

Ann Arbor Huron Cross Country
D 06-01 & D 27-03 MHSAA Regional Championship Meet

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All coaches please read this handout carefully.

Location: Chestnut Grove @ Willow Metropark, 23200 S Huron Rd, New Boston, MI 48164

Date: Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023

Disclaimer: This information can be found in the [MHSAA Participating Schools Tournament Information](#) (PSTI) document found at mhsaa.com. We will use that document and any other sport/meet related info found on the MHSAA website to administer this meet. This is also a good time to [review the MHSAA Pre-Season Online Rules meeting](#) as a refresher.

Participants The following teams have been assigned to this site:

6-1 Teams: AA-Huron, Canton, Det Mumford, Det Renaissance, Det U-D Jesuit, Farmington, Farmington Mercy, Ferndale, Liv Churchill, Liv Franklin, Liv Stevenson, Northville, Oak Park, Plymouth, Salem, Wayne Memorial, Westland John Glenn

Schools opting out: None

27-3 Teams: AA-Greenhills, Blissfield, Canton Prep, Clinton, Dear Advanced Tech, Det Cristo Rey, Det Voyageur, Erie-Mason, Flat Rock, Grass Lake, Hope of Detroit, Ida, Manchester, Monroe St Mary, Ottawa Lake Whiteford, Ypsilanti Arbor Prep

Schools opting out: None

Entries While each school is only allowed to actually run up to 7 in their assigned Varsity Regional Races, each school is permitted to ENTER up to 9 athletes in the varsity race. This is to allow you one less thing – athlete substitution – to do on the morning of the race. If you entered more than 7 athletes, **you may still only run up to 7 athletes.** The rest may run in the reserve race. *If you have an athlete missing a bib, do not give them someone else's bib.* Bring any unused bibs to the finish line tent and we will process a number for that athlete.

NOTE – While the MHSAA does indicate that each school can enter and run up to 7 athletes per team per school, coaches should consider only entering athletes that are competitive. ***If your athlete cannot run a 5k in under 30 minutes (boys) or 40 minutes (girls) then this meet is not be for them. Additionally, coaches should not enter athletes that are not able to complete a 5k without walking. Enter them in the PROM race instead.*** The Regional meet is not meant to be an all-comers day but rather a competitive, season-culminating championship event.

OPT OUT DATE: Schools planning on attending must submit an eligibility list [HHS fax = (734) 994-2069] by Oct. **13**. Schools not intending to participate in the Regional Meet must inform the Meet Manager and the MHSAA by October **13**.

COMPETING SCHOOLS: Entries must be received by **800p** on **Sat Oct.21**. Entries received after the deadline shall be assessed a \$50 late fee and those schools will be reported to the MHSAA. Late fee must be paid in full **prior to** athletes competing

Results Results will be uploaded to athletic.net as soon as each race is done and they have been inspected by officials. *They will be marked unofficial until they are official!* If you notice an error (likely data entry) then please come to the finish line to make the correction. Additionally, results (post-race, not live) will be posted at on a site that will be publicized at a later date via meet info updates.

Check In: Meet packets may be obtained at the pavilion near the finish. If chip timing is utilized please do not bring your chips near the finish mats at any time! Additionally, replacement fee for broken, lost chips is \$5 per chip. *Participation in this meet is acknowledgement of responsibility.*

Scoring: All events will be scored using computer scoring software and FinishLynx automated timing equipment. Traditional cross-country scoring will be used. Runners will be given a number to wear on the **front** of their singlet. Instruct your athletes to wear their bib as issued, using 4 pins. IE, Do not wrinkle, crinkle, etc.

Awards: Medals awarded to top 15 places in each varsity ace; seven medals and a trophy to the top team. If an athlete is not present for the medal ceremony, their coach should pick-up all medals earned *before departing*. Medals will not be mailed!

Schedule: **Boys first in even years; girls run first in odd years. *There is no coaches meeting!***

D3 Varsity Girls	10:00 am		D1 Varsity Girls	11:30 am
D3 Varsity Boys	10:45 am		D1 Varsity Boys	12:15 pm
D3 Awards tentatively start at 12:00p; D1 Awards tentatively start at 1:15p				
145p Reserve Race. For 2023, this race is coed with boys on one side of the line and the girls on the other. Both genders will start at 145p.				

