

Meet Sheet
SCVAL Crystal Preview Meet #2
October 2, 2014

"It is better, I think, to begin easily and get your running to be smooth and relaxed, and then to go faster and faster." - Henry Rono

About SCVAL #2

This is your introduction to the Crystal Springs course, where our League Championship meet will take place in one month! Crystal is one of the best cross country courses anywhere, in my opinion—and a lot of people agree with me. It's a beautiful place to be, even without the running, and the course is a classic cross-country challenge.

The 'trap' that Crystal has for new and experienced runners alike is that the first half-mile is downhill. Many unwary runners go flying down the first half-mile, then turn around and grind back up...and one mile into the race feel like burnt toast! This is actually not that bad a section if you race intelligently. During this first race at Crystal, try going out conservatively for that first mile loop—try treating that first loop as a medium-effort tempo run. Once you are back up to the top and you are near our tent and can see the path along the fence-line, then start picking it up (if you have not seen the course before, don't worry, this will be obvious on race day). You should collect plenty of road kill. Just like last time, in my mind the perfect race will be one where you get back and say 'that was a great race, I left it all out there, and I think I could have been a little more aggressive that first mile.' That will be the perfect prep for League Finals!

Preparation:

- ❖ Eat a healthy lunch. You do not want a full stomach, but you do not want to be on empty either. You should be well fueled but not uncomfortable. Write down what you eat for lunch in your running log or your race log; if this lunch feels good to you when you run, you may want to try this again. If your stomach did not feel so great, or if you felt weak or hungry, maybe you want to try something different next time.
- ❖ Released from school at 1:35- rides at bus circle 1:45.
- ❖ Look for your coaches when you get there, we will be setting up camp.
- ❖ Bring a snack for after your race.
- ❖ Don't forget your uniform. (All of it!)
- ❖ It is projected to be a warm day, but it can get cool later in the day up there. Bring dry clothes, and something warm, for after the race.
- ❖ Be prepared, bring **3 large trash bags**: 1-for your dirty, dusty, sweaty, wet, muddy clothes; 2-for your track bag if it is rainy or muddy; 3-emergency rain poncho.

Warm-Up:

Find your warm-up leaders, 45 minutes before the race and stick with them! Be at the starting line 10 minutes before the start.

"I'm a great believer in luck! I find the harder I work, the more luck I have."
- Thomas Jefferson

About SCVAL races:

- Tags will be handled just like at Central Park. If there is a name on your tag, IGNORE it. The tags are recycled tags from other races to help keep your costs down. The computer knows who you are. Just pin that little tag to your shirt.
- Keep moving thru the chute and hand your tag to the person at the end of the chute
- DO NOT exit the chute early. If you do, we won't know that you ran the race.
- After exiting the finish chute, clear the area – go back and cheer on your teammates who are still running.
- Results will also be posted that night at www.LynbrookSports.com

Some Important Crystal Springs rules (for parents and athletes):

- No dogs or other animals.
- No bicycles.
- No barbeques, flames, smoking, fire of any kind.
- No throwing of anything: rocks, balls, Frisbees...
- All trash must be put in green boxes or hauled away (don't use Hallmark Park trash)
- Park safely and do not block local residents.
- **Stay off all yards, do not yell in the neighborhoods, be polite and say hello and thank the residents for letting us use this facility.**
- **Do not warm up on the course itself (there are warm up areas).**
- Respect for officials, competitors, neighbors, and anyone who uses the facility.

SCORE GOOD KARMA POINTS

All Monta Vista athletes should:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thank at least one volunteer or official at every race—we can't race without their efforts.• Say good luck to a competitor and to your teammates.• Congratulate the person finishing in front of you, compliment the person behind you.• Thank the parent who drives you—<i>especially</i> if this is your parent! |
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"Your toughness is made up of equal parts persistence and experience. You don't so much outrun your opponents as outlast and outsmart them, and the toughest opponent of all is the one inside your head." – Joe Henderson

“Success isn't how far you got, but the distance you traveled from where you started.”—*Pre*

Course:

2.95 Miles of dirt and rolling hills. This is what you train on! This is why the overachievers ran ‘Candy Crush’ repeats! Crystal Springs is a fabulous course, it is OUR course, Monta Vista OWNS Crystal Springs! We are lucky to get to run here so often.

Some Things to Think About While Running Crystal Springs:

- ❖ We will run our league championships at Crystal so this is a good time to try out strategies. Think about where to push and try that out.
- ❖ The race at Crystal really starts when you climb back from the first loop and re-cross the starting line. That is just over one mile into the race, you have a little less than two miles left to run. At the top of the hill after loop 1, you shake your legs up and say OK, get to work! You have two miles to pass a whole lot of people.
- ❖ Try starting your finishing push with 800m to go, at the start of the 3rd and last loop. This is where championship pushes are made...and then kick it up another notch at your ‘sprint point’, ~30 seconds out from the finish.
- ❖ If you pass a teammate, try encouraging him or her. Say, ‘come with me’ or ‘let’s do this together.’ See if you can help a teammate find something more inside.

SCHEDULE:

3:15 Varsity Boys (Rohan, Emilio, Akshay, Brent, and three others TBD) Warm up leaders—captains

3:40 Varsity Girls (Jenny, Julia, Maddy, Kelly, Anna, Christina, Paru)

4:10 Varsity B Boys (All seniors and Juniors unless running Varsity). Warm up leaders: Young and Lucas

4:40 Varsity B Girls (All girls unless running Varsity). Warm up leaders—Namrata and Isabel

5:15 Frosh-Soph Boys (All freshmen and sophomore boys unless running Varsity) Warm up leaders—Andy and Scott.

“Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence.
Talent will not; nothing is more common than
unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not;
unrewarded genius is almost proverb. Education will not;
the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and
determination alone are omnipotent.”
- Calvin Coolidge

*Directions to Crystal Springs
And Course Map*

