



MODIFIED CROSS-COUNTRY SCORING

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GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOLS AND STATE ASSOCIATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION OF ACCOMMODATIONS



PIAA Points of Emphasis

A new policy was adopted at the PIAA Board of Directors meeting on July 17, 2024. It will be included in all sport's bulletins and reads as follows:



- ❖ Any Coach and/or Adult Team Personnel removed from, rejected, disqualified from a contest who refuses to leave the competition area (out of sight out or sound) as directed by the contest official will result in a forfeiture of the contest!

This policy has been adopted by the PIAA Board of Directors in an effort to address poor acting adults who refuse to abide by the applicable rules book and to show support of PIAA officials. Officials who encounter situations that involve this policy must report the occurrence to the PIAA Officials Department the next business day



PIAA MODIFICATION OF RULES

8-2-3, 8-2-4, 8-2-5 & 8-2-6 PAGE 68

In accordance with Rule 8-2-3 (pg. 68), authorize conferences or leagues to adopt a modified or “ghost” cross country team scoring system with prior-to-the-start of the Regular Season notification to all involved schools. “Any meet contested under such modification, which ends in a tie, shall be scored as a tie.” “If fewer than three competitors of a team finish, the results of any meet involving such team shall be scored 15-50.” “If fewer than three competitors of all of the involved teams finish, there shall be no meet score, the meet shall be considered a ‘no contest,’ and, accordingly, no team shall be credited with either a win or a loss.”



EACH TEAM HAS 1 RUNNER

- If fewer than three competitors of all of the involved teams finish, there shall be no meet score, the meet shall be considered a 'no contest,' and, accordingly, no team shall be credited with either a win or a loss."





TEAM A – 2 RUNNERS TEAM B – 1 RUNNER

- "If fewer than three competitors of all of the involved teams finish, there shall be **no meet score**, the meet shall be considered a '**no contest**,' and, accordingly, no team shall be credited with either **win or loss**."





TEAM A – 2 RUNNERS TEAM B – 2 RUNNERS

- "If fewer than three competitors of all of the involved teams finish, there shall be **no meet score**, the meet shall be considered a '**no contest**,' and, accordingly, no team shall be credited with either **win or loss**."





TEAM A – 3 RUNNERS TEAM B – 2 RUNNERS

- Team A is the winner with a score of 15-50.
- "If fewer than three competitors of a team finish, the results of any meet involving such team shall be scored 15-50."
(FORFEIT)





TEAM A – 3 RUNNERS

TEAM B – 3 RUNNERS -EXAMPLE #1

- Team A runners finish 4th, 5th, 6th,
- Team B runners finish 1st, 2nd, and 3rd

- Team A Score = $4 + 5 + 6 = 15$ points
- Team B Score = $1 + 2 + 3 = 6$ points

- Team B is the winner of the Meet.
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TEAM A – 3 RUNNERS

TEAM B – 3 RUNNERS -EXAMPLE #2

- Team A runners finish 2nd, 4th, 6th
- Team B runners finish 1st, 3rd, 5th

- Team A Score = $2 + 4 + 6 = 12$ points
- Team B Score = $1 + 3 + 5 = 9$ points

- Team B is the winner of the Meet.
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TEAM A – 3 RUNNERS TEAM B – 3 RUNNERS -EXAMPLE #3

- Team A runners finish 2nd, 4th, DNF
- Team B runners finish 1st, 3rd, 5th
- Team B is the winner of the Meet 15-50 (Forfeit).
- "If fewer than three competitors of a team finish, the results of any meet involving such team shall be scored 15-50."





TEAM A – 4 RUNNERS

TEAM B – 3 RUNNERS – EXAMPLE #1

- Team A runners finish 3rd, 4th, 5th and 7th
- Team B runners finish 1st, 2nd, and 6th
- Team A Score = $3 + 4 + 5 + 7 = 19$ points
- Team B Score = $1 + 2 + 6 + (8) = 17$ points “Ghost Score (8)”
- Team B is the winner of the Meet.



