

History of the SJTCA Frosh Soph Cross Country Meet

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First Race

The earliest date that I have found for this race is 1967. However, I do not know if this was the first race. The 1967 race was held on November 6th at Clearview Regional High School. The freshman winner was Rick Bonnette of Highland. He would later have top ten finishes at Sectionals in 1968 – 70. The sophomore winner was Larry Schemelia of Gloucester who would win sectional titles in 1968 and 1969 and a state title in 1968 (and a second place state finish in 1969).

Race Location

The race was run at Clearview Regional High School from 1967 – 71. Gloucester County College was the site of the race 1972 – 76 and has been the race site since 2005. The race was run at Burlington County College from 1977 to 1980. Mill Creek Park in Willingboro was the race site from 1981 to 1991 and in 1993 and 1994. The 1992 race was held at Burlington County Vo Tech Westhampton. Lenape High School was the race site from 1995 to 1999. The 2000 and 2001 races were held at Williamstown High School. The 2002 – 2004 races were held at Delsea Regional High School. From 2005-2016 the meet was held at Gloucester County College. In 2017 it moved back to Delsea Regional High School where it was also held in 2018 and 2019. Since 2020 the meet has been held at DREAM Park in Logan Township.

Race Distance

The 1967 – 73 and 1975 - 76 Sophomore race distance was 2.5 miles. The 1974 and 1977 Sophomore race distance is unknown. The 5 K race format has been in place since 1978. The freshman race distance has varied over the years ranging from 1.75 miles in the early races to 3840 meters. The most common race distance has been 2 miles/3200 meters.

Race Format

A single Freshman and a single Sophomore race has been run since 1967. The races have never been team scored. A middle school race has been run since 2000. In 2020 a JV race was held in lue of the sophomore race to account for the COVID-19 pandemic. The JV race has remained since that change took place.

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