

NEW ENGLAND INTERCOLLEGIATE CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS SET FOR OCTOBER 7TH AT FRANKLIN PARK

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Boston (September 18) --The 2023 New England Intercollegiate Cross-Country Championships (NEICAAA) are set for Saturday, October 7th at historic Franklin Park, located in the Jamaica Plain section of Boston. Newly elected NEICAAA Commissioner, Shawn Green, finalized the details at the annual convention of the Association this past week

This year's race will mark the 110nd edition of the men's race and the 48th running for the women. The men's race began in 1912 at Larz Anderson Park in Brookline, Mass. The next year the race moved to the campus of Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. For the following 97 years the race called Franklin Park home to the harrier championships. No race was held in 1918 due to WWI. In 2012 the championships took a one-year hiatus from Franklin Park due to construction and upgrades to the course. The championships returned to Franklin Park for the 101st race in 2013. This year will mark the 107th running of the men's championship at Franklin Park. No race was held in 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The men will race over a distance of 8 kilometers (4.95 miles).

The women's race was initiated in 1975 on the Campus of UMass. Amherst. The women have raced at various sites throughout the past 47 years. For the past 30 years the women have joined the men in a combined championship date. This year will mark the 35th running of the women's championships at Franklin Park. As like the men's championships, no women's race was held in 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic The women will race 5 kilometers (3.1 miles).

Four races will highlight the Championships. The time schedule is noted below.

DATE	Saturday, October 7, 2023		
LOCATION	Boston/Jamaica Plain		
VENUE	Franklin Park		
SCHEDULE	12:00 PM	Women's Varsity	5k
	12:45 PM	Men's Varsity	8k
	1:30 PM	Men's/Women's Open	8k/5k [combined]

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MEDIA NOTES:

A small working area will be available to credentialed members of the media at the finish line trailer. Results and team scores will be available in hardcopy and email following the conclusion of the races. Media outlets planning to attend should make contact with Press Liaison, Larry Newman, as noted above. For those media organizations not attending, if you want results sent directly to your news outlet, please advise the press liaison in advance. A complete listing of all athletes and teams will be sent out prior to the championships. Additional press releases will be sent later this week and, in the days, leading to the championships.

CHAMPIONS CORNER:

Defending champion, Seth Weprin (Dartmouth), is the top returning harrier in the men's field. The Big Green junior raced to an impressive win last year as a sophomore in 24:41. He put a halt to American International runner's five-year win streak. Top returning runner for the woman is Quinnipiac's Liv Distefano. The junior was third in last year's race finishing in 18:09. She led the Bobcats in the NCAA Northeast Regional Championships. Last year's team champions on the men's side were the Minuteman from UMass Amherst scoring 92 points. It was their fifth title overall and their first since 2018. Quinnipiac tallied 28 points to win the women's title, their second overall and their first since 2007.

To view additional information please go to: www.NEICAAA.net.

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