

## REPORT OF THE CCS CROSS COUNTRY COMMITTEE

<u>LEAGUE</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>	<u>LEAGUE</u>	<u>REPRESENTATIVE</u>
BVAL-MHAL	Scott Young – Santa Teresa	PCAL-Santa Lucia	Jake Bermel - Marina
BVAL-STAL-East	Tony Chan – Silver Creek	PSAL	Robert Lopez-Nueva
BVAL-STAL-West	Absent	SCCAL	Travis Fox- Aptos
BVAL-WVAL	Absent	SCVAL-DAL	Paul Armstrong – Cupertino
PAL-Ocean	Chris Lucey- Hillsdale	SCVAL-ECAL	Stephanie MacKenzie - Los Altos
PCAL-Gabilan	Roger Chagnon-Salinas	WBAL	Albert Caruana - Crystal Springs Uplands
PCAL-Cypress	Monica Jo Gilmore - Anzar	WCAL	Andy Chen – Sacred Heart Cathedral
# Members on Committee: 14 # Members Present at Meeting: 12		Report respectfully submitted by: Xolan Brown, CCS XC Liaison	
GUESTS & STAFF PRESENT: Xolan Brown, CCS Liaison; Steve Filios, Meet Director Guest & Staff present, Jim Marheineke, Co-Meet Director and Crystal Springs Course Liaison; Hank Lawson-Crystal Springs XC Course Liaison.			

### I. TOURNAMENT GUIDE CHANGES--UPDATES FOR NEXT YEAR

This section contains non-major format changes. The CCS Board of Managers will review and, by its acceptance of this report, approve these housekeeping changes. If, at 1<sup>st</sup>-reading, the Board deems any of these as “Major” changes, it may pull them out and send them back to Leagues for further discussion and review. The item will then be returned to the CCS Board at its next meeting for a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and final action.

#### **Section 1. SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

Organization: **Wednesday AUGUST 13, 2025** 7:00 PM

*(date subject to change to insure CCS meeting does not conflict with league organizational meetings)*

Evaluation: **TUESDAY, December 2, 2025** 7:00 PM

#### **Section 2. MEETS DATES / SITES**

- The 2025 CCS Boys and Girls Cross Country Championships are scheduled as follows:  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025 @ TBD**

<u>Division</u>		<u>Time</u>		<u>Time</u>
Division I	Boys	10:00 am	Girls	10:35 am
Division II	Boys	11:10 am	Girls	11:45 am
Division III	Boys	12:20 pm	Girls	12:55 pm
Division IV	Boys	1:30 pm	Girls	2:05 pm
Division V	Boys	2:40 pm	Girls	3:15 pm

#### **Section 3. DIVISION PLACEMENT** *(last reviewed after 2021 season)*

The previous year's grade 9-12 CBEDS figures, as listed below, will be used to adjust the size of each division.

- When determining the divisions, the CCS staff will utilize a list of *enrollments that is gender agnostic and without school names attached to insure objectivity.*
- Division V will be set at 600 and below. *The remaining schools shall be allocated into Divisions in the following manner:*
  - Division I: top 15%*
  - Division II: ~~next 25%~~ **next 22%***
  - Division III: next 25%*
  - Division IV: remaining 35% **37-38%***
- If the number of schools was not cleanly divided by the percentages, the “extra” school(s) would be placed beginning in the higher division*

- If more than one school has the same enrollment at the “point of division,” all schools with that enrollment. would be placed in the higher of the two divisions.
- **Division placement will be reviewed at the Evaluation Meeting every three years beginning with the 2024 season (i.e. 2024, 2027, etc)**

*Comment/Background: Division placement was last reviewed, adjusted, and approved at the completion of the 2021 season. The 2024 review includes an adjustment favored by the Committee by a vote of 11-1. As part of the approval process in 2021, it was stipulated that a review process would take place every three years to determine a need (if any) for adjustments based on meet entries in each Division.*

#### **Section 4. QUALIFYING FROM LEAGUE TO SECTION**

A.3. If a team does not automatically qualify for the Section Meet at its final League event which qualifies athletes to the CCS Meet at the Varsity level, it will qualify as an At-Large Entry if it meets the following condition:

- a. The combined time for a team's top five (5) runners (team time) at its final League event which qualifies athletes to the CCS Meet at the Varsity level is less than the average of the median team time for 1997 and subsequent years at the Section Meet for the Division in which the team competes. **Please see Appendix A**

B.1. If an individual does not automatically qualify for the Section Meet at its final League event which qualifies athletes to the CCS Meet at the Varsity level, he/she will qualify as an At-Large Entry if he/she meets the following condition:

- a. An individual's time at his/her final League event which qualifies athletes to the CCS Meet at the Varsity level is less than the average of the median individual time for 1997 and subsequent years at the Section Meet for the Division in which the individual competes. **Please see Appendix A**

*Comment/Background: The process for calculating the at-large team and individual times is not detailed in Section 4. Therefore, an appendix (Appendix A) is being attached to the bylaws for clarity. The proposed appendix is attached to this report.*

## **II. RECOMMENDATIONS**

*This section includes general recommendations to the CCS Board of Managers or staff that are not Tournament format related. Recommendations are just that, implemented or not at the discretion of the staff or the CCS Board. Acceptance of this Sport Committee Report does no more than acknowledge these recommendations. These are not action items. If a recommendation is to be approved, and/or the Board wants to direct staff to institute a particular recommendation, the CCS Board must pull out and vote upon that specific recommendation.*

