Northeast Conference Championship Handbook



Men's and Women's Cross Country

Saturday, October 28
Central Connecticut State University

Men's Race - 11:00 a.m. Women's Race - 12:00 p.m.



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Cross Country Championship – Quick Reference

Date: October 28, 2017

Location: CCSU Stanley Quarter Park, 451 Blake Road New Britain, CT 06051

Start times: Men's race 11:00 a.m., Women's race 12:00 p.m.

2017 Cross Country Schedule of Events

Friday, October 27 Event

From 10 am to 5 pm Cross Country Course Available

5:30 pm Coaches Meeting in the Blue White Room (Student Center main floor) 6:00 pm Banquet in the Constitution Room located upstairs in Memorial Hall

Saturday, October 28 Event

9:00 am Sports Medicine available 9:00 am Hospitality available 10:45 am Men at starting line

10:50 am National Anthem and Men's team introductions

11:00 am Men's Race

11:45 am Women at starting line 11:55 am Women's team introductions

12:00 pm Women's Race 1:00 pm (approx.) Awards Ceremony

2017 Championship Important Deadlines

Rosters/Entries Submitted on Direct Athletics & emailed to NEC by Friday, October 13

Travel Party/Banquet #'s Submitted by Friday, October 13 - http://northeastconference.org/sb output.aspx?form=39

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Final Declarations Due at Friday, October 27th coaches meeting

Substitutions Due 30 minutes before the race

Championship Games Committee

Caitlin Hughes, NEC Championship Representative Mike Ansarra, CCSU, Meet Director TBD, M & W Cross Country Committee Amy Strickland, CCSU, M & W Cross Country Committee

Ed Gorman, Head Official

Timing Service

Cleon Fowler, C.F.P.I. Timing <u>cleon@cfpitiming.com</u> www.cfpitiming.com



Participating Schools

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Central Connecticut State University

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LIU Brooklyn

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Margaret Alaimo, SWA

Janine Hunter, Head Coach

Casey Snedecor, SID

Courtney Civitano, Athletic Trainer

Mount St. Mary's University

Lynne Robinson, Director of Athletics

Justine Miller, SWA

Jay Phillips, Head Coach

Mark Vandergrift, SID

Mark Myers, Athletic Trainer

Robert Morris University

Craig Coleman, Director of Athletics

Addie Muti, SWA

Caitlin Cotter, Head Coach

Jim Duzyk, SID

Mike Vittorino, Athletic Trainer

Sacred Heart University

Robert Valentine, Director of Athletics

Meghan Miller, SWA

Christian Morrison, Head Coach

Chris O'Connor, SID

Leo Katsetos, Athletic Trainer

St. Francis College, Brooklyn

Irma Garcia, Director of Athletics

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Chris Mills, Head Coach

David Gansell, SID

Andrew Cornicello, Athletic Trainer

Saint Francis University

Susan Robinson Fruchtl, Director of Athletics

Erika Renwick, SWA

Douglas Hoover, Head Coach

Taylor Powers, SID

Terry Bennett, Athletic Trainer

Wagner College

Walt Hameline, Director of Athletics

Tatum Colitz, SWA

Joe Stasi, Head Coach

John Beisser, SID

Andrew Levine, Athletic Trainer



Championship Policies

Awards, Post-Championship

The following awards will be presented in a brief ceremony that is scheduled to begin following the last race:

- Plaques to the top 14 individual finishers
- Outstanding Performer (Men's and Women's)
- Freshman of the Year (Men's and Women's)
- Coaching Staff of the Year (Men's and Women's)*
- First Place Team Trophy for Men's and Women's Races
- Second Place Team Trophy for Men's and Women's Race

Student-athletes participating in the championship will receive an NEC commemorative gift. Participant gifts will be distributed at the banquet on Friday, October 27. The NEC will provide a maximum of 14 participant gift items per team.

Banquet

A championship banquet for participants and members of your institution's official travel party has been scheduled for Friday, October 27, at 6:00 pm in the Constitution Room located upstairs in Memorial Hall on the campus of Central Connecticut State University. Directions to Memorial Hall (building #18 on campus map) are included at the back of the handbook.

The banquet will be a buffet style meal including chicken, pasta, salad, vegetables, dessert and beverages. Each visiting team will contribute \$20.00 per person towards the banquet. If writing a check for the banquet, please make the check payable to Central Connecticut State University. Attire for the banquet is neat/casual. Each participating team is expected to attend the banquet and should plan travel accordingly.

