

Proposal: Eric Cummings – Riverside High School

Cross Country Qualifying Procedures for 2020 & 2021 Realignment, based on proposed 2020-2022 Classifications/Regions from the SCHSL

I propose the displayed Qualifying Procedures in Cross Country for 2020 and 2021, based on the proposed realignment.

5A: Upper (Region 1,2,3,4) & Lower (Region 5,6,7,8).

9 teams per site and top 20 individuals.

4A: Upper (Region 1,2,3 minus Lancaster,5) & Lower (Region 4,6,7, Lancaster).

9 teams per site and top 20 individuals.

3A: Upper (Region 1,2,3, Chester & Mid-Carolina) & Lower (4 minus Chester & Mid-Carolina,5,6,7,8

9 teams per site and top 20 individuals.

2A: 1 Qualifier (site to be determined)

18 teams and top 40 individuals.

1A: 1 Qualifier (site to be determined) **MUST Run in a Qualifier**

18 teams and top 40 individuals IF 40 schools or more

Half of the teams (minimum of 12 teams) and top 20 individuals IF less than 40 schools

***If passed, I would propose that if any of the realignment changes between now and March, the SCTCCCA Board can alter the Upper/Lower placements to get in front of the AD's/Principals at their March meeting.

Rational:

UNIFORM 18 teams per classification.

Smaller classes do not work with Upper/Mid/Lower format.

No waiting on declarations to see where a team is going or how many qualify.

EVERYONE MUST RUN a QUALIFIER. This eliminates the declaration process and saves A LOT of time. It also doesn't have us sitting at the line waiting for a 12th team to check in so we can have a race.

3A: 5 schools in the lower state region have not had a cc team in some time.

2A: without going to declarations and splitting into Upper/Lower, this is the fairest way

1A: Full teams based on 2019 meet: Girls 14, Boys had 21. This would mean Girls would qualify 12 teams and Boys would qualify 12 teams. This would require all teams to enter, race and to be checked in prior to the 1st part of the state playoffs. Saving a lot of time and trouble!

Spoke with Coaches that have hosted qualifiers from 5A, 4A, and 3A about this proposal.