

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE  
RIVERSIDE SPORTS HALL OF FAME  
MARTIN LUTHER KING HIGH SCHOOL  
WELCOMES YOU TO THE 2026  
“RAINCROSS TRADITION”  
RIVERSIDE CITY TRACK AND FIELD  
CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday, April 4, 2026      Stadium opens at 6:30 am

FIELD EVENTS BEGIN AT 8 am    RUNNING EVENTS BEGIN AT 9 am

**At MARTIN LUTHER KING HIGH SCHOOL**

Dear Coach;

On behalf of Martin Luther King High School and the Riverside Sports Hall of Fame, I would like to invite you and your team to the 15th revival of the “Raincross Tradition”-the Riverside City Championships. In 2010, we brought this meet back after a 18 year absence and it has been a highlight of every season since. We appreciate your participation and your support and we hope that you will be taking part again. Please check out our website for all the information and please send along your contract as soon as possible. Hope to see you on April 4, 2026!!

John Corona-Meet Director

## **DIVISIONS**

### **Boys and Girls Varsity**

**Large Schools invited: Arlington, North, ML King, Poly, Ramona, La Sierra, Norte Vista, Rubidoux, Patriot, Jurupa Valley, Moreno Valley and Hillcrest**

**Small Schools invited: Notre Dame, Woodcrest Christian, Sherman Indian, CSDR, Bethel Christian and Magnolia River Springs Charter**

## **AWARDS**

**Custom made patches for first place in all varsity events in both divisions. Custom made medals for places 2 through 5 in every varsity event in Large Schools and places 2 and 3 in Small Schools. We will medal varsity relays places 2 through 4 in the Large Schools and 2 and 3 in Small Schools. Awards are determined by the top performances in each event regardless of heat or flight. THERE WILL BE NO AWARDS FOR INDIVIDUAL HEATS/FLIGHTS. Please remind your athletes that we will be awarding their medals (if they placed) immediately after their event is over and to be available for presentation of their medal at the awards stand. We are trying to speed up the process of getting the kids on the podium. Let your kids know that if they are not to the podium area in a timely manner, they miss their opportunity to be ON the podium. We CANNOT wait for them for too long.**

## **FEES**

**Large Schools-\$200 per team-\$400 for both boys and girls. Small Schools-\$150 per team-\$300 for both boys and girls' teams. We WILL accept your check the morning of the competition but would appreciate getting your check in BEFORE April 1 so we can pay our bills. We will be sure to make your checks out to King Track -ASB. If you send your check in the mail, please address them to Head Track Coach Mat Vasel at King High School-9301 Wood Rd. Riverside, Calif. 92508**

**PLEASE BE AWARE---if we have not received your entry fee by the morning of the event, "telling us that the "check is in the mail" will not suffice. We will be asking for a personal check to cover entry fees. We will hold that check for two weeks until such time that we receive your payment through your Boosters/ASB and then we will rip up the check.**

## **ENTRY OF ATHLETES -GET THIS DONE ON TIME PLEASE!!!!**

**We have switched back over to Athletic.net for registration and entry of athletes. You will be able to enter the Athletic.net registration through the Finished Results website. Please go to**

<https://finishedresults.com/meets/6506> and you will find information and directions you need. Please look for us under The Raincross Tradition. If you have issues, please contact me at 951-544-1068. You will be allowed 4 entries in the boys and girls varsity sprints (100/200/400/Hurdles); 4 in the field events as well as 6 entries in the distances. Only one 4 X 100 and 4 X 400 relay from each school may be entered. **DO NOT FAX OR EMAIL YOUR ENTRIES. THEY WILL BE IGNORED.** Entries open on Monday, Feb. 24 at 8 am and close Monday, April 1 at 11:59 pm.

### TRACK EVENTS SCHEDULE

We will run CIF order of events starting with the 4 X 100's. We will seed each heat slowest to fastest and determine our results from there. We have decided to do away with prelim heats. In years past we have run prelims for the 100/200/Straight hurdles but this time of year, we probably want to save the kids legs and not have them run so many more events that prelims would require. Depending on the number of heats, we MIGHT use both sides of the track at the same time.

UNIFIED SPORTS EVENTS- By now, you are familiar with the Unified Sports Model. Unified Championship School (UCS) events call for a 2- person team including a student of special needs and a general education student of like ability competing against other teams. Their individual times are then added together and that's how places are decided. Though what you have seen the past couple of years at the Tradition is not the true Unified Sports model, it has been a move in the right direction and we hope to continue to build this into the City Championships and beyond. If you wish to have kids participate in this division, you will enter UCS athletes (Special Needs students) to compete individually in boys and girls 100/SP. If you want to run a 4 x 100 relay-it must contain 2 UCS Athletes (Legs 2/4) and 2 General Ed. Athletes of like ability (Legs 1/3). WE MIGHT be allowing entries in the LJ and the 200 as we have in the past. We will get that word out once we have determined what we will do

In honor of North track coach and Special Ed. teacher, Charles Leathers, we have been running The Charles Leathers 100 meters for the past few years to honor not just a Riverside Hall of Fame Track Coach but a great Special Ed. Teacher who cared deeply for his students.

Please take the time to enter any of your UCS kids in these events. We hope that you-your special ed department and your administration will see fit to become participants in the Unified Championship Schools movement as a whole and most specifically in the Raincross Tradition. There will be a CIF UCS event scheduled in mid-May at Trabuco Hills High School where schools and kids compete for All-CIF Honors. Please email Sondra Lough at [slough@riversideunified.org](mailto:slough@riversideunified.org) for more information or you can call her at 951-789-5690-Ext.

