



2026 USATF Illinois Association JO, Masters & Open Cross-Country Championship



Saturday, November 14, 2026
Elgin Park District
Lords Park
100 Oakwood Blvd
Elgin, IL 60120

SCHEDULE & AGE DIVISIONS:

Age Division	Distance	Start Time
19 and over men	10 km (approx. 6 miles)	1:00 p.m.
19 and over women	6 km (approx. 3.5 miles)	1:00 p.m.
8 years & under (2018 and later)	2 km (approx. 1.24 miles)	10:00 a.m.
9-10 years (2016 - 2017)	3 km (approx. 1.86 miles)	10:30 a.m.
11-12 years (2014 – 2015)	3 km (approx. 1.86 miles)	11:00 a.m.
13-14 years (2012 – 2013)	4 km (approx. 2.48 miles)	11:30 a.m.
15-18 years (2008 - 2011)	5 km (approx. 3 miles)	12:00 noon.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: This event is an all-comers (youth, Masters & Open) cross-country championship. All athletes must have a current (2026) USATF membership. Memberships can be purchased online at usatf.org/membership. A verified membership requires a copy of the birth certificate that is uploaded onto the USATF website. To ensure that the registration deadline is not missed, it should be uploaded at least five (5) days prior to the registration deadline date. You will not be able to register online if the birthdate is not verified.

ONLINE REGISTRATION: The registration site is: <https://www.athletic.net/CrossCountry/meet/285740/info>. The registration deadline is Wednesday, November 11, 2026, at 5:00 pm. Registration fees are paid online. Day of meet registrations for youth will not be accepted.

Day of meet registration for open and masters will be accepted until 12:30 p.m.

EVENT FEE: The registration fee is \$10.00 per athlete.

TEAMS: only current, registered USATF member clubs may enter a team. All athletes representing the club must be affiliated with that club as part of their USATF membership. Only athletes listed on the team roster are eligible to represent the club at

the Association, Regional or National championships. Athletes that are not associated with a team are considered and designated as “unattached”.

TEAM SCORING: Up to eight (8) athletes on the team may be declared as scoring athletes. The top (5) finishers among the declared runners will score.

COMPETITION BIB NUMBERS: All competitors must wear their assigned bib number chest high on the front of the jerseys during the competition. Bib numbers will be distributed to athletes during packet pick-up.

PACKET PICK-UP: Packet pick-up starts at 8:00 am and is available until the start of the individual race.

COURSE WALK THROUGH: A walk through is scheduled to begin at 9:00 am. Course maps will be available at the packet pick-up location.

EVENT RESULTS: During competition, live results will be posted online. Final event results will be posted at www.usatfillinois.org. Go to Association Championships/All Results.

AWARDS: USATF medals will be awarded to the top three finishers in each age group. For youth, ribbons will also be awarded for 4th – 30th place finishers.

ADVANCEMENTS: For youth only, all teams and unattached athletes must compete in the Association meet to advance to the Region 7 Championship, Saturday, November 21, 2026, in Illinois at Lords Park.

From state to regional: top five (5) teams **plus** the top 50 individuals not on a team.

From regional to nationals: The top five (5) teams **plus** the top 30 individuals qualify to compete in the National Junior Olympics Championship.

The USATF National Junior Olympics will be contested December 12, 2026, Lafayette, Louisiana.

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