Reserve Race(s) – Pending good(?) weather conditions, The Post Regional Open Meet (**PROM**) will be held at Willow on Regional Saturday. Look for the meet in athletic.net to register, results, etc

Reserve Race: [Post Regional Open Meet \(PROM\)](#)

As a service to our assigned schools we will have a Reserve Race for those athletes that will not be running in the MHSAA varsity events. The race is found as a separate event in athletic.net. [Click here for info!](#)

- All athletes must wear a bib specifically assigned to them so register anyone that might run!
- All athletes will receive an **official** time! Remind your athletes to continue to move thru the finish chute in order to have their time assigned correctly to them.
- Remind your athletes that this is a serious race. There are many athletes ‘auditioning’ for state finals slots or to just finish their seasons on a positive note!
- Pre-Meet Cost = \$20 per athlete with a \$100 cap per team and \$200 cap per school.
- ***PROM Entries made on the day of the race will be \$25 per person.***
- Check payable to **HURON BOOSTER CLUB** can be brought to the meet or mailed to:
Huron PROM, Attn: Kevin Behmer, AA Huron HS, 2727 Fuller Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

Course: The course is a wheeled 5000m course that has been used in many invitational and dual meets. In addition to cones/flags a continuous line will be painted.

Race Bibs We try to ensure that participants in the MHSAA race will be assigned their own MHSAA bib & they should wear them. Participants in the PROM Race may wear **any** bib assigned to them.

Uniforms: MHSAA/NFHS rules governing uniforms, jewelry & temporary adornment are in full effect. While the officials will attempt to do preventative clerking upon check-in, it is not their responsibility to ensure your athletes are properly attired, behave appropriately, etc.
It is the coaches responsibility to ensure that their athletes are properly attired.

Coach’s Aid: Per MHSAA mandate, coaches are not allowed to use any transportation aids such as bikes, scooters, etc. to move around the course.

Admission: Inform all parents and other spectators that a **park user's fee of \$10.00 per vehicle** will be charged. *The parks dept will be collecting the fee*, thus only vehicles with school-issued plates will be exempt. NOTE – *the State of Michigan State Parks endorsement on your Auto registration will not be applicable for park entry.* Your seasonal **Metropark** sticker/pass **WILL** be honored. Also, family/season/league passes will not be honored per MHSAA policy.

Please try to have correct change for entry. Using credit cards slows the process greatly and jeopardizes your chances of seeing your athletes race.

Weather: Local district policy will govern the facility in case of severe weather. MHSAA rules governing State Tournaments will be followed. The MHSAA policy states:
(A) Management is encouraged to consider delaying competition for a few hours and/or playing games/matches in brackets of teams/individuals who are present and prepared to participate.
(B) If, after a reasonable delay, fewer than 60% of the scheduled teams have not arrived, the tournament must be rescheduled.
(C) If 60% or more of the scheduled teams/individuals are present, the tournament is to be conducted on the day scheduled.

Pets: Please advise your cross-country enthusiasts and families that there are **NO PETS ALLOWED** at regional or finals meets. Everyone's dog is friendly until it's not... Don't let the dogs out!

Results: Final meet results will be available for coaches 30 minutes after the completion of each race. In addition to be submitted to the [MHSAA](#) for publication on their website, results will be posted on the [A2 Race Management](#) website as well as uploaded to athletic.net,

Warm-ups: The course is available for preview prior to the running of the first race for all. Those warming up during races need to give preference to the course to the runners in competition.

Appeals Board: The head referee will be the final authority on judgments and interpretation of rules. A board of appeals may be called if it is deemed necessary by the head referee and meet director and will consist of a mens' / womens' coach and the head referee. If called, please respond immediately. All decisions by the Appeals Board shall be final.
JUDGMENT CALLS MADE BY OFFICIALS MAY NOT BE APPEALED.

State Finals: Team Qualifiers to the MHSAA LP Finals
Five runners must finish a Regional run for a school to receive a team score. The top three teams will automatically qualify from the Regional to the LP Finals Meet. If a school finishes fourth (4th) in the Regional meet with four or more runners in the top 20 overall places **AND** at least eight (8) complete teams finish the race, that school also qualifies a team to the Finals Meet.

*The maximum number of runners to represent a qualifying team at the Final Meet is seven.
The maximum number of teams qualifying from a Regional to the LP Finals cannot exceed four.*

Individual Qualifiers to the MHSAA LP Finals

Regional to Final Meet Cross Country Finals qualification will include a minimum of seven individual qualifiers from each Regional race. *All individuals receiving a medal (top 15) will advance.* If the number of individual medalists is less than seven, then the additional qualifiers (up to seven) will be taken from the individual runners following 15th place.

State Qualifier Packets If your team or individuals qualify to the state meet be sure to pick up your State Meet Packet prior to departing. State Meet Packets will not be mailed, nor are they

given to student-athletes.

T-Shirt Sales: Please inform your team that souvenir clothing will be available for purchase from the MHSAA vendor, [EA Graphics](#). If items are sold out, they can also be purchased online or perhaps at the State Finals the following week.

