

# The Southern Showcase

Hello all,

As you start thinking about your cross country schedule this coming fall, please know that you are invited to the Southern Showcase hosted by Jacksonville State University at John Hunt Park in Huntsville, AL. The meet will take place on Friday, September 12, 2025 and will certainly be a highly competitive early season competition between some of the best teams in the south/southeast.

John Hunt Park has developed a reputation as one of the fastest and best cross country courses in the country! The Southern Showcase will be an opportunity for your teams to preview the DI South Region Championship course at John Hunt Park. John Hunt Park and the City of Huntsville has hosted several NCAA conference and regional championship meets as well as the 2023 NJCCA National Championships. Following the college meet is the high school portion of the Southern Showcase which will take place Friday evening and Saturday morning.

**MEET INFORMATION WEBSITE:** <https://jaxstatesports.com/sports/2009/9/5/JSUmeet.aspx>

## **DATE**

Friday, September 12, 2025

## **COURSE LOCATION**

John Hunt Cross Country Park, 2151 Airport Rd SW, Huntsville, AL 35801

## **SCHEDULE**

Course preview: Thursday, September 11 @ 3-5 PM

Packet pickup: Thursday, September 11 @ 3-5 PM & Friday, September 12 starting @ 6:15 AM

Men's scratches/declarations: Friday, September 12 @ 6:30-7:20 AM or at packet pickup Thursday

Men's 8k: Friday, September 12 @ 7:30 AM

Women's scratches/declarations: Friday, September 12 @ 7:30-8:20 AM or at packet pickup Thursday

Women's 5k: Friday, September 12 @ 8:30 AM

Awards: presented @ 9:15 AM near entrance of park (portable stage, men followed by women)

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The championship caliber cross country course is a 10-meter wide, manicured grass surface course with multiple spurred loops. The course is located on the south side of John Hunt Park and accommodates high school, NCAA, and USA Track & Field needs for all their various training and competition events. There are approximately 2 miles of accessible walking trails that are great for coaches and spectators. There are great unimpeded views of the start and finish line.

## **ENTRIES**

Team entries will go through [Direct Athletics](#). Limit of 10 entries per division (men and women) unless approved by the race director. Entries are due by 5 PM (CST) on Tuesday, September 9. Unattached athletes will need to contact the race director for permission. Entry fee is \$400 per team (\$800 for both men and women). Unattached individuals or teams with less than five participants will pay \$50 per entry. Entry fee must be paid online. We plan to limit the field size to approximately 50 teams. Priority will be given to DI South Region teams and past participants. We anticipate being able to accommodate most requests, but a waiting list will be created once the field size surpasses 50 teams. Final team entries will be shared by August 31. If you plan to attend, please reach out to Jeremy Provence for approval!

### **SCRATCHES/DECLARATION**

A coaching staff member of each institution will be allowed to complete the clerking process on behalf of their team and/or student-athlete(s). Any scratches must be reported during the schedule SCRATCHES/DECLARATION timeframe by turning in the bib of the student athlete being scratched. If the registered roster is good, simply declare the entire team as participating. Student athletes who are not scratched will be listed in the results as a DNF. Clerking will take place at the meet management tent near the entrance of ATHLETE VILLAGE. Signs will be out identifying the area.

### **AWARDS**

Top 20 individuals will be awarded custom medals. Overall team champions will receive shirts. Awards presentation will take place at the stage around 9:30 AM.

### **TENT RENTAL**

Contact Mullins Special Occasions at (256) 534-5701. Please inform them that this reservation is for Southern Showcase, leave contact info, and provide a university name.

### **FACILITIES**

There will be several portable bathrooms located near ATHLETES VILLAGE and close to the starting line. Limited shower access will be available upon request. Please contact Matthew Coker (Matthew.Coker@huntsvilleal.org) if your team would like to shower prior to leaving. Teams will be responsible for providing their own towels.

### **PARKING**

Personnel will be present to help direct traffic. Teams traveling via van/SUV/car will be able to park in the paved lots located near the meet management building. Teams traveling via bus will be instructed to drop off teams in the designated area located at the roundabout. After dropping off buses, will continue through the roundabout and will be instructed to park in the designated bus parking area located near the tennis facility. Pickup after the meet is complete will follow the same process. Signage will be in place marking parking designations on Thursday.

