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Boys' and Girls' State Cross Country Meet



BROOKLYN CENTER, Minn. – The 2018 State Cross Country Meet will be conducted on Saturday, November 3, at St. Olaf College in Northfield. Here is a look at the meet:

FAST FACTS

The schedule: Class AA boys – 10 a.m.; Class AA girls – 11 a.m.; Class A boys – 1 p.m.; Class A girls – 2 p.m. All races are 5,000 meters and an awards ceremony will be

conducted approximately 30 minutes after each girls' race.

Tickets: Free admission

Team and individual results: Posted on the League's website at www.mshsl.org

Social media: Follow the meet on the League's Facebook page and on Twitter at @MSHSL and @MSHSLJohn.

TEAM PREVIEW

Boys

Class A – The Perham Yellowjacket return in search of their second consecutive and seventh overall team title. In addition to Mora, nine other teams from the 2017 field also return: St. James Area, which includes students from Butterfield-Odin, runner-up; Mankato Loyola/Cleveland, third; Lac qui Parle Valley/Dawson-Boyd, fourth; North Shore, a co-op between Cook County of Grand Marais and Two Harbors, fifth; Greenway/Nashwauk-Keewatin, seventh; West Central Area of Barrett, eighth; Staples Motley, 10th; Mora, 11th; and Heritage Christian Academy, which includes students from West Lutheran of Plymouth, 13th.

Class AA – The two-time defending champions from Wayzata return in search of more gold. If they win, it would be their 10th title overall. Nine other teams from 2017 also return: Stillwater Area, runner-up; Edina, third; Mounds View, fifth; Red Wing, seventh; Buffalo, ninth; Forest Lake, 10th; Willmar, 12th; St. Michael-Albertville, 13th; and Cloquet, 16th.

Girls

Class A – Eight teams, including the defending champions from Perham, return to this year's team competition. If the Yellowjackets win, it would be their third title overall. The other returning teams are: Cotter of Winona, runner-up; Luverne, sixth; Jordan, ninth; Lac qui Parle Valley/Dawson-Boyd, 10th; Belle Plaine, 11th; North Shore, 13th; and West Central Area, 15th.

Class AA – The Wayzata Trojans are looking for their second consecutive championship. If they win, it would be their fifth title overall. Twelve additional teams return from the 2017 field: Edina, runner-up; St. Michael-Albertville, third; Willmar, fourth; Forest Lake, fifth; Farmington, sixth; Marshall, seventh; Andover, eighth; Lakeville South, ninth; Rosemount, 10th; White Bear Lake Area, 11th; Alexandria Area, 12th; and Stillwater Area, 13th.

INDIVIDUAL PREVIEW

Boys

Class A – Sophomore Geno Uhrbom of Greenway/Nashwauk-Keewatin, who placed third last year, leads a field of four returning Top 10 finishers. The others are: junior Cooper Lennox of Mora, eighth; junior Jacob Bright of Staples Motley, ninth; and junior Harris Anderson of Math & Science Academy of Woodbury, 10th.

Class AA – Acer Iverson, a senior from Roseville Area, is the highest returning qualifier. Iverson earned runner-up honors in 2017. Five additional Top 10 finishers return: senior Luke Labatte of Rosemount, third; senior Maxwell Manley of Edina, fifth; junior Nicholas Scheller of Chanhassen, sixth; senior Addison Stansbury of Stillwater Area, seventh; and senior Caleb Haugland of Minneapolis Washburn, 10th.

Girls

Class A – Two-time defending champion, sophomore Tierney Wolfgram of Math & Science Academy of Woodbury, returns in search of more gold. She will be joined by all nine of the additional Top 10 finishers from last year: eighth-grader Lauren Ping of Cotter, runner-up; sophomore Grace Ping of Cotter, third; sophomore Morgan Gehl of Murray County Central/Fulda, fourth; ninth-grader Tenley Nelson of Luverne, fifth; senior Makenna Thurston of LCWM/Nicollet, sixth; sophomore Marissa Whitehead of Martin County West/Martin Luther, seventh; junior Ava Hill of Mesabi East of Aurora, eighth; senior Kayla Christopherson of Pacelli of Austin, ninth; and sophomore Emma Fashert of Annandale, 10th.

Class AA – Defending champion, senior Emily Covert of Minneapolis Washburn, leads a field of eight returning Top 10 finishers. The other returning runners are: Farmington sophomore Anna Fenske, runner-up; Wayzata junior Emma Atkinson, third; Lakeville South junior Brianne Brewster, fifth; Farmington senior Lauren Peterson, sixth; Wayzata junior Caroline Sasson, seventh; St. Michael-Albertville ninth-grader Ali Weimer, ninth; and St. Paul Highland Park ninth-grader Molly Moening, 10th.

2017 STATE TOURNAMENT RECAP

Boys

Class A – The Perham Yellowjackets claimed their sixth championship with 118 points. St. James Area placed second with 148 points and Mankato Loyola/Cleveland was third with 154 points. Matt Steiger of La Crescent claimed top individual honors with a time of 15:44.73. The victory was an improvement for Steiger, who placed second in 2016. Defending champion Declan Dahlberg of Mounds Park Academy of St. Paul and Geno Uhrbom of Greenway/Nashwauk-Keewatin, placed second and third, respectively.

Class AA – Khalid Hussein of Wayzata, who earned runner-up honors in 2016, won the individual competition with a time of 15:22.54. Acer Iverson of Roseville Area placed second and Luke Labatte of Rosemount was third. Wayzata earned its second consecutive and ninth overall team championship with 37 points. Stillwater Area finished in second place with 79 points and Edina placed third with 107.

Girls

Class A - Perham earned its second team crown, finishing with 86 points. Cotter was second with 87 points and Annandale placed third with 131 points. Tierney Wolfgram of Math & Science Academy of Woodbury claimed her second individual title and set a Class A record with her time of 17:31.56. Lauren Ping of Cotter claimed runner-up honors and Grace Ping of Cotter placed third.

Class AA – Emily Covert of Minneapolis Washburn earned her first individual title with a time of Class AA record time of 17:30.07. The win was an improvement for Covert, who finished eighth in 2016. Defending champion Anna Fenske of Farmington placed second and Emma Atkinson of Wayzata was third. In the team competition, the Wayzata Trojans earned their fourth championship with 51 points. Edina was second with 72 points and St. Michael-Albertville was third with 102 points.