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# NEWS RELEASE

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## 5,000 Meters to a State Championship

One of the most colorful, yet grueling, IHSAA state championship events takes place this Saturday as the top teams and individuals from across the state will meet at the LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course in Terre Haute to determine the 2015 state champions. The boys race begins at 1 pm ET with the girls race to follow at 1:45 pm ET.

Gates to the course will open at 9 am ET / 8 am CT.

Twenty-four full teams and 40 more individuals who qualified without their squad (208 runners each race) will compete in each race over the 5,000 meter course with a reputation as one of the finest in the nation.

Twenty-one of last year's 24 girls teams return including top-ranked and five-time defending state champion Carmel. Another first-place finish would set a state record for consecutive crowns. Currently, the Greyhounds hold both record strings (1984-1988, 2010-14).

Twelve of last year's top 20 finishers have earned a return trip including semi-state champions Lauren Johnson of West Lafayette and Alex Buck of Pendleton Heights, both of whom won semi-state races last Saturday. Sarah Leinheiser of Carmel and Grace Williams of Bloomington North also won their respective semi-state races and expect to have a say in the outcome.

The list of boys teams competing includes 15 from the 2014 championship meet led by top-ranked Fishers. No. 12 West Lafayette is the defending state champion and returns as a squad for the fourth straight year having won at each stop this tournament.

Carmel's Ben Veatch won his semi-state race last Saturday and returns as the defending state champion after winning last year's title in a photo finish by .07 seconds, the third-closest finish in boys finals history.

Besides Veatch, last year's third place finisher Cooper Williams of West Lafayette returns after winning the semi-state along with Christian Noble of Mt. Vernon (Fortville) who placed 16<sup>th</sup> a year ago. Cameron Trout of Northview is the other semi-state winner.

### 70th Boys and 35th Girls Cross Country State Finals

Date: Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015.

Site: LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course, Wabash Valley Sports Center, 599 S. Tabortown Road, Terre Haute, IN  
[Course Layout](#)

Times: Boys at 1 pm ET; Girls at 1:45 pm ET.

Admission: \$8.00 per person.

Feeder Semi-States: Brown County, Carmel, New Haven, New Prairie.

Videoboard Webstream: <http://livestream.com/timingmd/statefinals>

[2015 Boys State Tournament Results](#) | [2015 Girls State Tournament Results](#)



## Notables

### Defending Boys Team Champion

West Lafayette is the defending state champion after winning its second state championship 50 years after its initial title in 1964.

### Defending Boys Individual Champion

Carmel senior Ben Veatch is the defending state champion after winning last year's race in the third-closest finish in boys finals history.

### Former Boys State Champions in the Field

None.

**Boys Sectional Champions:** Austin, Avon, Bloomington South, Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Columbus North, Delta, East Central, Eastbrook, Evansville Memorial, Franklin Central, Franklin Community, Hagerstown, Indianapolis Cathedral, Lake Central, LaPorte, Lowell, Mishawaka, Morgan Township, Mt. Vernon (Fortville), New Albany, New Haven, Northridge, Princeton, Seeger, Tell City, Terre Haute South, Warsaw, West Lafayette, Westview, Winamac, Zionsville.

**Boys Regional Champions:** Avon, Bloomington South, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Columbus North, Crown Point, Fishers, Franklin Community, Greenfield-Central, LaPorte, New Haven, Pendleton Heights, Penn, Princeton, Tell City, Warsaw, West Lafayette.