### **ATHLETIC TRAINING**

Athletic training personnel will be available Thursday, September 11 at 3-5 PM near ATHLETES VILLAGE. Water will be available for teams during this time. On Friday, September 12, athletic training personnel will be set up at the finish line starting at 6:15 AM. In the event the visiting team does not travel with a member of their athletic training staff, athletic training services will be provided with prior notification (preferably 2 days in advance) and the visiting team has appropriate supplies. Ice will be available after the meet.

### **TIMING INFORMATION**

Xpress Timing will handle timing/results. Live results will be available at <https://xpresstiming.com/>. We will be utilizing two split points on course which means the women's 5k race will have splits/live scoring at the 1.6k, 3.2k and finish and the men's 8k will have splits/live scoring at the 1.6k, 4.6k, 6.2k and finish.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Meet Director: Jeremy Provence, (479) 462-6603, [jprovence@jsu.edu](mailto:jprovence@jsu.edu)

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HSC Operations: Jalen Williams, (256) 960-2221, [jalen.williams@huntsvilleAL.org](mailto:jalen.williams@huntsvilleAL.org)

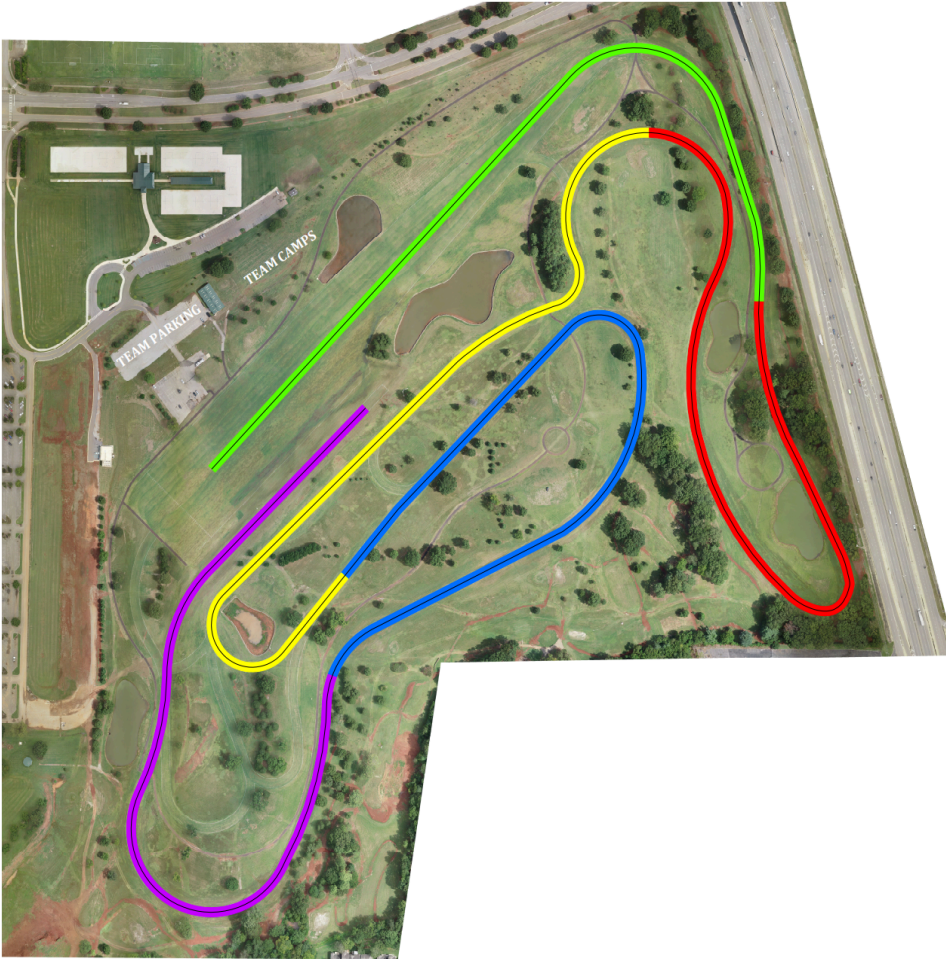
## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

**Lightening:** Following NCAA protocol, we will be using a lightning detection and weather monitoring system. Once lightning enters the 30-mile radius of competition, we will begin preparations to protect the student-athletes and spectators. Once lightning enters within an eight-mile radius of our site, competition must stop, and student-athletes and spectators will be moved to safe areas. We will not begin any activity until 30 minutes have passed since the last lightning strike inside the warning ring.

