

University Athletic Association

CROSS COUNTRY CODE OF CONDUCT

Statement on Sportsmanship

Each University Athletic Association member institution shall ensure that:

- **The conduct before, during, and after competition of all those representing participating institutions exemplifies the highest traditions of intercollegiate athletics.**
- **Competition is conducted in a non-discriminatory manner that encourages enthusiastic support within the confines of good sportsmanship and fosters a positive attitude among spectators and participants in support of their teams.**
- **Coaches and student-athletes are encouraged to abide by the letter and spirit of the playing rules and to be gracious in both victory and defeat.**

SECTION 1. Administrative Authority

Administrative authority shall be the Cross Country Sport Committee chaired by the primary athletic administrator of the host institution. In the event the primary athletic administrator is unable to serve as chair of the committee, one of the other UAA Delegates from the host institution shall serve as chair.

Appointment of Representatives The primary athletic administrator of each institution shall appoint individuals as appropriate to represent the interests of that institution at meetings of the sport committee. In the case of men's and women's sport committees that meet jointly, an institution may choose to appoint one individual to represent the interests of both its men's and women's programs. If an institution sends a single representative to a joint sport committee meeting, it shall be assumed that the individual representing the institution is authorized to cast votes on behalf of both the institution's men's and women's programs.

Replacement of Committee Chair In the event the institution designated to chair a sport committee chooses to designate its primary athletic administrator as its representative to that sport committee, another representative from that institution, who must be a member of the Delegates Committee, shall chair the sport committee in place of the primary athletic administrator.

Voting Lines The disposition of all issues considered jointly by sport committees meeting together shall be by joint vote of the committees. Results of all joint votes shall be reported by

listing the voting tallies of the respective men's and women's committees as well as the voting tally of the joint committee.

Proxy Voting There shall be no proxy voting. In the event a representative from an institution leaves a meeting of the sport committee prior to its conclusion, the vote of that individual shall not be transferred to another individual from that institution nor to any individual from another institution.

SECTION 2. Determination of Association Champion

The Association champion for both men and women shall be the top team finisher at the annual Championship.

SECTION 3. Meet Management

Refer to Site Policies and Procedures and applicable sections of Policies Regarding Sportsmanship and Event Management.

Lightning and Health & Safety Policy – In conducting Association competition, the game management staff and game officials shall follow the NCAA Guideline on Lightning Safety as published in the NCAA Sports Medicine Handbook. All coaches, participants, and officials shall cooperate fully in this regard. Protocols and emergency plans shall be discussed with the coaches during the pre-competition meetings or conference calls as appropriate.

Game management staff and the head competition official shall monitor local weather conditions to the best of their ability. In the event of lightning, once a flash-to-bang count of 30 seconds (equivalent to six miles) is observed play shall be suspended and all personnel shall be directed to leave the field of play and take shelter in a safe structure. Play shall remain suspended until at least 30 minutes after the last flash of lightning or sound of thunder unless the head competition official can reasonably determine the threat of lightning has passed.

Each institution shall clearly designate the person or persons who shall have the ultimate authority and responsibility to stop or resume play in the event of lightning or other health and safety emergencies, and shall communicate this information to the competition officials and coaches prior to the contest. The game management responsibilities of the designated individual or individuals should be such that they are able to monitor such circumstances without distraction.

SECTION 4. Conduct of Sport

4.1 Site

The site of the men's and women's Championship shall rotate between member institutions. Institutions may pass their opportunity to host the meet but must give notice two years in advance. Site selection shall be confirmed by the Athletic Administrators Committee.

4.2 Format

The races shall begin at 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Starting times may be adjusted by the host institution with advance approval by the Athletic Administrators Committee. The men's race shall start first in even years, and the women's race shall start first in odd years. The awards ceremony shall commence in a timely manner upon completion of the second race. Attendance at the awards ceremony is required.

The course lengths for men and women shall be the same as the distances used to conduct the NCAA men's and women's cross country championship races respectively.

The first five runners to finish for each institution shall be counted in the scoring. A total of seven may place. Refer to section 4.3.

4.3 Squad Size

Each institution may enter ten runners, with seven placing, and the first five counting in the scoring.

The size and composition of a member institution's travel party shall be determined by that respective institution.

4.4 Officials

Selected by the host institution and to include a referee and a starter.

