

IHSAA News Release



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TICKETS

\$10 per person. Children age two and younger are free of charge. E-tickets may be purchased via [GoFan](#). Admission will be collected upon entrance to the grounds. Upon entry to the complex, vehicles will be directed by attendants to parking. Dogs and other pets will not be allowed at the complex.

VIDEOSTREAM AT IHSAAtv.ORG

Video of Saturday's races will be shown via big-screens at the course and also streamed at [IHSAAtv.org](#). The stream will begin at 12 pm ET/ 11 am CT with race time at 1 pm ET/ 12 CT.



TOP 20 RETURNEES (2018 FINISH)

Top Boys Returnees from 2018 (5 of 20)

2. Gabriel Sanchez, Lowell
8. Reece Gibson, Fort Wayne Concordia
11. Lucas Guerra, Highland
12. Paul Rushton, Bloomington North
18. Genesisio Christofanelli, Crown Point

Top Girls Returnees from 2018 (11 of 20)

2. Erin Strzelecki, FW Bishop Dwenger
3. Annalyssa Crain, Edgewood
6. Monroe Fruchey, Carroll (Fort Wayne)
7. Morgan Dyer, Elkhart Memorial
11. Mary Anna Wehrle, Ind. Cardinal Ritter
13. Mya Hagerty, Bloomington North
14. Sydney Liddle, Floyd Central
15. Katelyn Wasson, Zionsville
16. Bailey Ranta, Chesterton
17. Jaelyn Burgos, Crown Point
19. Mollie Gamble, Oak Hill

THE 74th ANNUAL BOYS & 39th ANNUAL GIRLS IHSAA CROSS COUNTRY STATE FINALS

Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019

LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course

599 S. Tabortown Street, Terre Haute, Ind.

Boys Race at 1 pm ET; Girls Race at 1:45 pm ET

One of the most colorful, yet grueling, IHSAA state championship events takes place this Saturday as the top teams and individuals from across the state meet at the LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course in Terre Haute to determine the 2019 state champions.

Twenty-four girls teams, 25 boys teams and 81 more individuals who qualified without their squad will compete in each race over the 5,000 meter course with a reputation as one of the finest in the nation.

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[Boys State Championship Records Book](#) | [Girls State Championship Records Book](#)

■ Defending Girls Team Champion

Top-ranked Carroll (Fort Wayne) is the defending team champion after capturing the school's first title a year ago and is a prime contender again having won a title at each stop this tournament. The Chargers return three of their five scoring runners from last year's state meet, including senior Monroe Fruchey who finished sixth overall.

■ Girls Individual Champion

A new girls individual champion is assured as Greencastle's Emma Wilson has graduated after winning the last two state titles. Erin Strzelecki of Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger and Annalyssa Crain of Edgewood, last year's second and third place finishers, respectively, both hope to hit the tape first having claimed semi-state titles last Saturday.

■ Defending Boys Team Champion

The Carmel boys team is making its state record-extending 44th consecutive appearance at the state finals and stands as the defending state champion after winning its third title in four years in 2018. This year's Greyhounds are ranked second in the final state coaches poll. Sitting atop that poll is Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, led by senior Reece Gibson, last week's semi-state champion at New Haven who finished eighth here last season. The Cadets will be attempting to win the school's first team title in the sport on Saturday.

■ Boys Individual Champion

A new boys individual state champion is also assured as Indianapolis Cathedral's Cole Hocker has graduated after winning the 2018 state title. Lowell's Gabriel Sanchez is the highest returning finisher as last year's state runner-up. Besides, Concordia's Gibson, Highland's Lucas Guerra, Plainfield's Dalton Kane and Bloomington North's Paul Rushton also figure to be in the mix after each won semi-state titles last Saturday.



GIRLS NOTABLES

Former Girls State Champions in the Field
None.

Girls Teams Participating (24)

Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Brebeuf Jesuit, Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Columbus North, Edgewood, Fishers, Floyd Central, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Hamilton Southeastern, Harrison (West Lafayette), Homestead, Indianapolis Bishop Chatard, Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter, Lake Central, Lowell, Noblesville, Northridge, Northview, Portage, Valparaiso, West Lafayette, Zionsville.

Girls Teams Returning from 2018 (16 of 24)

Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Brebeuf Jesuit, Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Columbus North, Edgewood, Fishers, Floyd Central, Hamilton Southeastern, Homestead, Lowell, Noblesville, Valparaiso, West Lafayette, Zionsville.