**Boys Semi-State Champions:** Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Columbus North, West Lafayette.

### Boys Teams Qualified (24)

Team	Best Finish	State Champion (Last)	Runner-Up (Last)	Top 5 Finishes (Last)	Top 10 Finishes (Last)	State Finals Appearances
Avon	11 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	0	1 (2014 11 <sup>th</sup> )	2
Bloomington North	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 (1980)	0	6 (2006 4 <sup>th</sup> )	14 (2014 6 <sup>th</sup> )	29
Bloomington South	4 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	6 (1981 4 <sup>th</sup> )	19 (2014 10 <sup>th</sup> )	45
Brebeuf Jesuit	4 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	2 (2014 5 <sup>th</sup> )	2 (2014 5 <sup>th</sup> )	3
Carmel	1 <sup>st</sup>	13 (2013)	10 (2014)	36 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	39 (2014 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	42
Carroll (Fort Wayne)	2 <sup>nd</sup>	0	1 (2008)	3 (2013 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	6 (2014 8 <sup>th</sup> )	9
Columbus North	1 <sup>st</sup>	5 (2011)	1 (2001)	10 (2014 4 <sup>th</sup> )	15 (2014 4 <sup>th</sup> )	25
Crown Point	2 <sup>nd</sup>	0	3 (1977)	4 (1981 5 <sup>th</sup> )	13 (2005 8 <sup>th</sup> )	23
Fishers	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 (2007)	0	2 (2008 5 <sup>th</sup> )	3 (2008 5 <sup>th</sup> )	5
Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran	20 <sup>th</sup> (2002)	0	0	0	0	3
Hamilton	2 <sup>nd</sup>	0	1 (2011)	3 (2012 5 <sup>th</sup> )	10 (2014 7 <sup>th</sup> )	11
Southeastern						
Lake Central	2 <sup>nd</sup>	0	1 (1983)	2 (1983 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	6 (1996 6 <sup>th</sup> )	13
LaPorte	2 <sup>nd</sup> (2007)	0	1 (2007)	2 (2007 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	6 (2007 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	22
Lowell	16 <sup>th</sup> (2012)	0	0	0	0	2
Mt. Vernon (Fortville)	4 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	1 (1984 4 <sup>th</sup> )	2 (1984 4 <sup>th</sup> )	5
Northridge	1 <sup>st</sup> (2004)	1 (2004)	0	4 (2007 4 <sup>th</sup> )	10 (2013 8 <sup>th</sup> )	13
Pendleton Heights	17 <sup>th</sup> (2009)	0	0	0	0	2
Silver Creek	2 <sup>nd</sup> (1990)	0	1 (1990)	1 (1990 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	4 (1993 9 <sup>th</sup> )	7
Tell City	13 <sup>th</sup> (1974)	0	0	0	0	5
Terre Haute South	5 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	1 (2013 5 <sup>th</sup> )	3 (2013 5 <sup>th</sup> )	14
Vigo						
Valparaiso	1 <sup>st</sup>	6 (2000)	1 (2005)	19 (2012 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	25 (2012 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	42
West Lafayette	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 (2014)	1 (1963)	4 (2014 1 <sup>st</sup> )	7 (2014 1 <sup>st</sup> )	14
Westfield	7 <sup>th</sup> (2012)	0	0	0	1 (2012 7 <sup>th</sup> )	3
Westview	5 <sup>th</sup> (1998, 97)	0	0	2 (1997 5 <sup>th</sup> )	5 (1997 5 <sup>th</sup> )	8

### Boys Teams Returning from 2014 (15)

Avon, Bloomington North, Bloomington South, Brebeuf Jesuit, Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Columbus North, Crown Point, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Lake Central, Mt. Vernon (Fortville), Terre Haute South Vigo, Valparaiso, West Lafayette.

### Most Consecutive Boys Team Appearances

40 by Carmel, 1976-current.

### Active Streaks of Boys Team Appearances (Three or more years)

40: Carmel.

10: Bloomington South.

9: Columbus North.

8: Valparaiso.

6: Carroll (Fort Wayne), Terre Haute South Vigo.

4: Bloomington North, West Lafayette.

3: Brebeuf Jesuit, Crown Point, Lake Central.

### Boys Team Appearance Droughts Broken (10 or more years)

18: Westview (1997).

17: Tell City (1998).

13: Fort Wayne Concordia Lutheran (2002).

### First Boys Team Appearance

None.

### Semi-State Individual Champions

Christian Noble (12), Mt. Vernon (Fortville).

Cameron Trout (12), Northview.

Ben Veatch (12), Carmel.

Cooper Williams (12), West Lafayette.

### Top 20 Returnees from 2014 State Finals

1	Ben Veatch (12)	Carmel	15:09.3
3	Cooper Williams (12)	West Lafayette	15:12.2
9	Curt Eckstein (11)	Oldenburg Academy	15:32.1
13	Brayden Law (12)	Homestead	15:40.8
16	Christian Noble (12)	Mt. Vernon (Fortville)	15:42.1
17	Daniel Dalton (12)	Valparaiso	15:44.1
18	Hariharan Sathyamurthy (12)	Brownsburg	15:45.2
19	Evan Franklin (12)	Bloomington South	15:45.8

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### Defending Girls Team Champion

Carmel is the five-time defending team champion and looking for its seventh title in last eight years.

### Defending Girls Individual Champion

None.

### Former Girls State Champions in the Field

None.

