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 2019 state champions.

Twenty-four girls teams, 25 boys teams and 81 more individuals who qualified without their squad will compete in each race over the 5,000 meter course with a reputation as one of the finest in the nation.

**Defending Girls Team Champion**
Top-ranked Carroll (Fort Wayne) is the defending team champion after capturing the school’s first title a year ago and is a prime contender again having won a title at each stop this tournament. The Chargers return three of their five scoring runners from last year’s state meet, including senior Monroe Fruchey who finished sixth overall.

**Girls Individual Champion**
A new girls individual champion is assured as Greencastle’s Emma Wilson has graduated after winning the last two state titles. Erin Strzelecki of Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger and Annalyssa Crain of Edgewood, last year’s second and third place finishers, respectively, both hope to hit the tape first having claimed semi-state titles last Saturday.

**Defending Boys Team Champion**
The Carmel boys team is making its state record-extending 44th consecutive appearance at the state finals and stands as the defending state champion after winning its third title in four years in 2018. This year’s Greyhounds are ranked second in the final state coaches poll. Sitting atop that poll is Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, led by senior Reece Gibson, last week’s semi-state champion at New Haven who finished eighth here last season. The Cadets will be attempting to win the school’s first team title in the sport on Saturday.

**Boys Individual Champion**
A new boys individual state champion is also assured as Indianapolis Cathedral’s Cole Hocker has graduated after winning the 2018 state title. Lowell’s Gabriel Sanchez is the highest returning finisher as last year’s state runner-up. Besides, Concordia’s Gibson, Highland’s Lucas Guerra, Plainfield’s Dalton Kane and Bloomington North’s Paul Rushton also figure to be in the mix after each won semi-state titles last Saturday.
**GIRLS NOTABLES**

**Former Girls State Champions in the Field**
None.

**Girls Teams Participating (24)**
Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Brebeuf Jesuit, Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Columbus North, Edgewood, Fishers, Floyd Central, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Hamilton Southeastern, Harrison (West Lafayette), Homestead, Indianapolis Bishop Chatard, Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter, Lake Central, Lowell, Noblesville, Northridge, Northview, Portage, Valparaiso, West Lafayette, Zionsville.

**Girls Regional Champions (16)**
Batesville, Bloomington North, Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Columbus North, Fishers, Floyd Central, Lowell, New Palestine, Northridge, Norwell, South Knox, Valparaiso, Warsaw Community, West Lafayette, Western, Yorktown, Zionsville.

**Girls Semi-State Champions (4)**
Carroll (Fort Wayne), Columbus North, West Lafayette, Zionsville.

**BOYS NOTABLES**

**Former Boys State Champions in the Field**
None.

**Boys Teams Participating (25)**
Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Brebeuf Jesuit, Brownsburg, Carmel, Center Grove, Chesterton, Columbia City, Columbus North, Crown Point, Fishers, Floyd Central, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Hamilton Southeastern, Harrison (West Lafayette), Homestead, Jasper, Lake Central, New Prairie, Noblesville, Northview, Valparaiso, West Lafayette, West Noble, Zionsville.

**Boys Teams Returning from 2018 (16 of 24)**
Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Brebeuf Jesuit, Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Columbus North, Edgewood, Fishers, Floyd Central, Hamilton Southeastern, Homestead, Lowell, Noblesville, Valparaiso, West Lafayette, Zionsville.

**Girls Team Appearance Droughts Broken (10 or more years)**

**Girls First Team Appearance (2)**
Harrison (West Lafayette).
Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter.

**Girls Semi-State Individual Champions**
Annalyssa Crain (11) Edgewood
Karina James (10) Lowell
Madeline Keller (10) Brebeuf Jesuit
Erin Strzelecki (12) Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger

**Boys Sectional Champions (32)**
Bellmont, Batesville, Bloomington South, Brebeuf Jesuit, Brownsburg, Carmel, Castle, Center Grove, Columbus North, Crown Point, Fishers, Floyd Central, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Franklin Central, Frontier, Goshen, Harrison (West Lafayette), Jasper, Jennings County, Kankakee Valley, Lake Central, Monroe Central, Northview, Oak Hill, Penn, Rushville Consolidated, Valparaiso, Vincennes Lincoln, Warsaw Community, West Noble, Western, Zionsville.

