## **ECIC CROSS COUNTRY SPORTS STANDARDS**

- I. General Guidelines:
  - 1. Dual Meets are normally scheduled by the ECIC Office to start at 5:00pm.
  - 2. Boys' and girls' races are to be run separately, boys and then girls, normally starting at 5:00 and 5:30 respectively.
  - 3. Races may be combined with prior mutual consent of the varsity team coaches. The official should be notified of this change prior to the start of the contest.
- II. Duties of Dual Meet Host School:
  - 1. Provide a course map and make available to the visiting team at least one week prior to the contest.
  - 2. Provide a safe and adequately marked course according to National Federation Rules.
  - 3. Provide a guide to accompany the visiting team while touring the course, if requested.
  - 4. Inform opposing team of any natural/unnatural hazards on the course.
  - 5. Explain the course and answer any questions posed by the visiting team.
  - 6. Provide and hand out place finish cards to be used as a back-up for team scoring.
  - 7. Provide an official to oversee the contest.
- III. Duties of Visiting School:
  - 1. Arrive at least 45 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the contest.
  - 2. Meet with opposing coach for course explanation.
  - 3. Voice any concerns to both the opposing coach and official prior to the start of the race.
- IV. Duties of the Official:
  - 1. Arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the contest.

- 2. Speak with the host school coach for an explanation of the entire course.
- 3. Review course map.
- 4. Allow the coach to explain and answer questions from competitors or coaches.
- 5. Oversee the starting line position selection for competing teams to insure a fair start for competitors.
- 6. Indicate to the competitors the starting commands.
- 7. Start the race(s) using an approved starting device.
- 8. Observe the contest from start to finish.
- 9. Determine the record 1<sup>st</sup> place finish and official time. Also record official order to finish for entire race from position at finish line and determine official score of competing teams.
- 10. Consider any problems resolve, if necessary, before providing official result to competing teams.
- 11. Investigate any complaints immediately upon occurrence.

## V. Awards:

**All Stars** - The first (7) finishers in each division will be awarded an ECIC First Team All Star Division Patch. The first place finisher will receive a blue patch, second a red patch, third a white patch, fourth a green patch and 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> a ribbon. The second seven (7) finishers, 8-14<sup>th</sup> place will be awarded Second Team ECIC Division All Star.

**Team Awards** - ECIC Regular Season Champions: The team from each division with the best dual meet record will be designated and awarded blue "ECIC Division Team Championship" Patches.

**ECIC Championship Meet Champions** - The team from each division that wins their division at the ECIC Championship Meet by scoring the lowest team point total will be designated as champions.