

Cross Country Council Report

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USA Club National Cross Country Championships:

- Continues to be a big hit with cross country runners, main reason for increased participation in cross country.
- 2017 championships were held on December 9th in Lexington, Kentucky; 2018 championships will be held in Spokane, Washington; and the 2019 championships will be in Lehigh, Pennsylvania.

Great Edinburgh Cross Country Challenge:

- Pits teams from the United States National Team against teams from Great Britain and Europe.
- Five race competitions (Junior Women, Junior Men, 4x1000m Relay, Senior Women and Senior Men). In 2017 the Junior Women, Junior Men and Senior Women won their races.

USA National Championships:

- Meet features national championship races at the Masters, Junior and Senior levels for both men and women. Masters women compete at 6km (new for 2017), Masters Men compete at 8KM, Junior Women compete at 6km, Junior Men compete at 8km, Senior Women and Senior Men both compete at 10km (new for women in 2017).
- 2017 Meet was held in Bend, Oregon and the 2108 meet will be held in Tallahassee, Florida.
- This is the meet used to select the world championship team in world championship years.

2017 IAAF World Championships:

- Was held in Kampala, Uganda in March.
- This was the first year for a new 4x1 lap relay (two women and two men run 2,000 km each). The US team finished in 6th place.
- The under 20 women's team finished in 11th place, the men's under 20 team finished in 9th place and both the women's and men's senior teams finished in 5th place.

2018 PAN AM Cross Country Championships:

- Discussion on this meet took up most of the cross country council session because of the unrest in the country hosting the Championship – El Salvador.
- State department and the National Office recommends that we do not send a team to the meet.
- Athletes present at this meeting want to go and compete if security is adequate. Not known currently.
- Decision made was to plan on going to the meet pending the security in place at the time the meet is to be held. This recommendation was given to the board of directors for their approval.

Other Items:

- 2018 National Team coaches were selected
- 2017 cross country awards were handed out