62038. You can also contact me for more information either at this email or at 951-544-1068. Both of us would be glad to talk to you about the possibilities

### FACILITIES

We will be competing on the 8 lane all-weather facility at Martin Luther King High School. King has a 5000 seat stadium that also has a synthetic field turf infield. Athletes and spectators can sit on both side of the stadium. NO radios or boom boxes will be allowed in the stands. The warm-up area will be on the grassy area just north of the stadium.

### RUSD MANDATES

Tents must be set up at the top of the bleachers and NONE may be set up in front of the Press Box or along the bleachers closet to the track. PLEASE TELL YOUR PARENTS!!!! I am getting tired of having an argument every year with parents that think they are special. Tents can be set up out in the warm-up area outside the stadium.

Only 3/16 inch spikes or less will be allowed on the track and runways. Athletes' spikes will be checked upon entrance to the stadium. Spikes must be in place on the shoes prior to entrance into the facility. If the athlete does not have the proper spike in their shoe, they will be denied entrance. We will disqualify any athlete that goes onto the track with spikes that are not 3/16 or less.

NO FOOD, GUM OR DRINKS OTHER THAN WATER ARE ALLOWED ON THE TRACK OR INFIELD AREA. Any athlete in violation of this rule will be disqualified from the meet. This will hold true EVEN IF THE ATHLETE HAS JUST FINISHED THEIR EVENT OR THEIR RACE. Be aware that parents LOVE to hand their kids a bottle of Gatorade or other flavored drinks over the fence Once they are done with their race. Water is fine but that's it!!!!

### SEEDING AND CHECK-IN

VERY IMPORTANT!!!! AS we started two years ago--we will be running Large School and Small School competitors together!!! For the purposes of entries-check-in and timing, we will be eliminating those designations. Your kids will compete against others -no matter the size of the school-of like times and marks. We WILL STILL AWARD kids as Large School or Small School competitors (we can pull out the Small School kids electronically for their awards) Small School Coaches-if you have an athlete that you want recognized as a Large School athlete, please let me know. Please remember, coaches will be allowed to enter up to 4 kids in sprint events (100/200/100H/110H/300H/400) and all field events. We will be allowing up to 6 entrants in the distance events. We WILL NOT be condensing or combining heats as it has proven over the years to be just too cumbersome and time intensive. Field

event athletes will check in at their event while runners check in at the clerk of the course at the northwest corner of the stadium. Athletes must check in beginning with the first call and be ready to head to the track after the third and final call to the clerk. Track Athletes may be substituted in the place of a previously entered competitor or added before the meet. We can add athletes to the field events simply by writing their name into a flight. These changes will be approved **ONLY** if that entry or change does not carry you over your entry limit- 4 for lane races and field events-6 for distances)

### **REASONS TO DISQUALIFY**

Aside from the normal reasons for disqualification (see the NFHS rulebook), meet management will disqualify athletes or teammates of said athletes on the following offenses.

- Warming up on the infield/loitering on the infield
- Coaches on the infield (Pole Vault will have a coaching box available) unless previously identified as a judge or meet official
- Athletes that have food, gum or a flavored drinks on the track or infield
- Athletes that try to compete in spikes other than 3/16 pyramid needles
- Athletes who do not check in at the clerk of the course by the third call.

### **SPECTATOR GATE FEES/ADMISSION PRICES**

General Admission: \$10.00

Students and Seniors-\$6.00

Children 6 and under: Free!

Spectators can pay in cash or through GoFan. The QR code to order tickets will be provided to participating coaches to get out to parents and will be available onsite at the entrance.

### **FOOD AND CONCESSIONS**

A variety of food and beverage items will be available throughout the meet.

### **TRAINER**

The King High Athletic Trainer and student trainers will be on site. Please bring your own tape and pre-wrap.

### **COACHES CHECK-IN/MEETING**

Coaches will check in and pick up their information packets in Coach Vasel's classroom-G-113 behind the stadium toward the south of the faculty parking lot.

## **RESULTS**

Results can found immediately on the Finished Results LIVE app. Final Results will also be posted on [Finishedresults.com](http://Finishedresults.com) and [Athletic.net](http://Athletic.net) as soon as possible after the meet.

## **RAINOUT**

In the event of rain, call Coach Vasel at 951-333-3447 to determine whether the meet will go off or not. In the event of a rainout, there will be no makeup date and we will attempt to refund as much of your entry fee as possible.

Any questions or information, please contact John Corona at the below numbers. Thanks for your consideration and your support in helping us keep this meet a great one! See you on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026!!!!

John Corona  
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951-544-1068-(C)  
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## **RUNNING EVENT SCHEDULE**

**FINAL RUNNING EVENTS- 9 am--CIF ORDER**

**All races will be run in heats. Fastest heat will be the final heat.**

## **FIELD EVENT SCHEDULE**

**Girls Pole Vault- 8:00 AM--Boys Pole Vault-All Divisions- to follow**

**Shot Put- 8:00 AM-Boys-(All Divisions) Girls-(All Divisions)- to follow-4 attempts**

**Discus- 8:00 AM-Girls (All Divisions)-Boys-(All Divisions) to follow-4 attempts**

**SP/Discus will be contested in flights**

**High Jump-8:00 AM-Boys/Girls (All Divisions) -We will have two HJ pits open**

**Long Jump-8:00 AM -North Pit-Boys (All Divisions)-4 attempts-Triple Jump to follow**

**Long Jump-8:00 AM-South Pit-Girls (All Divisions)-4 attempts-Triple Jump to follow**

**LJ/TJ will be contested in flights**

**Half hour break between LJ/TJ to get steps, etc.**