Team Camps: There is plenty of room for team tents. Please remind your athletes that they are *guests* in the park and therefore should remove all trash from their area at the end of the meet!

Security: Please inform your athletes to NOT LEAVE BAGS UNATTENDED FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME! It is preferred that athletes leave 'gear bags' at their team camp. Meet personnel are instructed to pick up stray/errant equipment bags throughout the duration of the meet.

Lockers: No lockers or showers will be available. Teams should dress at home. There are several public restrooms available throughout the park.

Concessions: There will be a concession stand available.

Music: While only personal music devices are allowed we advise that they are not brought to the starting line/check-in so important instructions are not missed.

Trainer: An athletic trainer will be on site and available. Ice and water will be provided.

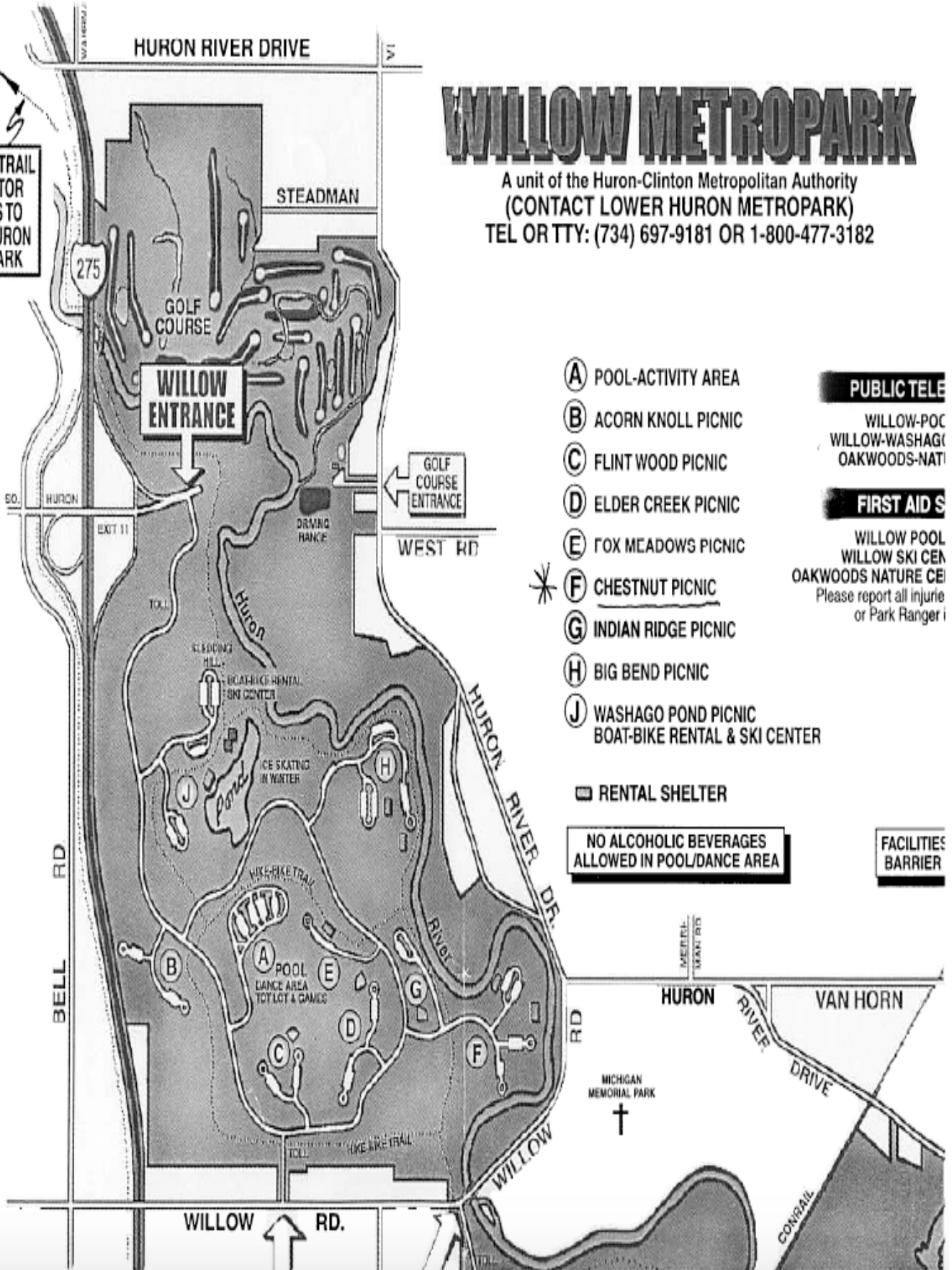
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HURON RIVER DRIVE