### Girls Teams Qualified (24)

Team	Best Finish	State Champion (Last)	Runner-Up (Last)	Top 5 Finishes (Last)	Top 10 Finishes (Last)	State Finals Appearances
Bloomington North	2 <sup>nd</sup>	0	1 (1982)	4 (2007 5 <sup>th</sup> )	7 (2007 5 <sup>th</sup> )	25
Bloomington South	7 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	0	2 (2009 7 <sup>th</sup> )	18
Carmel	1 <sup>st</sup>	16 (2014)	8 (2009)	30 (2014 1 <sup>st</sup> )	32 (2014 1 <sup>st</sup> )	35

Carroll (Fort Wayne)	3 <sup>rd</sup>	0	0	3 (2010 5 <sup>th</sup> )	11 (2014 7 <sup>th</sup> )	13
Columbus North	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 (2009)	3 (2011)	17 (2014 5 <sup>th</sup> )	26 (2014 5 <sup>th</sup> )	31
Fishers	9 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	0	1 (2012 9 <sup>th</sup> )	2
Floyd Central	1 <sup>st</sup>	4 (1992)	1 (1987)	7 (1992 1 <sup>st</sup> )	9 (2014 9 <sup>th</sup> )	21
Hamilton Southeastern	2 <sup>nd</sup>	0	1 (2013)	2 (2013 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	4 (2014 10 <sup>th</sup> )	5
Homestead	8 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	0	2 (1996 8 <sup>th</sup> )	15
Huntington North	10 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	0	2 (2009 10 <sup>th</sup> )	11
Indianapolis Cathedral	3 <sup>rd</sup>	0	0	1 (2004 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	7 (2005 6 <sup>th</sup> )	11
Lake Central	2 <sup>nd</sup>	0	2 (2008)	2 (2008 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	5 (2008 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	12
LaPorte	5 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	1 (1998 5 <sup>th</sup> )	3 (1998 5 <sup>th</sup> )	5
Noblesville	3 <sup>rd</sup>	0	0	2 (2009 4 <sup>th</sup> )	5 (2010 8 <sup>th</sup> )	7
Northridge	2 <sup>nd</sup>	0	2 (2002)	7 (2005 4 <sup>th</sup> )	13 (2012 8 <sup>th</sup> )	22
Pendleton Heights	6 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	0	2 (2014 8 <sup>th</sup> )	5
Penn	3 <sup>rd</sup>	0	0	6 (2014 4 <sup>th</sup> )	11 (2014 4 <sup>th</sup> )	16
Portage	2 <sup>nd</sup>	0	1 (1988)	2 (1996 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	6 (1996 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	19
Seymour	19 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	0	0	2
Terre Haute North Vigo	9 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	0	2 (2011 10 <sup>th</sup> )	16
Valparaiso	1 <sup>st</sup>	5 (2004)	3 (2006)	12 (2011 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	21 (2011 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	28
Warsaw	11 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	0	0	6
West Lafayette	2 <sup>nd</sup>	0	1 (2012)	7 (2014 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	8 (2014 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	13
Zionsville	6 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	0	2 (2014 6 <sup>th</sup> )	3

### Returning Girls Teams from 2014 (21)

Bloomington South, Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Columbus North, Floyd Central, Hamilton Southeastern, Homestead, Huntington North, Indianapolis Cathedral, Lake Central, LaPorte, Northridge, Pendleton Heights, Penn, Portage, Seymour, Terre Haute North Vigo, Valparaiso, Warsaw, West Lafayette, Zionsville.

### Most Consecutive Girls Team Appearances

35 by Carmel, 1981-current.

### Active Streaks of Girls Team Appearances (Three or more years)

35: Carmel.

12: Carroll (Fort Wayne), Terre Haute North Vigo.

9: Bloomington South, Columbus North.

8: Huntington North, Portage.

6: West Lafayette.

5: Hamilton Southeastern, Northridge, Penn, Warsaw.

4: Homestead.

3: Floyd Central, Lake Central, LaPorte, Pendleton Heights, Zionsville.

