2026 BCSS Cross Country Provincial Championship Bulletin 1

Date:	November 7, 2026
Host:	Abbotsford Christian High School
Venue:	Clearbrook Park
Team Registration Fee:	**$20.00 PER ATHLETE** (Schools will be invoiced by BCSS)
Meet Director:	Angela Olson, angela_olson@sd33.bc.ca
BCSS Contract:	Jonathan Wornell, jwornell@bcschoolsports.ca
Event Website:	2026 BCSS (XC) Provincial Championships

STARS Registration

- All student athletes must be registered on your school's STARS roster.
- **All Team Personnel must be added to your STARS roster as Coaches by Oct 15th.** Only those Coaches listed on the STARS roster will be permitted into the team areas during provincial championships.
    - *All team personnel listed on school team rosters must complete the Concussion Awareness Training Tool (CATT). CATT certification is valid for two years - cattonline.com*

Important Dates

- Team Registration Deadline (min of 1 athlete entered on STARS): **October 7th, 2026**
- Deadline to add athletes to STARS roster without penalties: **October 21st, 2026**
- Zone Declaration/confirmation to take all allocated berths (team and individual) for their zone: **October 21st, 2026**
- Zone Championships Completed: **October 28th, 2026**
- Zone advancers Files Due**: October 29th, 2026**

Berthing

'A'	'AA'	'AAA'
15 team berths 27 individual berths	20 team berths 36 individual berths	27 team berths 50 individual berths

* The zone champion team in each tier will receive an automatic berth to championships. Remaining berths will be awarded to zones based on berthing ratio.

** Each zone automatically receives 2 individual berths per tier. The remaining berths will be allocated based on berthing ratio.

*** **Final berthing allocation to be released in early October.**

To ensure a minimum standard of competitive running, and to maintain the time schedule at provincial championships, all qualifying runners must complete their zone race in a pace of 6:15min/km (exact time set dependent on each zone course).

Event Schedule (DRAFT)

Time	Description	Location
Wednesday November 4th		
7:00 – 8:00 pm	**Coaches Meeting**	**Virtual**
Friday November 6th		
2:00 – 4:00 pm	**Course Preview**	**Clearbrook Park**
2:00 – 5:00 pm	**Race Package Pick up***	**Clearbrook Park**
Saturday November 7th		
7:30 am – onward	**Race Package Pick up***	**Registration Tent**
9:00 am	**Start of Competition**	**Clearbrook Park**
	Awards Presentations	**Clearbrook Park**

* Only registered coaches are authorized to pick up a school's registration package. Individual runners attending without a school staff member must be accompanied by an adult who can present a letter from their school granting the necessary permissions.

Ferry Information

- **BC Ferries –** Booking Link
  - Horseshoe Bay to Nanaimo (Departure Bay) Schedule
  - Tsawwassen to Nanaimo (Duke Point) Schedule
- **Hullo Ferries –** Booking Link
  - Vancouver Convention Centre to Nanaimo Harbour Schedule

Meet Entries and Results

BC School Sports will be working with a new company this year, **Athletic.net**, for Meet entries and Results for the upcoming cross country running season. All nine BCSS Cross Country zones will be required to post zone results to Athletic.net and to use Athletic.net for advancers to the Provincial Championship meet. More information on how to use this new system will come before the next bulletin.

Please refer to our Onboarding Package for information on setting up coach accounts, claiming teams and assigning athletes to events.

Race Structure

The 2026 Cross Country Championships will be comprised of nine separate categories and each of the races will be run separately. *(If the 'A' boys and/or 'A' girls races do not have a minimum of 100 racers, their races will be run with the 'AA' races but scored separately).*

Racers are required to run on the marked trails of their corresponding category. The official race maps will be available in bulletin #2 and will be posted to the provincials website (early October). All racers must have a competition bib to compete in the provincials.

- Senior Boys (A/AA/AAA) – approximately 5 km
- Senior Girls (A/AA/AAA) – approximately 5 km
- Junior Girls and Boys – approximately 4 km
- Para – approximately 2 km

Uniforms

All teams/athletes must wear matching official school uniforms or singlet during the race and at awards.

- Corporate logos are restricted to a maximum of two logos, and each logo should not exceed the dimensions of a credit card.
- Any teams or athlete not meeting the uniform regulations will not be permitted in the race.

Team Scoring

Student-athletes running with a qualified team will score points for their competing school based on the classifications below:

- Senior 'A': Top three runners are scored with a maximum of 5 runners on a team.
- Senior 'AA' & 'AAA': Top four runners are scored with a maximum of 7 runners on a team
- Athletes that qualify as individual berths do not count toward team scoring

Results

Tournament results can be found on the Provincial Championship Website and our timing company's website (startlinetiming.com).

Awards

- Awards will be presented at the Mennonite Educational Institute which is just over 1km from Clearbrook Park.
- BCSS will award six (6) banners which are: 'A" Girls Champions, 'A' Boys Champions, 'AA' Girls Champions, 'AA' Boys Champions, 'AAA' Girls Champions, and 'AAA' Boys Champions.
- Rosettes for 4th-6th place finishing teams in each race
- Ribbons for the 4th-10th individual finisher in each race
- Photo Plaques to top 3 teams in each race
- BCSS Medals for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place team finishers
- BCSS Medals for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place runners in each race

Apparel

Northwest Designs is the official supplier of BCSS Provincials merchandise. Tournament merchandise will be available for purchase at the event. Additional apparel details, including sales location, available items, and hours of operation, will be shared closer to the event.

Livestream

The entirety of the 2026 Cross Country Championship will be livestreamed! Additional details, including how to access the livestream, will be shared closer to the event.

Social Media

See the latest championship highlights and content by checking out our official social media channels. Use #BCSSProvincials to get involved.

- Instagram
- X (Formerly Twitter)
- Facebook

Hotel Information

Sandman Hotel & Suites Abbotsford (32720 Simon Ave, Abbotsford, BC V2T 0B8)

- Standard Suite (2 Singles) - $174/night
- Premium Suite (One King w/ Sofa bed - $184/night

How to Book:

- Email: salesco_abbair@sandman.ca and reference "**Group Code 2611CROSSC**" or "**Block ID 673490**"
- Release Date: **October 23, 2026**

Sandman Hotel Abbotsford Airport (3010 Mount Lehman Rd, Abbotsford, BC V4X 2L4)

- Standard One King - $169/night
- Standard Two Queens - $179/night

How to Book:

- Email: salesco_abbair@sandman.ca and reference "**Group Code 2611CROSSCOUNTRY**" or "**Block ID 673122**"
- Release Date: **October 23, 2026**

Best Western Plus Regency Inn & Conference Centre (32110 Marshall Rd, Abbotsford, BC V2T 1A1)

- Standard Two Queens - $199/night
- One Queen w/ Sofa bed and Kitchenette - $189/night
- One King w/ Sofa bed - $189/night
- Complimentary breakfast included
- For more information click here

How to Book:

- Email: groupsales@bwregency.bc.ca and reference "**BCSSRUN**"