THE 72ND ANNUAL BOYS & 37TH ANNUAL GIRLS
IHSAA CROSS COUNTRY STATE FINALS
Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017
LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course
599 S. Tabortown Street, Terre Haute, Ind.
Boys Race at 1 pm ET; Girls Race at 1:45 pm ET

One of the most colorful, yet grueling, IHSAA state championship events takes place this Saturday as the top teams and individuals from across the state meet at the LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course in Terre Haute to determine the 2017 state champions.

Twenty-four full teams and 40 more individuals who qualified without their squad (208 runners each race) will compete in each race over the 5,000 meter course with a reputation as one of the finest in the nation.

Boys Lane Assignments | Girls Lane Assignments
Boys State Championship Records Book | Girls State Championship Records Book

Defending Boys Team Champion
The Carroll (Fort Wayne) boys team is making its eighth consecutive appearance at the state finals and stands as the defending state champion after reeling in the school’s first title in the sport a year ago. This year’s Chargers squad is ranked 14th in the state coaches poll after a fourth place finish at the Brown County Semi-State last Saturday.

New Boys Individual Champion
A new boys individual state champion is assured as Oldenburg Academy’s Curtis Eckstein has graduated after winning the 2016 state title.

Defending Girls Team Champion
Fourth-ranked Carmel is the seven-time defending team champion and will be looking for its ninth title in last 10 years and state record 19th overall this weekend.

Defending Girls Individual Champion
DeKalb senior Tyler Schwartz is the defending state champion after running away with the title a year ago by nearly nine seconds. Schwartz has won each tournament race up to this point and would become the first back-to-back girls winner since Culver Academies’ Alex Banfish won three in a row from 2005-07.

TOP 20 RETURNees FROM 2016 STATE FINALS (2016 FINISH)

Boys (13 of 20)
2. Gabe Fendel (12) Hamilton Southeastern
4. Alec Fleming (12) Lowell
5. Colin Murphy (12) Carmel
9. Richmond Stoltzfus (12) Westview
10. Cole Powers (11) Carroll (Fort Wayne)
11. Cole Hocker (11) Indianapolis Cathedral
12. Matthew Schadler (12) Evansville Memorial
15. Brennan Butche (11) Mississinewa
17. Kenton Ostrander (12) Carmel
18. Austin Hasket (11) Edgewood
20. Evan Sorensen (12) Evansville Central

Girls (13 of 20)
1. Tyler Schwartz (12) DeKalb
2. Abigail Green (11) Carroll (Fort Wayne)
3. Maddie Dalton (12) Carmel
6. Phoebe Bates (10) Carmel
7. Meagan Hathaway (11) Carroll (Fort Wayne)
8. Emma Wilson (11) Greencastle
11. Shelby Riehle (11) LaPorte
12. Kayla McCulloch (11) East Noble
13. Sophia Rigg (12) Zionsville
14. Abi Little (12) Noblesville
15. Katelyn Wasson (11) Zionsville
16. Lauren Frank (12) Penn
17. Jordyn Boyer (11) Lowell
2017-18 IHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

FALL SPORTS
Sept. 29-30  GIRLS GOLF  Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel  Team: Zionsville  Individual: Kayla Benge, Plainfield

Oct. 13-14  BOYS TEAM TENNIS  North Central HS, Indianapolis  Team: Carmel


Oct. 27-28  BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER  Sellick Bowl, Butler University, Indianapolis  Carroll Stadium, IUPUI, Indianapolis

Oct. 28  BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY  LaVern Gibson Course, Terre Haute

Nov. 4  VOLLEYBALL  Worthen Arena, Ball State University, Muncie

Nov. 24-25  FOOTBALL  Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis

WINTER SPORTS
Feb. 9-10  GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING  IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis

Feb. 16-17  WRESTLING  Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis

Feb. 23-24  BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING  IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis

Feb. 24  GIRLS BASKETBALL  Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis

March 10  GYMNASTICS  Worthen Arena, Ball State University, Muncie

March 24  BOYS BASKETBALL  Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis

SPRING SPORTS
June 1  GIRLS TRACK & FIELD  Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington

June 2  UNIFIED TRACK & FIELD  Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington

June 2  BOYS TRACK & FIELD  Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington

June 1-2  GIRLS TEAM TENNIS  North Central HS, Indianapolis

June 8-9  GIRLS SINGLES & DOUBLES  Park Tudor HS, Indianapolis

June 9  SOFTBALL  Bittinger Stadium, Purdue University, West Lafayette

June 12-13  BOYS GOLF  Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel

June 15-16  BASEBALL  Victory Field, Indianapolis

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY FINAL IATCCC COACHES POLL FOR 2017

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ANDERSON’S MIKE PADFIELD TO BE HONORED WITH OUTSTANDING OFFICIALS AWARD

Each year, the Indiana High School Athletic Association honors an outstanding official in each sport during the State Finals Tournament.

Mike Padfield, of Anderson, is the recipient of the 2017-18 IHSAA Outstanding Cross Country Official Award in the state of Indiana. A licensed cross country official for 27 years, Padfield is a member of the Central Officials Association, where he has served terms as President and Secretary. Mike is also a licensed football referee, having worked three (3) IHSAA Football State Finals and being named the 2010-11 IHSAA Outstanding Football Official. He has also worked 11 Track & Field State Finals and was named the Outstanding Track & Field Official in the 2007-08 school year.

Mike was selected for this honor by a committee representing the official’s associations. In Indiana there are 24 associations made up of more than 7,000 men and women who give up much of their personal time to assist in providing wholesome, worthwhile, and healthy activities for the student-athletes in our state. Statewide, there are more than 8,000 officials licensed by the IHSAA in 11 sports.