### Girls Team Appearance Droughts Broken (10 or more years)

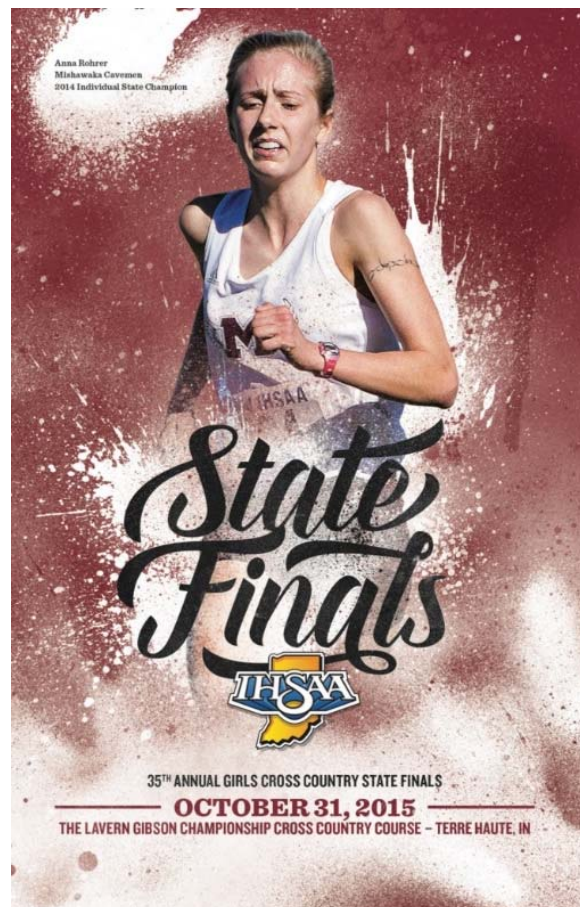
None.

### Girls First Team Appearance

None.

**Girls Sectional Champions:** Barr-Reeve, Bloomington North, Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Center Grove, Columbus North, Crown Point, DeKalb, Delta, East Central, Evansville Memorial, Floyd Central, Franklin Central, Huntington North, Indianapolis Cathedral, Jasper, Jennings County, Lake Central, LaPorte, New Haven, Northridge, Pendleton Heights, Penn, Plainfield, Rensselaer Central, Rushville Consolidated, Terre Haute North, Twin Lakes, Warsaw Community, West Lafayette, Western, Zionsville.

**Girls Regional Champions:** Bloomington North, Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Center Grove, Columbus North, Evansville Memorial, Franklin Central, Huntington North, Jasper, Lake Central, LaPorte, Northridge, Pendleton Heights, Warsaw Community, West Lafayette, Zionsville.



**Girls Semi-State Champions:** Carmel, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Columbus North, Lake Central.

**Semi-State Individual Champions**

Grace Williams (10), Bloomington North.

Sarah Leinheiser (11), Carmel.

Alex Buck (12), Pendleton Heights.

Lauren Johnson (12), West Lafayette.

**Top 20 Returnees from 2014 State Finals**

2	Taylor Nicholson (11)	Avon	17:50.0
4	Alexandra Dalton (11)	Greenwood Christian Academy	18:03.1
5	Lauren Johnson (12)	West Lafayette	18:12.5
8	Alex Buck (12)	Pendleton Heights	18:16.5
9	Madelyn Dalton (10)	Carmel	18:18.1
10	Katherine Free (12)	Indianapolis Cathedral	18:18.3
11	Rachel Brougher (11)	Columbus North	18:18.5
15	Kristen Johnson (12)	West Lafayette	18:24.8
16	Stacy Morozov (12)	Carmel	18:25.2
18	Sierra Lax (12)	Columbus North	18:29.5
19	Lauren Frank (10)	Penn	18:29.7
20	Riley Welch (11)	Fremont	18:30.1

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**Media Information**

**Tournament Administrator:** Assistant Commissioner Phil Gardner.

**Media Host:** Sports Information Director Jason Wille will be on hand to assist in your coverage.

**Media Credentials:** The 2015-16 IHSAA State Finals Media Credential issued previously for the girls golf and boys tennis state finals will allow for admission. To apply, please e-mail your request (with name of individual) as soon as possible to IHSAA Sports Information Director Jason Wille at [jwille@ihsaa.org](mailto:jwille@ihsaa.org). E-mail requests MUST originate from a recognized business account; e-mails from personal accounts (ie: yahoo.com, aol.com, etc.) will not be accepted. Deadline is Thursday, October 29, at 4 pm ET / 3 pm CT. Approved requests will be available for pickup at the Wabash Valley Family Sports Center adjacent to the course beginning at 11 am ET. Please have media identification available and enter the grounds using the east gate nearest the Sports Center.

**Media Services:** Official programs will be available at the Sports Center facility along with computer-generated results following the races. Wireless access will be available for filing stories and photographs. Please be aware that the building will close promptly at 6:30 pm ET/5:30 CT.

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***About the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA)***

*The IHSAA is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization that is self-supporting without the use of tax monies. Since its founding in 1903, the Association's mission has been to provide wholesome, educational athletics for the secondary schools of Indiana. Its member high schools - public, institutional, parochial and private – pay no annual membership fee or incur entry fees to play in the Association's tournaments. A state tournament series is conducted annually in 21 sports,*

*10 for girls, 10 for boys and one co-ed (unified track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.*

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