



Oregon School Activities Association

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CROSS COUNTRY SEEDING CRITERIA

1. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP SEEDING CRITERIA

A. Members Per Committee

6A – 1 coach per league, per gender + OACA Rep

5A – 1 coach per league + OACA Rep

4A – 1 coach per league + OACA Rep

3A Boys – 1 coach per district + OACA Rep

3A/2A/1A Girls – 1 coach per district + OACA Rep

2A/1A Boys – 1 coach per district + OACA Rep

***Ineligible Coaches** – A coach cannot be a league / district representative on the At-Large committee if they have a team (boys and/or girls) in the At-Large Pool.*

B. Process for Choosing the Committee Members

- 1) Each league / district will be responsible for choosing their own representative(s).
- 2) A list of substitute coach representatives must be created so that they can be on the committee in the case that a current committee member has a team in the At-Large pool.

C. Determining Eligible Teams Based on league / district meet finish placements –

- 1) **6A & 4A** – Only third and fourth place teams from each district qualifying event may be considered for at-large berths.
 - a) **6A** – Fourteen eligible teams for four spots.
 - b) **4A** – Twelve eligible teams for one spot.
- 2) **5A, 3A Boys, 2A/1A Boys, and 3A/2A/1A Girls** – Only third, fourth, and fifth place teams from each league / district qualifying event may be considered for at-large berths.
 - a) **5A** – Twelve eligible teams for five spots.
 - b) **3A Boys** – Twelve eligible teams for four spots.
 - c) **2A/1A Boys** – Twelve eligible teams for two spots.
 - d) **3A/2A/1A Girls** – Twelve eligible teams for two spots.

D. Criteria for Choosing Teams

- 1) Order of finish at district meet (Example – a fourth-place team is only eligible if that district's third place team has been chosen for an at-large berth).
- 2) Eligible team's district championship team score compared to automatic qualifying teams in the district.
- 3) Strength of the district based on state meet results from the previous year.
- 4) Head-to-head competition with more consideration given to meets later in the season, as available.

E. Process for Choosing Teams

- 1) After all district meets have been completed and results posted to athletic.net:
 - a) OSAA will host a virtual meeting to include committee members as well as OSAA staff and a representative from Athletic.net.

- b) The OACA Rep will serve as the moderator of the discussion and will compile results.
- c) The pool of eligible teams will be compiled by the OSAA and sent to the committees prior to the meeting.
- d) Committee discusses strengths of each team.
- e) After discussion is complete, the committee will narrow down the list to the number of at-large bids plus two, all committee members will then rank each team based on the number of teams remaining in the pool.

Example – 6A has 14 eligible teams (two per league) – the committee will narrow that list down to six (four at-large + two), then each member will rank their first choice with six, their second choice with five, third choice with a four, etc. all the way down to one.

- f) The OACA rep will vote, but their votes will only be used in the case of a tie for the final at-large berth.
- g) Points are tabulated by the OACA Rep and OSAA and at-large berths will be assigned accordingly.