2026 USATF Region II
Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships

Date	Sunday, November 22, 2026	**Host Association**	USATF Niagara
		Meet Director	Annie Draves, Youth Chair
Location	Basset Park – 359 Klein Road	**Referee**	Latonya Salley-Sharif, Region II Coordinator
	Williamsville, NY 14221	**Email**	nadiatrackfam@gmail.com
Course Walk	Saturday/Sunday Self-Guided	**Phone**	412-241-0288
First Race	11:00 AM	**Website**	http://www.usatf-threerivers.org/youth

ENTRY FEES & DEADLINES

Online registration only thru athletic.net. Only online entries will be accepted.
All advancements/entry must be completed, paid for, and submitted online.
Entry deadline is final, no additional entries accepted. No refunds after deadline.

***On-Time Registration*: Must be completed by November 18, 2026 11:30 PM**
Individual Entries: **$15.00**/athlete ***Team Entries: No additional charge***

ADVANCEMENT to REGION II CHAMPIONSHIP

All athletes who compete in their Association XC Championship are eligible to advance to the Region II Championship.

HIGH SCHOOL WAIVERS: High School athletes who have a 48-hour conflict with their state high school championship, same day SAT/ACT conflict, an athlete who has death in the immediate family or medical emergency, may request to be waived directly to the Region II Championship. Athletes' (coaches or parents) must email their association youth chair and nadiatrackfam@gmail.com to request a waiver. **Deadline to request a waiver is November 12.**

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- ***Individuals***: Current USATF membership is required to compete. Proof of Birth (copy of birth certificate, passport, certified baptismal record, driver's license, or U.S. government identification) is required and must be submitted and approved prior to registration deadline and participation.
- ***Teams***: Only registered USATF member clubs may enter a team. All athletes representing the club must be affiliated with that club as part of their USATF membership at the first level of competition. To enter a team, a club must complete the team entry/declaration process during online registrations. Only athletes listed on the team declaration roster at the association championship will be eligible to represent the club at the Association, Regional or National championships.

SCHEDULE

YOUTH AGE DIVISIONS

Age Division	Distance	Check in	Girls Start	Check in	Boys Start
8 UNDER BORN 2018 & LATER	2KM (1.24 MILES)	10:40 AM	11:00 AM	11:05 AM	11:25 AM
9-10 BORN 2016-2017	3 KM (1.86 MILES)	11:30 AM	11:50 AM	12:00 PM	12:20 PM
11-12 BORN 2014-2013	3 KM (1.86 MILES)	12:30 PM	12:50 PM	1:00 PM	1:20 PM
13-14 BORN 2012-2011	4 KM (2.48 MILES)	1:30 PM	1:50 PM	2:05 PM	2:25 PM
15-18 BORN 2008-2009	5 KM (3.1 MILES)	2:35 PM	2:55 PM	3:05 PM	3:25 PM

Note: The 15-18 divisions is for team scoring purposes only. Athletes will place individually in their respective 15-16 and 17-18 age divisions.

PACKET PICK-UP TIMES/LOCATIONS

Saturday November 21 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at Home2 Suites Home2 Suites by Hilton Williamsville Buffalo Airport
48 Freeman Rd., Building A, Buffalo, NY, 14221 US

Sunday November 22 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Basset Park

SATURDAY COURSE PREVIEW – THE COURSE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SATURDAY

TEAM SCORING: 8 athletes on the team entry/declaration form may be declared as scoring athletes. The top 5 finishers among the declared runners will score.

COMPETITION BIB NUMBERS: All competitors must wear their assigned bib numbers during competition, chest-high on the front of their jerseys. Bib numbers will be distributed to athletes, coaches, and/or parents/guardians.

EVENT RESULTS: During the competition, event results will be posted electronically

AWARDS: USATF Junior Olympic medals will be awarded to the top thirty individuals in each age division. Top **30** individuals and top **5** teams in each age group advance from the USATF Region II Championships to the USATF Cross Country National Championships, held Saturday, December 12th Moncus Park, Lafayette, LA
https://www.usatf.org/events/2025/2025-usatf-national-junior-olympic-cross-country-c

DIRECTIONS & PARKING:

From Pittsburgh: ***https://maps.app.goo.gl/bmkWoCQqHsZBdRNw9*** *(3.5 hours)*

From Dover, Delaware: ***https://maps.app.goo.gl/GDRHjSJavcUfvisQA*** *(7 hours)*

From **Newark, NJ*:*** ***https://maps.app.goo.gl/WQP9jidH7Sfq5EoS8*** (6 hours)

From Philadelphia, PA: **https://maps.app.goo.gl/dJQxWsZmzoHKkYN9A** (6 hours)

HOTELS:

Local hotels within 16 miles of the course.

Hampton Inn Buffalo-Williamsville
5455 Main Street
Williamsville, NY 14221

The Mosey Buffalo Williamsville Tapestry Collection Hilton
5195 Main Street
Williamsville, NY 14221

La Quinta Inn by Wyndam Buffalo Airport
6619 Transit Road
Williamsville, NY 14221

Courtyard by Marriott Buffalo Amherst/University
4100 Sheridan Drive
Amherst, NY 14221

Home2 Suites by Hilton Williamsville Buffalo Airport
48 Freeman Road, Building A
Williamsville, NY 14221

FairBridge Inn Express Williamsville
7200 Transit Road
Williamsville, NY 14221

Tru By Hilton Williamsville Buffalo Airport
48 Freeman Road, Building B
Williamsville, NY 14221

Buffalo Airport Hotel
4600 Genesee Street
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Tru By Hilton Williamsville Buffalo Airport
146 Maple Drive, Building A
Bowmansville, NY 14206

*Additional accommodations located outside of the 16 mile range and easily assessable to the race course.