

WIAA INCLUSIVE DIVISION

Participation at WIAA State Cross Country Meets

The WIAA believes all students should have the opportunity to participate in education-based activities. The benefits such as learning teamwork, goal setting, commitment, positive social interaction, and persistence are just a few benefits that are used to promote sport as an educational activity. Those same benefits are applicable to students with disabilities. The goal of this program is to enable the Ambulatory, Wheelchair and Unified athletes to compete on behalf of their school in pursuit of a WIAA State Cross Country Championship.

Details of Inclusion in the WIAA State Cross Country Meet:

Eligibility

- A. All Inclusive Division athletes (ambulatory/wheelchair/Unified) must meet the rules established by the WIAA and individual school districts.
- B. All Inclusive Division athletes must qualify to the state meet through the qualifying meet process.
- C. The Inclusive Division athlete must meet or exceed the minimum standards established by the WIAA at the qualifying meet when applicable as listed in the Postseason SOP's.
- D. A wheelchair athlete must meet the guidelines outlined in the [WIAA Inclusive Division](#) documentation. A statement of disability must be on file with the school nurse or designated personnel responsible for student health issues.
- E. An ambulatory athlete must meet the guidelines outlined in the [WIAA Inclusive Division](#) documentation. A statement of disability must be on file with the school nurse or designated personnel responsible for student health issues.
- F. A Unified Athlete must meet the guidelines outlined in the [WIAA Inclusive Division](#) documentation. A statement of disability must be on file with the school nurse or designated personnel responsible for student health issues.

Registration of Athletes: All schools must register their Inclusive Division qualifiers for the qualifying meets on athletic.net website. All official qualifiers to the state meet will be automatically uploaded to the state meet roster registration from the qualifying meet report.

Scoring:

1. When possible, an ambulatory/wheelchair athlete will compete against the same gender for individual honors.
2. Unified athletes/partners will participate in co-ed (mixed) gender race. UNIFIED Division placing will be determined by averaging the time of each athlete and partner pair. Both runners are encouraged to run their own race and attempt to achieve their best time.

Awards:

- Individual Medals **presented to the individuals/pairs represented by each division up to a maximum of 8 places.**

Best Practices for Regular Season Meets:

- Have separate divisions in athletic.net for your meet when there are wheelchair/ambulatory/Unified athletes
- Have a two-mile course available at your meets. If a two-mile course cannot be provided, set up timers who are able to collect times at the two-mile mark on your course and record them into the meet results
- Have a separate race for ambulatory and Unified participants
- For Unified participants, use the Unified Athlete Calculation Table on the MyWIAA Cross Country page to score