 8 & under @ **8:30 am**
- **2K Race 3:** Boys 8 & under @ **8:50 am**
- **3K Race 4:** Girls 9-10 yrs @ **9:10 am**
- **3K Race 5:** Boys 9-10 yrs @ **9:35 am**
- **3K Race 6:** Girls 11-12 yrs @ **10:00 am**
- **3K Race 7:** Boys 11-12 yrs @ **10:25 am**
- **4K Race 8:** Girls 13-17 yrs @ **10:50 am**
- **4K Race 9:** Boys 13-18 yrs @ **11:15 am**

REGISTRATION:

- Entry Deadline is Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at 11:59 pm on Athletic.net
- **Registration is for all participants, clubs, and schools.** Register via Athletic.net.
 - Link to register: <https://www.athletic.net/CrossCountry/meet/278724/info>
- No late or same-day registrations
- All participants must complete the USA-TF waiver in order to participate in this event.



AGES DIVISIONS & DISTANCES:

- Open Race.....(1 Mile Run)
- 8 & Under.....(2K Run)
- 9-10.....(3K Run)
- 11-12...(3K Run)
- 13-18...(4K Run)

ENTRY FEE:

- All Youth Athletes: **\$7.00**
 - Registration and payment must be made on the day of the race, on 9/26/26, at the packet pick-up. Payment can be made via cash or a team check.
- Registration and entry fees are non-refundable
- **Pick up bibs and Packets:** 7:00 am on Saturday at the registration table.

MEET RESULTS:

- Results will be available live through SoCal Timing and Athletic.net live results. Final meet results will be posted online through Athletic.net
- All registered participants will have a bib number and will have an official timing result.

CHECK-IN:

- All participants must check in at the start line. Please observe the flow of the meet and get your runners to the line at the appropriate time.

INDIVIDUAL & TEAM AWARDS:

- **Individual awards** will be awarded a custom medal to the top 3 for each division race. Only the top 3 finishers will be awarded in the 13-18-year-old combined division.
- **Team awards** will be awarded to the top 3 teams for each division. Only the top 3 teams will be awarded in the 13-18 combined division.

TEAM SCORING

- The top 5 will score points in all divisions.
- The top 3 team will get a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place award.
- No team scoring or team award for the 1-mile open race.