

CROSS COUNTRY

1. **SAFETY GUIDELINES:** Each HSSAA Member School shall ensure that the current Physical Education Safety Guidelines - Secondary Inter School Module, outlined according to the following critical components: EQUIPMENT, CLOTHING / FOOTWEAR, FACILITIES, SPECIAL RULES / INSTRUCTION and SUPERVISION, be adhered to at all times. Specific details on the Critical Components will be provided at the Pre-Season Coaches Meeting.

2. **AGES:** As per HSSAA Constitution Article XI, Section VII.

3. **EVENTS:** The events and distances will be adjusted as needed to correspond to the OFSAA distances.

BOYS BANTAM - 4000 METRES	GIRLS BANTAM - 4000 METRES
BOYS JUNIOR - 5000 METRES	GIRLS JUNIOR - 5000 METRES
BOYS SENIOR - 6000 METRES	GIRLS SENIOR - 6000 METRES
BOYS PARA - 3000 METRES	GIRLS Para - 3000 METRES

4. **ELIGIBILITY:** All competitors must meet the eligibility requirements as per Article XI of the Constitution

5. **ENTRIES:** Each member School may enter one Girls and one Boys team in each event. For this purpose, a team shall consist of an unlimited number of runners with five to receive awards.

6. **RULE BOOK:** I.A.A.F. Rules with OFSAA Amendments shall govern competition.

7. **UNIFORMS:** All competitors in a race must wear a uniform top of the same style and colour. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the starting line of that individual or by decision from the jury of appeal after the race is completed.

8. **OFFICIALS:** Not specified.

9. **AWARDS:** There will be a Team Trophy presented to the overall Girls team and overall Boys team. There is also a team trophy for each team based on gender. The following Championships will be declared:

- a) Combined Overall (Boys & Girls)
- b) Boys Overall
- c) Girls Overall

Points awarded as such:

1st- 10
 2nd- 8
 3rd- 6
 4th- 4
 5th- 2
 6th- 1

Schools who tally the most points in each category will be declared champions.

10. **GHAC REPRESENTATION:** 1 team per school per division with no maximum number of athletes may compete at GHAC.

11. **GENERAL REGULATIONS:**

- A) SCORING: In determining team champions, only the top 4 runners will count. In the case of a tie, the placing of the 4th runner will determine the winning team e.g. whichever team's 4th runner finishes ahead of each other wins the team title by tie-break.
- B) LENGTH OF COURSES: The length of the course for each event will correspond to the OFSAA distances.
- C) The Convenor shall have a Medical Doctor in attendance or readily available. St.John's personnel or equivalent should be present for sure.
- D) A Jury of Appeal consisting of three people shall be appointed by the Meet Convenor prior to the meet.
- E) NUMBERING SYSTEM: Each competitor will use a transponder or identifying number that corresponds to his or her name and school. These will be provided by the Convenor on the day of the meet.