### **A. Recommendations for next year**

1. Several logistical recommendations were provided by Hank Lawson and Jim Marheineke to the CCS Staff and the League Representatives regarding Crystal Springs Cross Country Course, the care of the course and courtesy to the neighborhood.
2. Review with Belmont police department and the SMCCCD drop off procedures to include busses, van, and vehicles at both league and Section championship meets.
3. Review, analyze the impact, and consider proposing a change to the At-Large calculations for Crystal Springs Cross Country Course (CCS Cross Country Bylaws, Section 4) from “1997 and subsequent years at the Section Meet...” To “the last five years that the Section Meet was conducted at Crystal Springs”. *(to be reviewed after the 2025 season)*
4. Review and analyze ideas suggested at the 2024 Cross Country Evaluation Meeting to promote Girls Division V (DV) participation to include, but not limited to:
  - Adjusted at-large procedures for DV
  - Adjusted entry procedures into the CCS Meet for DV
  - Working with leagues that have DV teams (schools less than an enrollment of 600) to ensure/promote maximum Varsity participation.

**B. Review of Section Meet**1. *Thank you to:*

- Meet Management Team including, but not limited to:, Hank Lawson and Jim Marheineke; Results & Timing Coordinator Sean Laughlin; Entry Coordinator Mark McConnell, Clerks Ken Wilner and John Novitsky, Starters Mark Greenough and Cori Crowley.
- USATF Officials: Meet Referees J.R Herbele & Jim Manha; Head Finish Judge Ryan Crowley.
- Jury of Appeals: Monty Steadman, Xolan Brown, Steve Filios
- San Mateo Community College District
- The Medical Team: Chuck Malak, Steph Moch, and Ajay Kurani
- Meet Announcer: Peter Jensen
- Awards Coordinators and Announcer: Mike Flynn
- Junipero Serra High School student workers and Parent Community

**C. Review of State CIF Meet**

Several logistical recommendations were provided regarding the CIF State Meet to forward onto the CIF Cross Country committee to include, but not limited to the following:

1. Provide the detailed box assignment sheet that is posted to the CIF State website in the coaches' packet (rather than the generic box assignment sheet that is currently provided).
2. Clarify in both coaches packet and State Cross Country handbook the placement of the hip number.

**III. MISCELLANEOUS**

*This section contains congratulations to Section winners and Honor Coaches or other items the Committee wishes to have recorded in its annual report. Acceptance by the Board of this Sport Committee Report simply acknowledges the items in this section. These are not action items.*

**A. Congratulations to the 2024 CCS Cross Country Champions:**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
Division 1	Mountain View	Mountain View
Division 2	Los Altos	St. Francis
Division 3	St. Ignatius	Sacred Heart Cathedral
Division 4	Marina	Scotts Valley
Division 5	Menlo	Crystal Springs Uplands
<b>Individual</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
Division 1	Ryan Chen, Mountain View	Nora Carino, Evergreen Valley
Division 2	Aydon Stefanopoulos, Los Gatos	Kinga Czajkowska, Palo Alto
Division 3	Kylie Hoornaert, Prospect	Miles Cook, Sacred Heart Cath.
Division 4	Eli Fitchen-Young, Santa Cruz*	Ava Decleve, Scotts Valley
Division 5	Landon Pretre, Menlo School	Brooke Oliveira, Castilleja
<i>*set a new Crystal Springs Course record.</i>		

**B. Congratulations to the 2024 CIF State Cross Country Top 10 placers:****Teams:**

<b>Boys D1:</b>	Bellarmine (2); Mountain View (9)
<b>Boys D3:</b>	St. Ignatius (8)
<b>Boys D5:</b>	<b>Menlo School (1)</b> ; Crystal Springs Uplands (3)
<b>Girls D2:</b>	St. Francis (2)
<b>Girls D3:</b>	Sacred Heart Cathedral (9)
<b>Girls D4:</b>	Scotts Valley (5)
<b>Girls D5:</b>	Crystal Springs Uplands (4); Menlo School (7)

**Individuals:**

<i>Boys D2:</i>	Aydon Stefanopoulos, Los Gatos (5)
<i>Boys D3:</i>	Miles Cook, Sacred Heart Cathedral (3), Trey Wright, St. Ignatius (10)
<i>Boys D4:</i>	<b>Eli Fitchen-Young, Santa Cruz (1)</b>
<i>Boys D5:</i>	Landon Pretre, Menlo School (2); Benjamin Bouie, Crystal Springs Uplands (3); William Hauser, Menlo (4); Henry Hauser, Menlo School (8); Ryan Fitzpatrick, Nueva School (10)
<i>Girls D2:</i>	Kinga Czajkowska, Palo Alto (2); Amaya Bharadwaj, Palo Alto (4)
<i>Girls D5:</i>	Brooke Oliveira, Castilleja (3); Veronica Taira, Menlo School (9)

- C. Division Placement:** Division placement chart for 2025 using CBED data for 2024-25 is currently being confirmed and will be posted when final confirmation is available.

**IV. PROPOSED MAJOR FORMAT CHANGES**

This section contains any proposal that the staff has determined to be a major change in the core format of the CCS Play-offs in this sport. As such, any item listed below will be reviewed as a 1<sup>st</sup>-reading at the CCS Board of Managers meeting following the Sport Committee meeting. The Board will return the item(s) to the Leagues for review and discussion; the item(s) will be agendized at the next Board meeting for final discussion and action.

**No Major Format Changes submitted.**