WILLOW METROPARK

A unit of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority
(CONTACT LOWER HURON METROPARK)
TEL OR TTY: (734) 697-9181 OR 1-800-477-3182

HIKE-BIKE TRAIL CONNECTOR
3.2 MILES TO LOWER HURON METROPARK



PUBLIC TELE

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WILLOW-WASHAGO
OAKWOODS-NAT

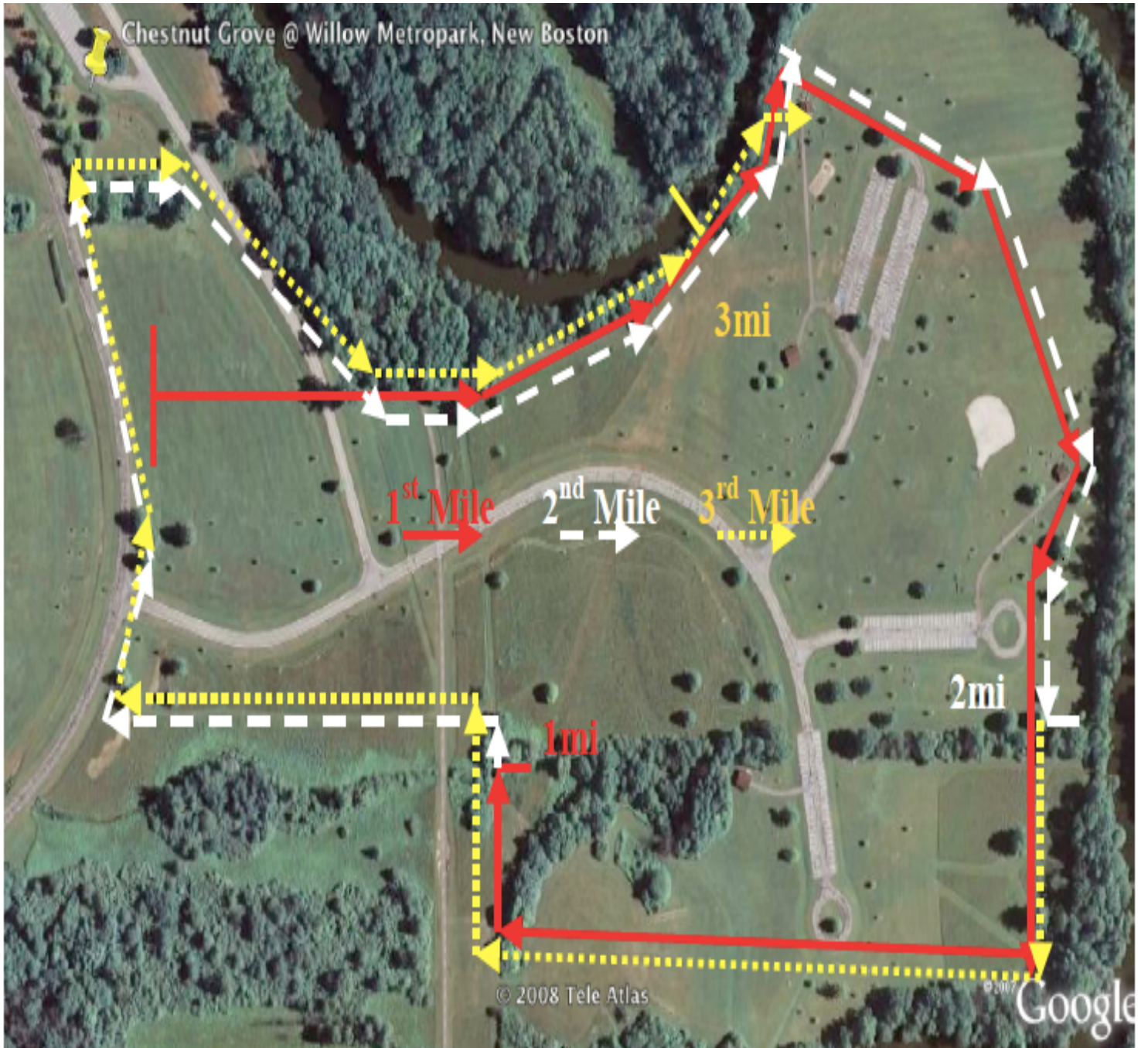
FIRST AID

WILLOW POOL
WILLOW SKI CEN
OAKWOODS NATURE CEN
Please report all injuries
to Park Ranger

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
ALLOWED IN POOL/DANCE AREA

FACILITIES
BARRIER

Chestnut Grove @ Willow Metropark, New Boston



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