

2021 AAU Cross Country National Championship



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Official Information Packet

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ONLINE ENTRY: Each qualified athlete who plans to participate in the 2021 AAU Cross Country National Championship meet must register online [CLICK HERE](#). Each athlete must bring proof of age, and his or her current 2022 AAU Membership card. Please note that the mandated AAU membership year is September 1-August 31.

ENTRY FEE: [CLICK HERE](#) for Entry Fee Break Down and AAU Cross Country National Championship Qualifying Procedures. **ONLY DISCOVER, MASTER CARD, VISA and AMERICAN EXPRESS CREDIT CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Cash, checks, and money orders will not be accepted. All Entry Fees are Non-Transferable and Non-Refundable.**

1. *If a District does not host a District Championship, an athlete can advance directly to the National Cross Country Championship. **Their entry fees will be \$40.00***
2. *High School athletes age 13-18 will be advanced directly to the Cross Country National Championship. **Their entry fees will be \$40.00***
3. *An athlete may advance directly to the National Championship without competing in a District Championship. **Their entry fee will be \$60.00***

ENTRY DEADLINE: **ONLINE ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 29TH, 2021 AT 11:59 PM EST.**

ENTRY INFO: Qualified teams must submit the official Online Team Entry through the Online Registration system at www.aauathletics.org and attach no more than eight (8) Individual Athletes. Teams must provide proof of current 2021 AAU Club Membership. Note: There is no additional entry fee, but each team member **must** bring proof of current club membership.

IMPORTANT: You may place a maximum of 8 athletes on a team within a division. Any teams with 5-8 athletes will be counted in the team scoring. Any teams with 4 or fewer will not be counted in the team scoring but will be eligible for individual awards. You will be permitted to create B, C, D, etc., teams depending upon the size of your roster in the division.

IMPORTANT: **Important note for large clubs:** Online entry is team oriented. If you are a large club that will be entering more than one team in any single age division, you will need to register each team separately. The unique team registration provides contact information and insures that each team entered is scored separately.

Example #1: *The Tennessee Flyers has 2 teams in Bantam Boys. To enter on-line, the Tennessee Flyers club would register 2 clubs: Tennessee Flyers A and Tennessee Flyers B.*

Example #2: *The Kentucky Striders has 2 teams in both Bantam Boys and Youth Girls. To enter on-line, the Kentucky Striders would register 2 teams: Kentucky Striders A and Kentucky Striders B.*

After each team is uniquely registered, you will then need to fill out a roster and submit a meet entry for each team.

MEET

QUALIFICATIONS: [CLICK HERE AAU Cross Country National Championship Qualifying Procedures](#)

[Click Here For the 2021 District Championship Locations & Event Information](#)

AGE DIVISIONS & DISTANCES:	6 & Under Boys & Girls	Born 2015 & After	1000 meters (1K)
	7-8 Year Old Boys & Girls	Born 2013 & 2014	2000 meters (2K)
	9-10 Year Old Boys & Girls	Born 2011 & 2012	3000 meters (3K)
	11-12 Year Old Boys & Girls	Born 2009 & 2010	3000 meters (3K)
	13-14 Year Old Boys & Girls	Born 2007 & 2008	4000 meters (4K)
	15-18 Year Old Men & Women	Born 2004 - 2006	5000 meters (5K)

**Athletes who are still 18 years of age on the day of the AAU National Cross Country National Championship Meet shall be eligible to compete in the Young Men's or Young Women's division.*

**All 14-year-old athletes have the option to run in the 13-14 or 15-18 age division only if the 14-year-old athlete is currently enrolled in high school. The athlete can compete individually or with their club.*

PROOF OF AGE: Proof of age is required when purchasing AAU Membership on-site at District, Regional and National events and whenever required and/or challenged. You are required to bring proof of age for the 2020 AAU Cross Country Nationals. Acceptable forms are as follows:

1. Original Birth Certificate
2. A notarized original birth certificate from the appropriate issuing authority
3. A US Military Government Identification Card
4. A Valid US Passport (not expired)

MEMBERSHIP: All participants are required to have a **2022** AAU membership card. Your AAU membership number must be provided on your official online individual Athlete Entry. Participants must be prepared to show their AAU card at registration. **No athlete will be permitted to run without a current AAU membership card.** No entry forms will be processed without your AAU membership number

RULES: The meet will be conducted under the AAU Track & Field/Cross Country Committee Rules for Cross Country, and the competitive rules of the National Governing Body.

HOTELS: The following host hotels offer varied amenities designed to allow AAU members to choose which hotel fits their needs. All rates are based on availability at time of booking. Please ask for the AAU rate when calling the hotels or use the booking link for discounted rate. If you have any questions or concerns please contact John Mark Freeze @ (704) 331-2718 or JohnMark.Freeze@visitcharlotte.com

CLICK HERE – Hotel List COMING SOON!

