

Cross Country Scoring Information

- Low score wins
- A team consists of a maximum of seven runners regardless of the number of runners from that team.
- A team must have a minimum of five runners start and complete the course to achieve an official score.
- Tie scores are broken by the relative position of the sixth runner on each team.
- The first five runners to finish for a team secure the score for that team. For example if team A finished 1,3,5,7,9 they would achieve a score of 25 for their team. Conversely, team B could possibly have 2,4,6,8,10 with a resulting score of 30. Final score team A = 25 team B = 30. Team A wins by a margin of five points.
- Other possibilities with the sixth and seventh runner coming into play. Team A 1,3,5,7,9,10,11 achieves 25 points but their sixth and seventh runner displace team B's fifth runner to 12th place. Team B 2,4,6,8,12 scores 32 points. Obviously there are countless possibilities when the sixth and seventh runner displace runners from the other team. IMPORTANT NOTE: No matter how many runners a team might have, only seven runners "count" in the scoring, so only the sixth and seventh runners can displace an opposing runner (or runners). Therefore, no scoring runner can be assigned a point value greater than 12. Consider our [score](#) vs. Lexington in 2014.

Here are a few interesting scores:

Team A	1,2,3,4,5,6,7 = 15	This is considered a shutout.
Team B	8,9,10,11,12 = 50	
Team A	1,2,3,11,12 = 29	"1-3" = Win: Team A cannot lose this meet as long as two other runners finish the race. Even if team B had 4 through 30 the score would still be A = 29, B = 30.
Team B	4,5,6,7,8,9,10 = 30	
Team A	2,3,6,7,10 = 28	
Team B	1,4,5,8,9 = 27	
Team A	1,2,7,8,9 = 27	
Team B	3,4,5,6,10 = 28	
Team A	2,4,5,8,9,10 = 28	Team A wins because their sixth runner, 10th, beat team B's sixth runner, 12th.
Team B	1,3,6,7,11,12 = 28	
Team A	1,2,5,9,11,13 = 28	Team B wins because their sixth runner, 10th, beat team A's sixth runner, 13th. Team B's 7th runner displaced Team A's 5th runner into 13th place. This demonstrates the importance of <u>every</u> runner on the team.
Team B	3,4,6,7,8,10,12 = 28	