

IHSAA News Release



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TICKETS

\$10 per person. Children age two and younger are free of charge. Admission will be collected upon entrance to the grounds. Upon entry to the complex, vehicles will be directed by attendants to parking. Dogs and other pets will not be allowed at the complex.

VIDEOSTREAM AT IHSAA.TV.ORG

Video of Saturday's races will be shown via big-screens at the course and also streamed at IHSAAtv.org. The stream will begin at 12 pm ET/ 11 am CT with race time at 1 pm ET/ 12 CT.



TOP 20 RETURNEES FROM 2016 STATE FINALS (2016 FINISH)

Boys (13 of 20)

2. Gabe Fendel (12) Hamilton Southeastern
3. Skylar Stidam (12) Christian Academy of Indiana
4. Mitchell Rans (11) Caston
5. Alec Fleming (12) Lowell
8. 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) Evanville Memorial
15. Brennan Butche (11) Mississinewa
16. Matthew Yoder (12) Westview
18. Austin Haskett (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 (10) Zionsville
16. Lauren Frank (12) Penn
17. Jordyn Boyer (11) Lowell

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 Banfich won three in a row from 2005-07.



2017-18 IHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

FALL SPORTS

Sept. 29-30	GIRLS GOLF <i>Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel</i> Team: Zionsville Individual: Kayla Benge, Plainfield
Oct. 13-14	BOYS TEAM TENNIS <i>North Central HS, Indianapolis</i> Team: Carmel
Oct. 20-21	BOYS SINGLES & DOUBLES <i>Park Tudor HS, Indianapolis</i> Singles: Patrick Fletchall, Carmel Doubles: Will Emhardt & Drew Weigel, Park Tudor
Oct. 27-28	BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER <i>Sellick Bowl, Butler University, Indianapolis</i> <i>Carroll Stadium, IUPUI, Indianapolis</i>
Oct. 28	BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY <i>LaVern Gibson Course, Terre Haute</i>
Nov. 4	VOLLEYBALL <i>Worthen Arena, Ball State University, Muncie</i>
Nov. 24-25	FOOTBALL <i>Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis</i>

WINTER SPORTS

Feb. 9-10	GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING <i>IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis</i>
Feb. 16-17	WRESTLING <i>Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis</i>
Feb. 23-24	BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING <i>IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis</i>
Feb. 24	GIRLS BASKETBALL <i>Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis</i>
March 10	GYMNASTICS <i>Worthen Arena, Ball State University, Muncie</i>
March 24	BOYS BASKETBALL <i>Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis</i>

SPRING SPORTS

June 1	GIRLS TRACK & FIELD <i>Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington</i>
June 2	UNIFIED TRACK & FIELD <i>Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington</i>
June 2	BOYS TRACK & FIELD <i>Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington</i>
June 1-2	GIRLS TEAM TENNIS <i>North Central HS, Indianapolis</i>
June 8-9	GIRLS SINGLES & DOUBLES <i>Park Tudor HS, Indianapolis</i>
June 9	SOFTBALL <i>Bittinger Stadium, Purdue University, West Lafayette</i>
June 12-13	BOYS GOLF <i>Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel</i>
June 15-16	BASEBALL <i>Victory Field, Indianapolis</i>

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY FINAL IATCCC COACHES POLL FOR 2017

1. Carroll (Fort Wayne)
2. Brebeuf Jesuit
3. Zionsville
4. Carmel
5. Valparaiso
6. Hamilton Southeastern
7. Fishers
8. Brownsburg
9. Bloomington North
10. Noblesville
11. Bloomington South
12. Floyd Central
13. Lowell
14. West Lafayette
15. Penn
16. LaPorte
17. Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger
18. Evansville Memorial
19. Crown Point
20. Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran
21. Chesterton
22. Columbus North
23. Franklin Central
24. Indianapolis Cathedral
25. Homestead

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY FINAL IATCCC COACHES POLL FOR 2017

1. Carmel
2. Indianapolis Cathedral
3. Westview
4. Fishers
5. Lowell
6. North Central (Indianapolis)
7. Valparaiso
8. Bloomington South
9. Avon
10. Zionsville
11. Tell City
12. Christian Academy of Indiana
13. Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran
14. Carroll (Fort Wayne)
15. West Lafayette
16. Crown Point
17. Bloomington North
18. Penn
19. Jennings County
20. Columbus North
21. McCutcheon
22. West Noble
23. Pendleton Heights
24. Westfield
25. Chesterton

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-States and seven (7) State Finals meets.



GIRLS NOTABLES

Former Girls State Champions in the Field
Tyler Schwartz (12) DeKalb, 2016.

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)

36 years: Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger (1981).

24 years: Brebeuf Jesuit (1993).

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.

Most Consecutive Boys Team Appearances

42 by Carmel, 1976-present.

Active Streaks of Boys Team Appearances (Three or more years)

42: Carmel.

11: Columbus North.

10: Valparaiso.

8: Carroll (Fort Wayne).

6: Bloomington North, West Lafayette.

5: Crown Point.

4: Avon, Fishers.

3: Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Lowell, Pendleton Heights, Tell City, Westview.

Boys Team Appearance Droughts Broken (10 or more years)

None.

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, Belmont, 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, Zionsville.

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.

Boys Semi-State Champions: Bloomington South, Carmel, Lowell, Westview.



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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.
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webpages. Wireless access will be
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filing stories and photographs. Please
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promptly at 6:30 pm ET/5:30 CT.