TEAM A – 4 RUNNERS

TEAM B – 3 RUNNERS - EXAMPLE #2

- Team A runners finish 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 7th
- Team B runners finish 1st, 4th, and 6th
- Team A Score = $2 + 3 + 5 + 7 = 17$ points
- Team B Score = $1 + 4 + 6 + (8) = 19$ points “Ghost Score (8)”
- Team A is the winner of the Meet.



TEAM A – 3 RUNNERS

TEAM B – 4 RUNNERS – EXAMPLE 3

- Team A runners finish 1st, 3rd, and DNF
- Team B runners finish 2nd, 4th, 6th, and 7th
- Team A Score = 1 + 3 + DNF = NO Score or Ghost runners”
- Team B Score = 15 -50 (FORFIET)
- Team B is the winner of the Meet.





TEAM A – 3 RUNNERS

TEAM B – 4 RUNNERS – EXAMPLE 4

- Team A runners finish 1st, 4th, and 5th
- Team B runners finish 2nd, 3rd, DNF, and DNF
- Team A Score = 15-50 (FORFEIT)
- Team A is the winner.
- "If fewer than three competitors of a team finish, the results of any meet involving such team shall be scored 15-50."



TEAM A – 3 RUNNERS

TEAM B – 4 RUNNERS – EXAMPLE 5

- Team A runners finish 1st, 4th, and 5th
- Team B runners finish 2nd, 3rd, 6th, and 7th
- Team A Score = $1 + 4 + 5 + (8) = 18$ points “Ghost Score (8)”
- Team B Score = $2 + 3 + 6 + 7 = 18$ points
- “Any meet contested under such modification, which ends in a tie, shall be scored as a tie.”
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- The same would hold true if each Team had the same 4 place-finishers.





TEAM A – 4 RUNNERS

TEAM B – 5 RUNNERS

- Team A runners finish 1st, 2nd, 8th, and 9th
- Team B runners finish 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th
- Team A Score = $1 + 2 + 8 + 9 + (10) = 30$ points “Ghost Score (10)”
- Team B Score = $3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 = 25$ points
- Team B is the winner of the Meet.



TEAM A – 5 RUNNERS

TEAM B – 4 RUNNERS – EXAMPLE 1

- Team A runners finish 1st, 4th, 6th, 8th, and 9th
- Team B runners finish 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 7th
- Team A Score = $1 + 4 + 6 + 8 + 9 = 28$ points
- Team B Score = $2 + 3 + 5 + 7 + (10) = 27$ points “Ghost Score (10)”
- Team B is the winner of the Meet.



TEAM A – 5 RUNNERS

TEAM B – 4 RUNNERS – EXAMPLE 2

- Team A runners finish 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th, and 9th
- Team B runners finish 3rd, 4th, 7th, and 8th
- Team A Score = $1 + 2 + 5 + 6 + 9 = 23$ points
- Team B Score = $3 + 4 + 7 + 8 + (10) = 32$ points “Ghost Score (10)”
- Team A is the winner of the Meet.



XC MODIFIED SCORING

- The following is a sample of how the scoring would occur if one of the teams has fewer than 5 runners:
- In this example, Jefferson HS only has three runners (the Jefferson 4th and 5th places are shown in parentheses).

Sample Meet	Perry HS	Jefferson HS
▪ Runner 1	3rd	1st
▪ Runner 2	4th	2nd
▪ Runner 3	6th	5th
▪ Runner 4	7th	(11th)
▪ Runner 5	8th	(12th)
▪ Runner 6	9th	
▪ Runner 7	10th	
▪ Final Score:	28	31

- Perry would be declared the winner of this dual meet.



OTHER SCENARIOS

- Team C has 6 runners and Team D has 4 runners – Assuming all of Team D’s runners finished ahead of Team C’s sixth runner that runner would be a displacer and Team D would be credited with a “ghost runner” that finished the race in 11th place. In any case, Team C would have a displacer and Team D would still need to be credited with a “ghost runner” that placed 11th.
- Team E has at least 7 runners and Team F has 4 runners – Team E would have 2 runners that would be displacers and Team F would have a “ghost runner” that placed 12th added to their team score.