**Shelter Locations for Lightning:** Teams will be directed back to their buses. Spectators will be directed back to their vehicles. With the absence of a substantial building, a hard-topped metal vehicle with the windows closed provides good protection. Note that small outdoor buildings including dugouts, rain shelters, sheds, etc., are NOT SAFE.

**For Tornadoes:** At John Hunt Park, take cover in the shallow ditches along the sides of the inactive runways. Lie flat on the upper half of the bank; do not go to the very bottom because water will flow there. Avoid the deep ditches as the lower banks are steep and they will be muddy and slick.

Updates on weather impacts and changes to the schedule will be posted on our social media channels.

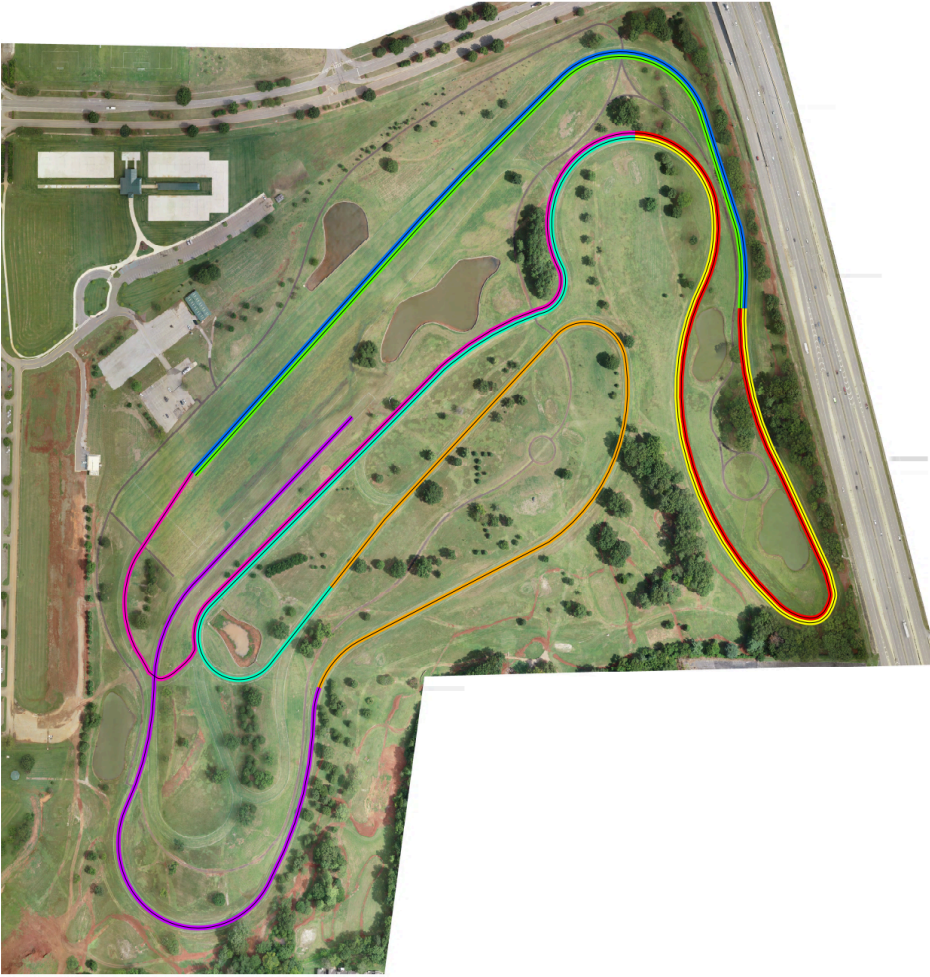


## John Hunt Park

5K  
Cross Country  
Running Course

START	1ST KM
	2ND KM
	3RD KM
	4TH KM
FINISH	5TH KM





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## 8K Cross Country Running Course

START	1K
	2K
	3K
	4K
	5K
	6K
	7K
FINISH	8K