PACKET PICK-UP: Packet Pick up will be held on Friday, December 3, 2021 from 10am-6pm at the following location:

McAlpine Creek Park - 8711 Monroe Rd Charlotte, NC 28212

COURSE: Course maps have been provided online at www.aautrackandfield.org and at the link below. Please print a copy of these maps. We will not have them available at Packet Pick-Up.

1K MAP	2K MAP	3K MAP	4K MAP	5K MAP
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COURSE WALK: **Friday Guided walks will be as follows:**
1000 M Course Walk: 10:45 am – 11:30 am
2000 M Course Walk: 11:45 am – 12:30 pm
3000 M Course Walk: 12:45 pm – 1:30 pm
4000 M Course Walk: 1:45 pm – 2:30 pm
5000 M Course Walk: 2:45 pm – 3:30 pm
Non-Guided Course Walk (Sat. Morning): 7:00 am - 8:30 am (Course closes at 8:30 am)
Friday & Saturday non-guided walk: course will be open after scheduled times until Complex closes. Course Walks may be cancelled due to rain or severe weather conditions.

SPIKES: Athletes may wear spikes.

STARTING POSITIONS: Athletes will be assigned starting position by team and unattached numbers. These positions will be randomly drawn for each race.

BIB NUMBERS: Each competitor will receive one bib number (to be worn on the front).

RACE SCHEDULE: Athletes should be prepared to check in at the Clerk’s Tent at least 45 minutes prior to the start of their race. (**Tentative schedule; subject to change**)

National Anthem	8:15 am	11-12 Boys (3k)	11:30 am
Open/Masters Division (5k)	8:20 am	9-10 Girls (3k)	12:00 pm
17-18 & 15-16 G (5k)	9:00 am	9-10 Boys (3k)	12:30 pm
17-18 & 15-16 B (5k)	9:30 am	7-8 Girls (2k)	1:00 pm
13-14 Girls (4k)	10:00 am	7-8 Boys (2k)	1:30 pm
13-14 Boys (4k)	10:30 am	6U Girls & Boys (1k)	2:00pm
11-12 Girls (3k)	11:00 am	Parents/Coaches Run (3k)	2:15 pm

AWARDS: AAU National Championship medals will be awarded to the first twenty-five (25) individual places based on year of birth for all age divisions. A team trophy will be presented to the 1st - 3rd place teams in each age division, and AAU National Championship medals will be presented to each member of the top three teams. A National Championship cap will be awarded to the individual champion as well as to all members of the first place team.

All American patches will be presented to the top 8 individual finishers in each age division
An Overall Team Champion will be crowned!

AAU Parents/ Coaches Run

Distance: 3k

Entry Fee: \$ 40.00 - All Coaches must have an AAU **Non-Athlete or Coaches** Membership to participate.

Awards: Awards will be given to the Top 1st – 3rd place

AAU Open/Masters Division

Distance: 5k

Entry Fee: \$40 - All Coaches must have an AAU **Adult-Athlete** Membership to participate.

Awards: Awards will be given to the Top 1st – 3rd place. There will be a single race for all Open & Masters athletes but awards will be given for each 5-year age-group; e.g., 19-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, etc. Team awards will be announced.

AWARD PRESENTATIONS: After each race there will be an official awards ceremony. Each age division will have a The official awards ceremony for each age group will take place 30 minutes after the conclusion of their race. Each age division will have a time when they will be presented with their awards. Team (1st through 3rd) and Individual athlete (1st through 25th) medals will be awarded at this time. **AAU National Championship medals will be presented to each member of the top 3 teams.**

PARTICIPATION AWARDS: Each participant will receive an official AAU National Championship Bag & T-Shirt at packet pickup on December 3, 2021.

TENT RENTALS: INFO COMING SOON

MERCHANDISE: Will be available for purchase at registration on Friday (9am – 6 pm) and at the course on Saturday (7am – end of competition).

CONCESSIONS: Food and beverages will be available at the meet from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 4th.

RESTROOMS: Available throughout the complex.

WEATHER: The average temperature in Tallahassee, FL ranges between 35 - 65 degrees F in early December. Please come prepared and dress accordingly.

MEDICAL: Medical staff will be on site near the finish line in the designated area. Water stations will be located near the start and finish area. Please check the course map.

COACHES' EDUCATION: The AAU National Office is happy to announce to its members, FREE Coaches' Education for all **AAU Non-Athletes**. This exciting program is **MANDATORY** for all AAU Non-Athletes and will be administered by **Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA)**. Please visit www.aausports.org and click on JOIN NOW in order to enter and take the MANDATORY AAU/PCA coaches educational course. Membership may be revoked from non-athletes who do not complete course prior to competition.

- This event is licensed by the Amateur Athletic Union of the U. S., Inc.
- All participants must have a current AAU membership.
- AAU membership may not be included as part of the entry fee to the event.
- AAU membership must be obtained before the competition begins except where the event operator has a laptop available with an internet connect. Participants are encouraged to visit the AAU web site www.aausports.org to obtain their membership.