Please complete the travel party roster via this link: http://northeastconference.org/sb_output.aspx?form=39 by Friday, October 13th. This is the form we will use to get a count of how many people you will have attending the banquet. Please include a bus driver if they will be having dinner with your team.

Coaches Meeting

A mandatory pre-championship meeting to review logistics and procedures for the event will be held on Friday, October 27 at 5:30pm and will be held in the Blue White Room (Student Center). If a head coach cannot attend the meeting, a representative of the institution must take his/her place. Starting box assignments will be randomly chosen during this meeting.

Certification of Eligibility

It is the responsibility of each institution to certify that all student-athletes entered to participate in the championship(s) meet all applicable NCAA, Northeast Conference and institutional requirements and are eligible to represent their respective institution in NCAA and NEC competition.

Code of Conduct/Sportsmanship

Each participating institution in this championship has the primary responsibility to cultivate and maintain wholesome conditions and behavior for coaches, athletes and spectators by ensuring maximum sportsmanlike conduct throughout the championship(s). The conference's sportsmanship policy requires coaches and athletes to conduct themselves in



^{*}To be determined via email vote on Tuesday following the Championship.

a dignified and courteous manner. Negative comments, insults and physical threats to other individuals (e.g., participants, officials) will not be tolerated and will lead to immediate ejection from the championship and could lead to additional sanctions from the Conference (e.g., letter of reprimand, suspension from subsequent NEC competition).

Competitor Numbers

Runners shall wear numbers on the front of their uniforms and wear their hip numbers as instructed at the coaches' meeting. A chip/transponder timing system will be used.

Course & Records

The course is located at Stanley Quarter Park in New Britain, CT. Directions to and maps of the course are included in the back of this handbook. Course is available for inspection after 10 am on Friday, October 27th.

Course Records: 5000m: **16:49 -Andrea Walkonean, Boston University, 2008** 8000m: **24:50 – Ry Sanderson. Central Connecticut, 2010**

Directions and Drop-off/Parking Instructions

Banquet: Constitution Room located upstairs in Memorial Hall

Championship: Stanley Quarter Park

Directions to CCSU's Campus and Stanley Quarter Park are included at the end of this document. **Detailed van/bus** parking and drop-off instructions will be emailed the week of the championship.

Entries and Substitutions

Only teams are eligible to enter the NEC Cross Country Championships. A team shall consist of a minimum of five (5) runners. Each team may enter between five (5) and ten (10) participants. Final declarations of participants are due at the championship's coaches meeting. Entry forms are attached. *Please note your team roster (should include all persons who will be eligible to run in the Championship event) must be entered at www.directathletics.com by Friday, October 13th and also emailed to Caitlin Hughes at chughes@northeastconference.org.*

Coaches are permitted to substitute one athlete (who was already submitted on the roster) on the team's entry form up to thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of each race. A substitution form is included at the end of the handbook. The substitution form must be handed to Caitlin Hughes, the NEC representative, at the meet.

Hospitality

Hospitality for coaches, visiting Administrators and support staff will be available during the NEC races. A tent will be set-up in a designated location at the park, which will be announced at the coaches meeting. Six Administrative passes have been sent to each Athletic Director; Administrators attending the event should bring a pass with them.

Hotel

Each school will be responsible for making its own hotel arrangements. The Conference office will not designate a tournament hotel. Listed below is information on some local hotels:

Courtyard Marriott – Cromwell, 4 Sebethe Drive, Cromwell, CT 06416, Contact – Dan Miller, 860-635-1001 x407.

Hartford Farmington Marriott, 15 Farm Springs Rd, Farmington, CT 06032, Contact – Brooke Papazoni, 860-678-1000.

Courtyard Marriott- by West Farms Mall – Contact – Megan Cowee – 860-521-7100

Hotel and Head Coach Contact form must be filled out via this link: http://northeastconference.org/sb_output.aspx?form=38 by Friday, October 13th.



Locker Rooms/Bathroom Facilities

Locker Rooms will be available (Kaiser Hall). We will have signs for both men and women locker rooms. There will be portable restrooms at the Start/Finish area.

Media & Meet Results

All requests for media credentials should be directed to Caitlin Hughes chughes@northeastconference.org at the Conference office. Championship results will be available as soon as possible after completion of the races. Results will be emailed to sports information directors and media outlets following the conclusion of both races. For any media related questions, please contact the CCSU sports information office. The Northeast Conference will have complete championship results on its website shortly following the completion of the championship(s). The Northeast Conference's website address is www.northeastconference.org.