Most Consecutive Girls Team Appearances

39 by Carmel, 1981-present.

Active Streaks of Girls Team Appearances (Three or more years)

39: Carmel.
16: Carroll (Fort Wayne).
13: Bloomington South, Columbus North.
10: West Lafayette.
8: Homestead.
7: Floyd Central, Zionsville.
6: Valparaiso.
5: Bloomington North, Fishers.
4: Lowell.
3: Brebeuf Jesuit, Edgewood, Hamilton Southeastern.

Girls Team Appearance Droughts Broken (10 or more years)

16 years: Northview (2003).
12: Indianapolis Bishop Chatard (2007).

Girls First Team Appearance (2)

Harrison (West Lafayette).
Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter.

Girls Semi-State Individual Champions

Annalyssa Crain (11) Edgewood
Karina James (10) Lowell
Madeline Keller (10) Brebeuf Jesuit
Erin Strzelecki (12) Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger

Girls Sectional Champions (32)

Batesville, Benton Central, Bloomington North, Brownsburg, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Center Grove, Centerville, Charlestown, Columbus North, East Noble, Fishers, Floyd Central, Forest Park, Indianapolis

Bishop Chatard, Lake Central, Lowell, Mt. Vernon, New Palestine, Noblesville, Northridge, Northview, Norwell, Oak Hill, Penn, Rensselaer Central, South Knox, Valparaiso, Warsaw Community, West Lafayette, Western, Yorktown, Zionsville.

Girls Regional Champions (16)

Batesville, Bloomington North, Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Columbus North, Fishers, Floyd Central, Lowell, New Palestine, Northridge, Norwell, South Knox, Valparaiso, Warsaw Community, West Lafayette, Zionsville.

Girls Semi-State Champions (4)

Carroll (Fort Wayne), Columbus North, West Lafayette, Zionsville.

BOYS NOTABLES

Former Boys State Champions in the Field
None.

Boys Teams Participating (25)

Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Brebeuf Jesuit, Brownsburg, Carmel, Center Grove, Chesterton, Columbia City, Columbus North, Crown Point, Fishers, Floyd Central, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Hamilton Southeastern, Harrison (West Lafayette), Homestead, Jasper, Lake Central, New Prairie, Noblesville, Northview, Valparaiso, West Lafayette, West Noble, Zionsville.

Boys Teams Returning from 2018 (15 of 24)

Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Carmel, Columbus North, Crown Point, Fishers, Floyd Central, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Hamilton Southeastern, Harrison (West Lafayette), Homestead, Valparaiso, West Lafayette, West Noble, Zionsville.

Most Consecutive Boys Team Appearances

44 by Carmel, 1976-present.

Active Streaks of Boys Team Appearances (Three or more years)

44: Carmel.
13: Columbus North.
12: Valparaiso.
8: Bloomington North, West Lafayette.
7: Crown Point.
6: Fishers.
5: Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran.
4: Zionsville.
3: Bloomington South, West Noble.

Boys Team Appearance Droughts Broken (10 or more years)

67 years: Jasper (1952).
18: New Prairie, Northview (2001).

First Boys Team Appearance

Brownsburg
Center Grove
Columbia City

Boys Semi-State Individual Champions

Reece Gibson (12) Fort Wayne Concordia
Dalton Kane (12) Plainfield
Paul Rushton (12) Bloomington North
Lucas Guerra (11) Highland

Boys Sectional Champions (32)

Bellmont, Batesville, Bloomington South, Brebeuf Jesuit, Brownsburg, Carmel, Castle, Center Grove, Columbus North, Crown Point, Fishers, Floyd Central, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Franklin Central, Frontier, Goshen, Harrison (West Lafayette), Jasper, Jennings County, Kankakee Valley, Lake Central, Monroe Central, Northview, Oak Hill, Penn, Rushville Consolidated, Valparaiso, Vincennes Lincoln, Warsaw Community, West Noble, Western, Zionsville.

Boys Regional Champions (16)

Bellmont, Brebeuf Jesuit, Bloomington South, Brownsburg, Castle, Center Grove, Columbus North, Crown Point, Fishers, Floyd Central, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran, Franklin Central, Harrison (West Lafayette), Penn, Valparaiso, Warsaw Community.

Boys Semi-State Champions (4)

Bloomington South, Carmel, Crown Point, Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran.