**Boys Regional Champions (16)**
Bellmont, Brebeuf Jesuit, Bloomington South, Brownsburg, Castle, Center Grove, Columbus North, Crown Point, Fishers, Floyd Central, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Franklin Central, Harrison (West Lafayette), Penn, Valparaiso, Warsaw Community.

**Boys Semi-State Champions (4)**
Bloomington South, Carmel, Crown Point, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran.

**Most Consecutive Boys Team Appearances**
44 by Carmel, 1976-present.

**Active Streaks of Boys Team Appearances (Three or more years)**
44: Carmel.
13: Columbus North.
12: Valparaiso.
8: Bloomington North, West Lafayette.
7: Crown Point.
6: Fishers.
5: Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran.
4: Zionsville.
3: Bloomington South, West Noble.

**Boys Team Appearance Droughts Broken (10 or more years)**
67 years: Jasper (1952).
### FALL SPORTS
**Oct. 4-5**
**GIRLS GOLF**
Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel  
Team: Homestead  
Individual: Faith Johnson, Evansville North  

**Oct. 18-19**
**BOYS TEAM TENNIS**
North Central HS, Indianapolis  
Team: Carmel  

**Oct. 19**
**UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL**
Grand Park Sports Event Center, Westfield  
Team: Mooresville  

**Oct. 25-26**
**BOYS SINGLES & DOUBLES**
Park Tudor HS, Indianapolis  
Singles: Presley Thieneman, Carmel  
Doubles: Uday Lomada & Jones McNamer, Carmel  

**Nov. 1-2**
**BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER**
Fishers HS, Fishers  

**Nov. 2**
**BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**
LaVern Gibson Course, Terre Haute  

**Nov. 7-8**
**Volleyball**
Worthen Arena, Ball State University, Muncie  

**Nov. 29-30**
**Football**
Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis  

### WINTER SPORTS
**Feb. 14-15**
**GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING**
IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis  

**Feb. 21-22**
**Wrestling**
Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis  

**Feb. 28-29**
**BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING**  
IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis  

**Feb. 29**
**Girls Basketball**
Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis  

**March 14**
**Gymnastics**
Worthen Arena, Ball State University, Muncie  

**March 28**
**Boys Basketball**
Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis  

### SPRING SPORTS
**June 5**
**Girls Track & Field**
Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington  

**June 6**
**Unified Track & Field**
Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington  

**June 6**
**Boys Track & Field**
Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington  

**June 5-6**
**Girls Team Tennis**
North Central HS, Indianapolis  

**June 12-13**
**Girls Singles & Doubles**
Park Tudor HS, Indianapolis  

**June 12-13**
**Softball**
Bittinger Stadium, Purdue University, West Lafayette  

**June 16-17**
**Boys Golf**
Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel  

**June 19-20**
**Baseball**
Victory Field, Indianapolis  

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### GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY FINAL IATCCC COACHES POLL FOR 2019

1. Carroll (Fort Wayne)  
2. Zionsville  
3. Columbus North  
4. Carmel  
5. Bloomington North  
6. Brebeuf Jesuit  
7. Fishers  
8. Indianapolis Bishop Chatard  
9. Noblesville  
10. Floyd Central  
11. Homestead  
12. West Lafayette  
13. Hamilton Southeastern  
14. Northview  
15. Valparaiso  
16. Northridge  
17. Bloomington South  
18. Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter  
19. Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran  
20. Harrison (West Lafayette)  
21. Indianapolis Cathedral  
22. Portage  
23. Lake Central  
24. Penn  
25. Brownsburg

### BOYS CROSS COUNTRY FINAL IATCCC COACHES POLL FOR 2019

1. Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran  
2. Carmel  
3. Center Grove  
4. Brebeuf Jesuit  
5. Bloomington South  
6. Brownsburg  
7. Columbus North  
8. Homestead  
9. Fishers  
10. Noblesville  
11. Zionsville  
12. Floyd Central  
13. Crown Point  
14. Valparaiso  
15. West Noble  
16. Columbia City  
17. Chesterton  
18. Hamilton Southeastern  
19. Bloomington North  
20. West Lafayette  
21. Indianapolis Cathedral  
22. Harrison (West Lafayette)  
23. Jasper  
24. Northview  
25. Jennings County

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### 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 2019-20 IHSAA State Finals Media Credential issued previously this fall 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 (i.e: 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 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.