



ILLINI CHALLENGE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

HOSTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS



Meet Information

Contact Information

For questions regarding University of Illinois Cross Country meets, contact Director of Operations and Meet Director Eric Vetter at (217) 333-0534 or eavetter@illinois.edu.

Race Times

Women's 5km: 6:30pm

Men's 6km: 7:00pm

Entry Instructions/Deadline

Entries for teams and unattached athletes must be submitted on www.directathletics.com by **8:00pm CT** on **Monday, August 31**.

Eligible Teams

College and university varsity teams are allowed to compete. Competitive club teams may be accepted. Contracts are required for college and university teams. Teams must contact the Meet Director by August 1 in order to be guaranteed acceptance into the meet.

Unattached Entries

Unattached collegiate and post-collegiate athletes with a proof of performance that meets the entry standard are accepted into the meet by entering online at www.directathletics.com prior to the entry deadline. HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO COMPETE. Unattached athletes are required to sign a waiver form available at bib pick-up or the www.fightingillini.com cross country meet information website. The signed waiver form should be turned in on race day at the yellow moving truck.

Unattached Entry Standards

Proof of performance must be emailed to the Meet Director in addition to the online entry in order to compete. Entrants who do not send a proof of performance will be scratched from the meet and are not eligible to receive a refund of the entry fee. The standards for entry are:

Men: Must have run the equivalent of an 8km in 30 minutes or under in the last 12 months

Women: Must have run the equivalent of a 5km in 20 minutes or under in the last 12 months

Entry Fees

\$100 per school per gender paid on-site. \$10 per unattached entry plus a \$3 transaction fee when entering online at www.directathletics.com. NO REFUNDS for unattached entries. If mailing a check, send to: University of Illinois – DIA; c/o Eric Vetter; 1700 South 4th Street; Champaign, IL 61820

Scoring / Results

Meet is scored by Division. All NCAA D1 schools are scored in 1 division. All other teams are scored in a separate division. Results are posted and available for teams at the yellow moving truck as soon as possible following each race. Results are posted at www.fightingillini.com following the meet.

Facility Information

University of Illinois Cross Country races are held at the University of Illinois Arboretum located at 1800 South Lincoln Ave; Urbana, IL at the corner of Kirby/Florida Ave. and Lincoln Ave.

Visit <http://www.fightingillini.com/facilities/arboretum.html> for more information and course maps.

Warm-up / Check-In

The Arboretum course is available after 2pm on race day. Team packets including maps and bib numbers are available at the yellow moving truck 2 hours prior to race time.

Race Course: Races start in a relatively flat open area but quickly changes to a winding path passing around a pond, through a walnut grove, and over a manmade hill that serves as the high point of the property. Once over the hill, it opens back up and skirts the edges of both the University President's house and the Hartley Garden which highlights the Arboretum. The running path is painted with a double line designating an alley for athletes to run between. Athletes are expected to run within the lines. The majority of the surface is grass with a few exceptions when the course parallels a gravel road and crosses wood chipped paths. All kilometer and mile splits are signed. Course signs with an orange and blue background apply to both races. Signs with an orange background and blue text apply to the women's course. Signs with a blue background and orange text apply to the men's course.

Team Camp Area

Teams are invited to set up camp in the wooded area west of the start area marked on the course map.

Parking

Parking for teams and spectators is on a first come basis with no areas specifically reserved for team or spectator parking. Parking is available along Lincoln Ave, or in the lots marked on the course maps. All parking lots and parking meters are enforced until 5pm on weekdays. **We cannot confirm that meters or lots will not be enforced. The University of Illinois Division of Intercollegiate Athletics is not responsible for citations.**

Admission/Gates

Admission is free. There are no defined entry or exit points.

Restrooms/Facilities

Portable toilets are located near the start area. Only athletes are allowed to use the toilets 15 minutes preceding each race. There are no buildings or shelters at the Arboretum. Locker or shower facilities are not available.

Medical Facilities

The U of I athletic training staff are on site providing basic modalities. An ambulance will also be on hand. To arrange services or inquire about what will be provided, please contact the Meet Director.

Emergency Plan

In the case of inclement weather, teams & spectators should evacuate to their vehicle for protection. There is no interior space available to teams or spectators in the case of inclement weather.

Football versus Kent State

The Fighting Illini football team plays Kent State at 8pm on the same date. We do not expect the football game to impact teams' arrival to the Arboretum. Despite that, recommended routes to the Arboretum are as follows:

From I-74: Exit off I-74 at the Lincoln Ave Exit and drive south on Lincoln Ave to arrive at the Arboretum.

From I-57: Exit off I-57 at the Curtis Rd Exit. Travel East on Curtis Road to N. Dunlap St. (aka S. Neil St./aka Hwy 45). Turn left (north) on Dunlap to Windsor Road. Turn right (East) on Windsor Rd. Travel east on Windsor Rd to Lincoln Ave. Turn left (north) on Lincoln Ave to arrive at the Arboretum.

KIRBY-FLORIDA AVENUE

ILLINOIS

CROSS COUNTRY

U of I ARBORETUM

1800 S. Lincoln Ave; Urbana, IL

5km Cross Country Course

2 x



Parking also available along Lincoln Ave.

LINCOLN AVENUE

President's House

Idea Garden

Noel Welcome Garden

FINISH

Miles C. Hartley Selections Garden

1 mile

START

4k

Team Camps

HILL

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1k

3k

2 mile

Japan House

ST. MARY'S RD

HAZELWOOD DR.