The NEC will use Twitter handle @necxc to update fans on all the action during the course of the event. Fans can also visit www.NECFrontRow.com for footage and highlights from the Championship.

Medical

A sports medicine tent will be available (near the start/finish line) at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. Athletic training coverage will be staffed by CCSU. There will be a certified athletic trainer on duty, though limited services will be available in the tent (e.g., ice, taping). Visiting institutions are expected to make every good-faith effort to bring trainers to the championship. Visiting teams should bring their own tape, towels, etc. Visiting teams should contact Paul Manwaring at 860-832-3170 or mawaringp@ccsu.edu, to find out what specific training services will be provided by Central Connecticut State University.

In the event of a medical emergency, student-athletes will be transported to the following hospital: The Hospital of Central Connecticut – New Britain 100 Grand Street

New Britain, CT 06050

860-224-5671 x3 Emergency Department

Merchandise & Programs

The Northeast Conference will have merchandise and tournament programs on sale at the course.

National Anthem/Runner Introductions

The national anthem will be played prior to the first race. Teams and two designated student-athletes will be announced prior to each race. Please include your two designated student-athletes on the entry form.

Protest Procedures

The on-site representative of the conference office, using all appropriate resources available, such as the Cross Country Games Committee (which may be comprised of an NEC Championship Representative, NEC Administrator, XC Meet Director, Head official and XC Head Coach), shall serve as the final authority on any changes, additions, deletions and/or interpretation of NEC policy as necessary, during and/or after all NEC championships. The referee and/or games committee shall serve as the final authority on any interpretations of the NCAA rules pertaining to Cross Country.

Team Rosters

Team rosters must be entered into the NEC XC Championship Roster section at Direct Athletics (directathletics.com) by Friday, October 13th at noon. There is currently no limit on roster size for the NEC Cross



Country Championship; a maximum of 10 athletes will be allowed to compete. Rosters entered on www.directathletics.com must also be emailed to Caitlin Hughes (chughes@northeastconference.org) by noon on Friday, October 13th.

Rules

Competition shall be governed by NCAA Track & Field/Cross Country rule book.

Schedule of Events

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Scoring

- 1. Only the first five runners from each team shall enter into the scoring.
- 2. First place shall score one point; second place, two points; third place, three points; etc. All runners who finish the course shall be ranked and tallied in this manner. Team scores shall be determined by totaling the points scored by the first five finishers from each team. The team with the lowest total number of points shall be declared the winner. Ties will be broken using NCAA Rule 8.6.3.d.
- 3. Although the sixth and seventh finisher from each team do not score towards their respective team's total, their places, if better than any of the first five finishers from any opposing team, serve to increase the opposing team's total.
- 4. The eighth through tenth finishers from each team will not displace.
- 5. Teams that start at least five runners and have fewer than five runners finish the race shall be listed alphabetically at the end of the team results as did not finish, DNF.

Starting Box Assignments

The starting box assignments will be randomly drawn at the coaches meeting on Friday evening.

Timing System

C.F.P.I. (cfpitiming.com), will be the official timer of the NEC Cross Country Championship. If you have any questions regarding, C.F.P.I. Timing please contact Cleon Fowler (Cleon@cfpitiming.com).

Tobacco, Alcohol Policy

The use of any tobacco product on or adjacent to an NEC championship competition site is prohibited. Any use of a tobacco product by any coach or student-athlete discovered by an official or NEC representative at any NEC



championship practice or competition shall result in immediate disqualification from the remainder of the championship for the individual committing the violation.

The sale of alcoholic beverages at NEC championships is prohibited unless approved in advance by the Council of Presidents. It is not permissible for alcoholic beverages to be brought to the competition site by spectators, participants, coaches, patrons or facility employees.

Uniforms

Rule 4-3 (The Uniform) of the NCAA Track & Field/Cross Country Rule Book shall be followed and enforced. All cross country team members must wear uniforms clearly indicating, through color, logo and combination of all worn outer garments, that members are from the same team. Visible undergarments on top (e.g. t-shirts) worn by team members must be of an identical solid color. Visible undergarments on the bottom (e.g. tights of any length) must be of an identical solid color. Logo rules are the same and can be found in Rule 4-3-3.

When engaged in competition, each competitor must wear an official team uniform with components governed by these rules or be subject to disqualification. Wearing any part of the official team competition uniform illegally (e.g., top off or intentionally shortened, shoulder straps lowered) while in the area of competition shall lead to a warning by the nearest official that repeated violation may result in disciplinary action. A report of uncorrected violations shall be made to the referee and offending competitor's coach.