During his career, Mike has worked at 15 IHSAA Sectional Cross Country meets in addition to 11 Regionals, eight (8) Semi-Stages and seven (7) State Finals meets.

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GIRLS NOTABLES

Former Girls State Champions in the Field

Girls Teams Participating (24)
Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Brebeuf Jesuit, Brownsburg, Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Chesterton, Columbus North, Crown Point, Edgewood, Evansville Memorial, Fishers, Floyd Central, Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Hamilton Southeastern, Homestead, LaPorte, Lowell, Northridge, Penn, Valparaiso, West Lafayette, Zionsville.

Girls Teams Returning from 2016 (16 of 24)
Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Columbus North, Evansville Memorial, Fishers, Floyd Central, Homestead, LaPorte, Lowell, Northridge, Penn, Valparaiso, West Lafayette, Zionsville.

Most Consecutive Girls Team Appearances
37 by Carmel, 1981-present.

Active Streaks of Girls Team Appearances (Three or more years)
37: Carmel.
14: Carroll (Fort Wayne).
11: Bloomington South, Columbus North.
 8: West Lafayette.
 7: Northridge, Penn.
 6: Homestead.
 5: Floyd Central, LaPorte, Zionsville.
 4: Valparaiso.
 3: Bloomington North, Fishers.

Girls Team Appearance Droughts Broken (10 or more years)

Girls First Team Appearance (0)
None

Girls Semi-State Individual Champions
Grace Williams (12) Bloomington North.
Emma Wilson (11) Greencastle
Tyler Schwartz (12) DeKalb.
Jordyn Boyer (11) Lowell.

Girls Sectional Champions: Barr-Reeve, Bloomington North, Brebeuf Jesuit, Brownsburg, Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Columbus North, Delta, East Noble, Evansville Memorial, Floyd Central, Forest Park, Fort Wayne Bishop Luers, Franklin Central, Greensburg, Jennings County, Lowell, Maconaquah, Munster, Northridge, Oak Hill, Penn, Rensselaer Central, Rushville Consolidated, Southport, Terre Haute North, Twin Lakes, Valparaiso, Warsaw Community, West Lafayette, Yorktown, Zionsville.

Girls Regional Champions: Bloomington North, Brebeuf Jesuit, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Center Grove, Columbus North, Evansville Memorial, Floyd Central, Franklin Central, Lowell, Oak Hill, Penn, Valparaiso, Warsaw Community, West Lafayette, Yorktown, Zionsville.

Girls Semi-State Champions: Bloomington North, Brebeuf Jesuit, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Valparaiso.

BOYS NOTABLES

Former Boys State Champions in the Field
None

Boys Teams Participating (24)
Avon, Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Chesterton, Christian Academy of Indiana, Columbus North, Crown Point, Fishers, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Indianapolis Cathedral, Jennings County, Lowell, McCutcheon, North Central (Indianapolis), Pendleton Heights, Penn, Tell City, Valparaiso, West Lafayette, West Noble, Westview, Zionsville.

Boys Teams Returning from 2016 (18 of 24)
Avon, Bloomington North, Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Chesterton, Columbus North, Crown Point, Fishers, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Jennings County, Lowell, Pendleton Heights, Penn, Tell City, Valparaiso, West Lafayette, Westview, Zionsville.

Boys Regional Champions:

Boys Sectional Champions:


First Boys Team Appearance
Christian Academy of Indiana

Boys Semi-State Individual Champions
Caleb Futter (11) Christian Academy of Indiana.
Gabe Fendel (12) Hamilton Southeastern.
Matthew Yoder (12) Westview.
Alec Fleming (12) Lowell.

Boys Sectional Champions:
Avon, Batesville, Bellmont, Bloomington North, Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Castle, Christian Academy of Indiana, Columbus North, Crawfordsville, Franklin Central, Franklin Community, Hagerstown, Huntington North, Indianapolis Cathedral, Jennings County, Lake Central, Logansport, Lowell, Morgan Township, Muncie Central, Northridge, Northview, Pendleton Heights, Penn, Princeton Community, Tell City, Valparaiso, Warsaw Community, West Lafayette, Westview.

Boys Regional Champions:
Avon, Bloomington South, Carmel, Castle, Columbus North, Franklin Central, Franklin Community, Huntington North, Lowell, McCutcheon, Pendleton Heights, Penn, Tell City, Valparaiso, Warsaw Community, Westview.

MEDIA INFORMATION

**Tournament Director:** Kris Painter, Athletic Director, Terre Haute North Vigo HS

**Tournament Administrator:** Paul Neidig, IHSAA Assistant Commissioner

**Media Host:** Sports Information Director Jason Wille will be on hand to assist in your coverage.

**Media Credentials:** The 2017-18 IHSAA State Finals Media Credential issued previously for the girls golf and boys tennis state finals will allow for admission. To apply, please e-mail your request (with name of individual) as soon as possible to IHSAA Sports Information Director Jason Wille at jwille@ihsaa.org. E-mail requests MUST originate from a recognized business account; e-mails from personal accounts (ie: yahoo.com, gmail.com, etc.) will not be accepted. Approved requests will be available for pickup at the Wabash Valley Family Sports Center adjacent to the course beginning at 11 am ET. Please have media identification available and enter the grounds using the east gate nearest the Sports Center.

**Media Services:** Official programs will be available at the Sports Center facility when you claim your credential along with computer-generated results following the races. Complete results will also be posted to IHSAA.org on the cross country state finals webpages. Wireless access will be available at the Sports Center for filing stories and photographs. Please be aware that the building will close promptly at 6:30 pm ET/5:30 CT.