

Oregon Association XC Meet Draws over 250 Youth Athletes



The USATF Oregon Association hosted its annual Junior Olympic Cross Country Championship meet under rainy skies at Bush Park in Salem, OR, on November 5. Over 250 youth athletes ages 6 to 18 years old representing 12 Oregon youth clubs participated in the meet. There were also several athletes who competed unattached.

Girls and boys age divisions competed over 2,000, 3,000, and 4,000 meter courses within Bush Park. There were three boys in the 17-18 age division who ran the 4,000 meter course rather than their scheduled 5,000 meter race.

Elsa Danes won the girls U8 2,000 meter race in 8:55.40. She represented the Beaverton Track Club. Graham Brooks won the boys U8 2,000 meter race in 7:59.81. He competed unattached.

Kalena Kailiuli of the Beaverton Youth Track Club A won the girls 9-10 3,000 meter race in 13:58.63. Elsie's teammate on the Bowerman Track Club A team, Nolan Tegenkamp, won the boys 9-10 3,000 meter race in 11:47.8.

Miley Morical of the Central Oregon Running Klub won the girls 11-12 3,000 meter race in 11:35.39. Tristan Bernards posted a 9:45.4 in winning the boys 11-12 3,000 meter race. He represented the Bowerman Track Club A.

Beaverton Youth Track Club member Ellery Lincoln won the girls 13-14 4,000 meter race in 14:54.97. Paul Hretcanu won the boys 13-14 4,000 meter competition with a time of 13:32.80.

Three boys competed in the 15-18 age group and ran in the boys 13-14 4,000 meter race. Ryan Bese (17-18) competed unattached and posted the best time of 19:46.6.

The Bowerman Track Club A team had an outstanding meet. The Bowerman A crew won the team competition in these races: boys 3K 9-10, girls 3K 9-10, boys 3K 11-12, girls 3K 11-12, and the boys 4K 13-14. The Bowerman Track Club was the top team in the Girls 2K U8 competition. The Oregon Track Club Youth took the top spot in the boys 2K U8 while the Beaverton Youth A Club grabbed the team title in the girls 4K 13-14 race.

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The top 35 individuals and top 5 teams in each age group will advance to the [USATF Region 13 Cross Country Championships](#). Age groups 15-16 and 17-18 will be combined in team scoring only, the top 10 teams will advance. The Region 13 Championships will be held on Saturday, November 19 at Chambers Creek Golf Course, Tacoma, WA.

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