- A uniform consists of two school-issued components, shorts or briefs, and a top. A one-piece body suit is acceptable as a combination of the two components. Any outer garment (e.g., sweat pants, tights) that is schoolissued becomes the official uniform, when worn.
- b. The uniform must be of a material and design deemed to not be objectionable or offensive by the athletics department of the issuing institution.
- The uniform top must, by design and size, cover the full length of the torso, meeting or hanging below the waistband of the briefs, while the competitor is standing, and allow for competitors' numbers to be placed above the waist, front and back.
- d. Uniform tops must be worn so to not obscure hip numbers.
- Additional visible clothing is an undergarment. It must be worn under the uniform and be of a solid color.
- The use of, or wearing of, artificial noisemakers by competitors is prohibited.

Note: Individual or team uniform, logo, number and shoe rules shall be enforced through inspection by the clerk or the head field event official at initial event check-in. Violators shall be warned, given the chance to correct the violation, and reported to the referee. A report of uncorrected violations shall be made to the referee and offending competitor's coach.



Directions to CCSU & Stanley Quarter Park

Central Connecticut State University

1615 Stanley St.

New Britain CT 06050

From the Southwest (Stamford/New Haven)

Take 95 North to 91 North to Exit 22 North, to Rte. 9 North.

Follow Rte. 9 North and take Exit 29, Rte. 175.

At the traffic light at the end of the exit ramp, go straight and follow Fenn Road to the second traffic light, and take a left turn onto Ella T. Grasso Boulevard.

At the fourth traffic light, take a left into the Student Center Parking Lot and feel free to park in the garage in the event of inclement weather. Memorial Hall is located in the center of the CCSU campus and south of the student center.

From the Southeast (Groton/New London)

Take 95 South to Rte. 9 North to Exit 29, Rte. 175.

At the traffic light at the end of the exit ramp, go straight and follow Fenn Road to the second traffic light, and take a left turn onto Ella T. Grasso Boulevard.

At the fourth traffic light, take a left into the Student Center Parking Lot and feel free to park in the garage in the event of inclement weather. Memorial Hall is located in the center of the CCSU campus and south of the student center.

From the East (Hartford)

Take 84 West to Exit 39A, to Rte. 9 South.

Get off Exit 29 and take a right at the end of the exit ramp onto Ella T. Grasso Boulevard.

At the third traffic light, take a left into the Student Center Parking Lot and feel free to park in the garage in cases of inclement weather. Memorial Hall is located in the center of the CCSU campus and south of the student center.

From the West (Danbury/Waterbury)

Take 84 East to Exit 39A, to Rte. 9 South.

Get off Exit 29 and take a right at the end of the exit ramp onto Ella T. Grasso Boulevard.

At the third traffic light, take a left into the Student Center Parking Lot and feel free to park in the garage in the event of inclement weather. Memorial Hall is located in the center of the CCSU campus and south of the student center.

Stanley Quarter Park

451 Blake Road

New Britain, CT 06051

From I-84 East or West:

Take I-84

Take Exit 39A for Route 9 South

Take Exit 30 for Corbin's Corner

Take a right at the end of the ramp onto Hartford Road

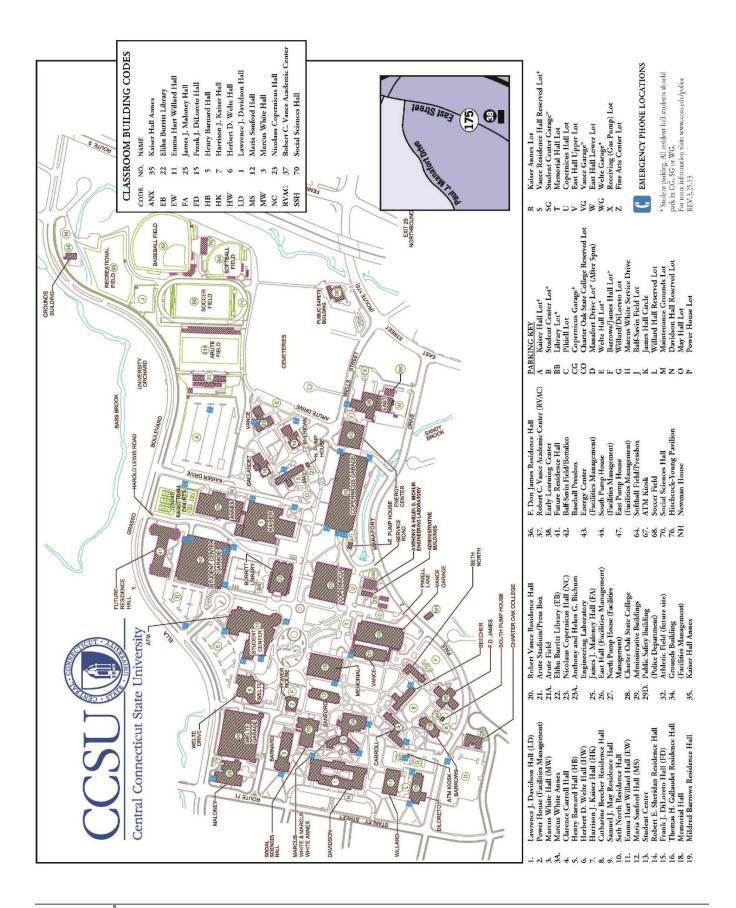
Continue straight

Hartford Road will change into Stanley Street

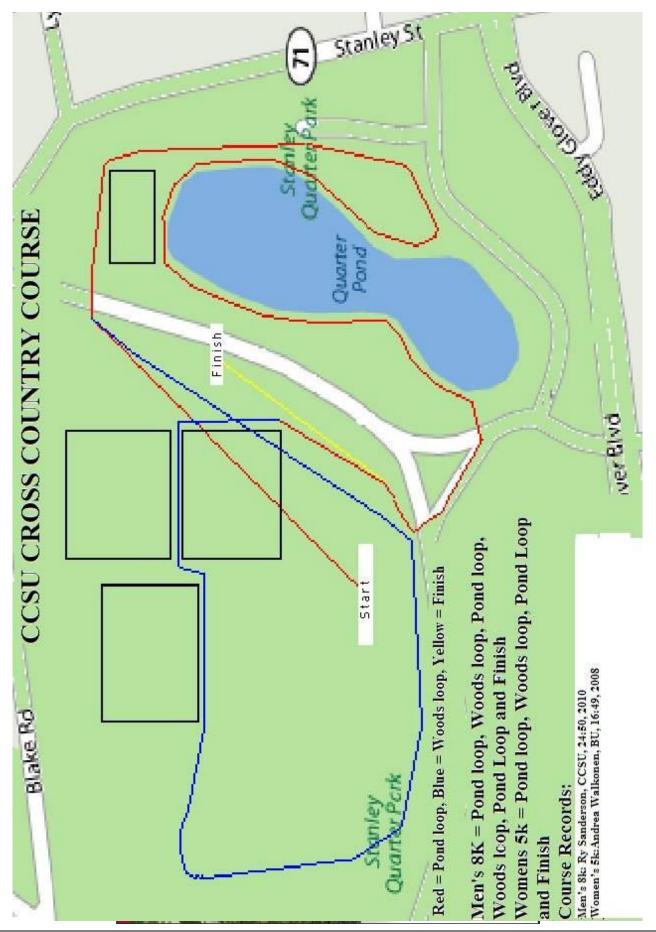
Continue through approximately 5 lights

At the 6th light, the park will be in front of you.





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NEC Cross Country Championship Women's Entry Form

Due Date:	Friday, October 27, 2017	
Return To:	Coaches of the men's and women's teams should hand deliver this Entry Form to the NEC representative on Friday, October 27 th at the pre-championship coaches meeting.	
	Please type and fill out this Entry Form completely.	
School:	Nickname:	
Uniform Co	lors:	
	student-athletes are eligible to compete in the 2017 Northeast Conference Cross Country (student-athletes' names/roster information must have been submitted previously).	
Please indicating including their	ate two athletes you would like to recognize as team leaders in the pre-race announcements – year in school.	
Names (maximu	ım of 10):	
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Coaches Name:		
Coaches Signature or electronic approval:		



NEC Cross Country Championship Men's Entry Form

Due Date:	Friday, October 27, 2017
Return To:	Coaches of the men's and women's teams should hand deliver this Entry Form to the NEC representative on Friday, October 27 th at the pre-championship coaches meeting.
	Please type and fill out this Entry Form completely.
School:	Nickname:
Uniform Co	olors:
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Coaches Name:	
Coaches Significant	

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Substitution Form

On the day of the championship, a team may substitute one athlete up to thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the race. Substitution must be made on this form and handed to the NEC representative on-site.			
Name of Athlete Being Removed From Entry: Athlete's Competitor Number:			
Name of Athlete Being Entered: Athlete's Competitor Number:			
Please make the above substitution.			
Name of Coach	Institution		
Signature of NEC Representative	Time Substitution Request Received		