4.5 Rules

According to NCAA championship regulations.

4.6 Rules Interpretation Committee

The Rules Interpretation Committee shall include the host institution's primary athletic administrator or his/her representative plus the head coach of one men's team and the head coach of one women's team. Appointment of the coaches shall rotate alphabetically by institution. If a runner or the team of one of the coaches serving on the committee is involved in a ruling, that coach shall be replaced by the coach of the institution next in the respective rotation.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Head Coach of Men's Team</u>	<u>Head Coach of Women's Team</u>
2010	Washington University	Case Western Reserve University
2011	Carnegie Mellon University	New York University
2012	Case Western Reserve University	University of Chicago
2013	Emory University	University of Rochester
2014	New York University	Washington University
2015	University of Chicago	Brandeis University
2016	University of Rochester	Carnegie Mellon University

4.7 Equipment

As per NCAA championship guidelines and regulations.

4.8 Seeding

Does not apply.

4.9 Facilities

The site shall be a championship quality course as determined by the appropriate NCAA regulations and championship guidelines or by the approval of two thirds of the Sport Committee. Institutions that do not have a championship level course may pass their opportunity to host the meet. Refer to Section 4.1. The course should be available for inspection and practice on the Friday prior to the meet.

4.10 Miscellaneous Administration

All teams shall submit the times of all competing runners to the UAA Office on the Monday following each regular season race prior to the UAA Championship. The UAA Office shall compile and distribute by fax or computer each team's complete weekly performance list and a composite listing of best times. Best times will be sorted by distance with no conversion of times to a common distance.

Alphabetical team rosters shall be submitted to the host institution such that they are received two weeks prior to the championship. All athletes listed on the team roster shall be assigned a competitor's number.

Final declarations shall be made at the line at the start of the meet.

Starting box selection shall be a blind draw administered by the chair of the Sport Committee and the referee. Starting positions shall be announced at the Sport Committee meeting.

A videotape recording of all finishers shall be made and used, as necessary, to determine the order of finish in cases such as a collapsed runner or congestion at the chutes. A videotape recorder shall be located at a distance and elevation behind the finish line to allow identification of runners as they cross the finish line and enter the chutes. The recorder should be positioned to shoot directly at the runners without any camera movement such that the runners' numbers are visible. Color film should be used to aid in distinguishing uniform colors.

Championship results shall be made available as soon as possible following the completion of the meet.

SECTION 5. General Guidelines

5.1 Uniforms

As per NCAA regulations.

5.2 Scheduling

The Association championship shall be conducted the weekend three weeks prior to the NCAA Division III national championship meet.

Scheduling during the regular season shall be open to all Association members.

5.3 Scouting

Does not apply.

5.4 Statistics

Refer to Sections 3.1 and 4.10.

5.5 Organizational Meetings

Championship and Sport Committee meeting shall be conducted immediately following the closing of the course for practice the day prior to the championships.

SECTION 6. Awards

6.1 Team Champions

Team trophy to be awarded to champion or co-champions.

Individual certificates to be awarded to the members of the championship team.

6.2 All-Association Team

The top seven male finishers and the top seven female finishers at the Championship shall be named to the All-Association first team. The second seven male and female finishers shall be named to the All-Association second team.

6.3 Most Valuable Athlete

The top individual male finisher and top individual female finisher at the Championship shall be named Runners of the Year.

6.4 Rookie of the Year

Only traditional, first-year student-athletes shall be eligible. The top first-year male finisher and top first-year female finisher at the Championship shall be named Rookie of the Year.

The top seven first-year male finishers and the top seven first-year female finishers shall be recognized at the awards ceremony. This recognition shall not include a tangible award.

6.5 Coaching Staff of the Year

The Coaching Staff of the Year shall be determined by ballot of the head coaches. Awards shall be made to all members of the selected coaching staff.

SECTION 7. Miscellaneous

7.1 Compliance with Deadlines

Coaches and other responsible individuals shall comply with all deadlines for the exchange or submission of materials and information as specified in the Code of Conduct. In the event of a

missed deadline, the designated recipient shall notify the Association Office immediately. The Executive Secretary shall then notify the primary athletic administrator of the institutions involved, and that primary athletic administrator shall take action to ensure compliance with the specifications of the deadline.