2019-20 IHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

FALL SPORTS

Oct. 4-5	GIRLS GOLF <i>Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel</i> Team: Homestead Individual: Faith Johnson, Evansville North
Oct. 18-19	BOYS TEAM TENNIS <i>North Central HS, Indianapolis</i> Team: Carmel
Oct. 19	UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL <i>Grand Park Sports Event Center, Westfield</i> Team: Mooresville
Oct. 25-26	BOYS SINGLES & DOUBLES <i>Park Tudor HS, Indianapolis</i> Singles: Presley Thieneman, Carmel Doubles: Uday Lomada & Jones McNamer, Carmel
Nov. 1-2	BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER <i>Fishers HS, Fishers</i>
Nov. 2	BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY <i>LaVern Gibson Course, Terre Haute</i>
Nov. 9	VOLLEYBALL <i>Worthen Arena, Ball State University, Muncie</i>
Nov. 29-30	FOOTBALL <i>Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis</i>

WINTER SPORTS

Feb. 14-15	GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING <i>IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis</i>
Feb. 21-22	WRESTLING <i>Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis</i>
Feb. 28-29	BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING <i>IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis</i>
Feb. 29	GIRLS BASKETBALL <i>Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis</i>
March 14	GYMNASTICS <i>Worthen Arena, Ball State University, Muncie</i>
March 28	BOYS BASKETBALL <i>Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis</i>

SPRING SPORTS

June 5	GIRLS TRACK & FIELD <i>Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington</i>
June 6	UNIFIED TRACK & FIELD <i>Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington</i>
June 6	BOYS TRACK & FIELD <i>Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington</i>
June 5-6	GIRLS TEAM TENNIS <i>North Central HS, Indianapolis</i>
June 12-13	GIRLS SINGLES & DOUBLES <i>Park Tudor HS, Indianapolis</i>
June 12-13	SOFTBALL <i>Bittinger Stadium, Purdue University, West Lafayette</i>
June 16-17	BOYS GOLF <i>Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel</i>
June 19-20	BASEBALL <i>Victory Field, Indianapolis</i>

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY FINAL IATCCC COACHES POLL FOR 2019

1. Carroll (Fort Wayne)
2. Zionsville
3. Columbus North
4. Carmel
5. Bloomington North
6. Brebeuf Jesuit
7. Fishers
8. Indianapolis Bishop Chatard
9. Noblesville
10. Floyd Central
11. Homestead
12. West Lafayette
13. Hamilton Southeastern
14. Northview
15. Valparaiso
16. Northridge
17. Bloomington South
18. Indianapolis Cardinal Ritter
19. Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran
20. Harrison (West Lafayette)
21. Indianapolis Cathedral
22. Portage
23. Lake Central
24. Penn
25. Brownsburg

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY FINAL IATCCC COACHES POLL FOR 2019

1. Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran
2. Carmel
3. Center Grove
4. Brebeuf Jesuit
5. Bloomington South
6. Brownsburg
7. Columbus North
8. Homestead
9. Fishers
10. Noblesville
11. Zionsville
12. Floyd Central
13. Crown Point
14. Valparaiso
15. West Noble
16. Columbia City
17. Chesterton
18. Hamilton Southeastern
19. Bloomington North
20. West Lafayette
21. Indianapolis Cathedral
22. Harrison (West Lafayette)
23. Jasper
24. Northview
25. Jennings County

MEDIA INFORMATION

Tournament Director: Kris Painter, Athletic Director, Terre Haute North Vigo HS

Tournament Administrator: Paul Neidig, IHSAA Assistant Commissioner

Media Host: Sports Information Director Jason Wille will be on hand to assist in your coverage.

Media Credentials: The 2019-20 IHSAA State Finals Media Credential issued previously this fall will allow for admission. To apply, please e-mail your request (with name of individual) as soon as possible to IHSAA Sports Information Director Jason Wille at jwille@ihsaa.org. E-mail requests MUST originate from a recognized business account; e-mails from personal accounts (ie: yahoo.com, gmail.com, etc.) will not be accepted. Approved requests will be available for pickup at the Wabash Valley Family Sports Center adjacent to the course beginning at 11 am ET. Please have media identification available and enter the grounds using the east gate nearest the Sports Center.

Media Services: Official programs will be available at the Sports Center facility when you claim your credential along with results following the races. Complete results will also be posted to IHSAA.org on the cross country state finals webpages. Wireless access will be available at the Sports Center for filing stories and photographs. Please be aware that the building will close promptly at 6:30 pm ET/5:30 CT.

