



86th ANNUAL MIDWEST INVITATIONAL

hosted by Janesville Craig

Saturday, September 28th, 2024

Blackhawk Golf Course, Janesville, WI

We're excited your team will be participating in the Midwest Invitational. Thank you for making it great!

[Midwest Middle School 1 mile course video](#)

1. Directions: I-90 to Janesville; Exit E. Racine St. (exit 175); turn left on Palmer Dr. (1st stop light); the start/finish area is located at the intersection of Palmer Dr. and Sharon Rd.
2. Updates: **Coaches please make sure you share this paragraph's information with your athletes' families!** Similar to last year, the School District of Janesville is charging admission to help cover increasing meet costs (port-a-potties, renting the golf course, timing, etc). Spectators can purchase tickets at this link: [Midwest Invitational Ticket Purchase](#). \$6 for adults, \$4 for students with school ID. **NO CASH ACCEPTED**. There will be an option to purchase tickets with a credit or debit card but we recommend utilizing the link above to save time at the gate. Spectator gates will open at 8:00 am and there are t-shirts and concessions available. T-shirts and concessions will accept cash. Please email Craig Athletic and Activities Director Ben McCormick (bmccormick@janesville.k12.wi.us) with questions. **Please let your spectators know.**
2. Rules: Our meet is governed by W.I.A.A. regulations.
3. Registration: Registration opens at 12:00 pm Friday, September 13th and **closes at 8:00 pm on Thursday, September 26th**. [Teams will submit their entries through MileSplit.com](#). The meet should already appear on your calendar, and [general entry instructions can be found here](#).
 - We will take any changes, corrections or substitutions at packet pickup on race day. Please be prepared to provide the correct spelling of first and last name, gender, grade, and of course team. The subs will take the bib of the runner they replace.
 - **Please contact Trackside Timing with any questions about entries at tracksidetiming@gmail.com. Please do not contact Janesville Craig with registration/timing questions.**
4. Each registered team/athlete will be charged \$3.00 per timing chip. **The fee MUST be paid by cash or check the day of the race before you receive chips. Please make all checks payable to CATS. If you do not pay before the race, the team/athlete will not race.** Race entry is restricted to local conferences and runners affiliated with registered high schools. We have some middle schools that continually not pay and expect to race. This will NOT happen this year. If you do not pay, you will not receive your bibs.
5. Course: The course is relatively flat around the outside of the golf course. There is one significant hill in the first 800m of the race. It's properly marked with a painted alley that covers the entire course. Your athletes will run inside the lines at all times. We do have pace and trail vehicles for all races. Please remind your athletes to remain inside the alley lines at all times. See the course maps and video attached in this document.

4th-8th grade 1600 meters



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7. Results: There will be no printed results. All meet results will be available online:
- Live results on race day:
<https://wi.milesplit.com/meets/627997-midwest-invitational-middle-school-2024>
 - Official results will be posted to MileSplit at the conclusion of the meet.

8. Time schedule:

Volunteer meeting	7:45 AM	Finish Area
Coaches meeting	8:30 AM	Finish Area
Blue Race Girls (25:45 cut off)	9:00 AM	9:45 awards tent
Blue Race Boys (21:15 cut off)	9:35 AM	10:15 awards tent
Varsity HS Girls (Top 5-7)	10:10 AM	10:50 awards tent
Varsity HS Boys (Top 5-7)	10:45 AM	11:25 awards tent
White Race HS Girls (25:45+ racers)	11:20 AM	12:05 awards tent
White Race HS Boys (21:15+ racers)	12:00 PM	12:45 awards tent
4th-8th B/G Mile*	12:40 PM	1:10 awards tent

9. Awards: No ceremony. Awards will be presented at the awards tent at the times indicated above.

4th-8th Top 5 medals each gender and grade level

All awards need to be picked up after the race. We will NOT be sending out awards to schools or individuals.

10. Courtesy: Please advise your athletes and fans to stay off all greens and tee boxes. Additionally, all of us need to remain out of Rotary Gardens, west of the starting area. **They are hosting weddings on race day.** We'd like to maintain a positive relationship with our neighbors in order to continue the Midwest Invitational. Thank you!

11. Appeals: (WIAA starter)
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Brandon Miles (Meet Manager, Janesville Craig)
Brett Heimstead (Warren Boys Head Coach)



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12. **Parking:** Parking is available at the Blackhawk Golf Course lots. There are roughly 75 spaces available and the lots are expected to close early. No buses are allowed in these lots. Palmer Park (north of Racine St.) and Palmer Dr., west of Sharon Rd., has space as well. These areas require a walk to the course, so plan accordingly. Please note Palmer Dr., between Racine St. and Sharon Rd. will be closed to traffic as the event begins. Golf cart shuttles available from Palmer Park area (Racine St. and Palmer Dr. intersection).

Additional parking is available at Dawson Field (920 Beloit Avenue) and at Craig High School (401 S Randall Avenue). There is a free shuttle bus that runs from Dawson Field to the meet beginning at 8 am.

13. **Medical:** Mercy Sports Medicine has a tent in the finish area to assist athletes with medical needs. Squads from the Janesville Police Department and an ambulance are on site as well.