

2026 UC Riverside Cross Country Invitational



DATE:	Saturday, September 19, 2026
SITE:	UCR Agricultural Operations Course
RACE TIME:	7:15am: Women's 6000m Invitational 7:50am: Men's 8000m Invitational 8:25am: Women's 5000m Open 8:55am: Men's 8000m Open
RACE SECTION SELECTION:	Meet management will be selecting a max of 24 teams (min of 5 & max of 10 athletes per team) that will run in the invitational section. All other teams/athletes will be put in the open section. If a coach wants all of their athletes to race in the open section, please notify us through email. There may be an additional men's open 8000m section added if entries are large enough.
SURPLUS ENTRIES:	In an attempt to manage the size of the meet, while still providing opportunities to race, there will be an additional "Surplus" fee for any team wishing to enter more than 20 athletes per gender. Each surplus entry will be an additional \$25.
COURSE:	The UC Riverside course is mostly flat with a few rolling hills, and hard packed dirt with pre-competition watering to reduce dust. It is run through agricultural operations center which features 100-year-old citrus trees.
PARTICIPANT ENTRY FEE:	\$1,000 - Combined Team (men and women) \$500 - Per Gender (men only or women only.) \$50 - Individual/unattached entry (<i>for individual athletes or teams w/ less than 5 athletes</i>) \$25 – Team Surplus Entry (per entry over 20 entries) Teams & Individuals must pay online on Athletic.net
ENTRIES:	ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ENTERED & PAID FOR ON <u>ATHLETICS.NET</u> BY 6PM MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. All scoring teams (5 athletes or more) must pay the team rate. No more than 10 will be allowed to run in the Invite races; all remaining athletes will run in the Open races. Unattached athletes: will be entered the Open races. Elite unattached athletes seeking to run in the Invite races must get prior approval from the meet director prior to the close of registration on September 22 nd .
AWARDS:	There will be an award for the team champion in each of the 4 races. Top 10 finishers in the Invitational races will receive a top finisher T-shirt. Shirts will be handed out at the check-in tent after race results are final.
CHECK-IN:	Teams/Clubs: All teams must check-in and pick-up race numbers no later than 30 minutes before their event. Numbers will be available by 6:30am on race day at the <u>check-in table adjacent to the finish chute</u> . Please do not give an unused number to another athlete. Each number is pre-assigned to an individual by the timer. Unattached Athletes: You will need to park in Lot 30 – Show proof of registration (screenshot) at the gate for entry. Check-in and pick-up race numbers no later than 30 minutes before their event. Numbers will be available by 6:30am on race day at the <u>check-in table adjacent to the finish chute</u> .
TEAM SCORING:	The races will be scored according to NCAA Division I scoring guidelines.
TIMING/RESULTS:	Results will be available online at <u>www.finishedresults.com</u> , or on the Finished Results app for iPhone or Android.
SPECTATOR ADMISSION:	<u>https://highlanderstickets.universitytickets.com</u> Tickets only available for online purchase. There will be no sales at the entrance gate.

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Ticket Questions: highlandertickets@ucr.edu

Spectator access begins at 6:00am and representatives will be on site to answer questions.

\$10– General Admission

FREE – Children under age 3 and UCR Undergraduate students with a current UCR ID

COURSE AVAILABILITY:	The Cross Country course will be open for team preview on Friday, September 16 th from 2pm-5pm and on meet day beginning at 5:45am.
DIRECTIONS/PARKING:	From the 215/60 freeway, exit Martin Luther King Boulevard and go west. Turn left at the Canyon Crest Drive traffic light and travel approximately 300 meters to the course entrance (across from Saint Andrew's church). Please check in with gate personnel upon arrival for instructions.
Team Vans:	<u>LIMIT 1 vehicles per INSTITUTION. All additional team vehicles will need to park in Lot 30. This update is an attempt to maintain good relations with the agricultural operations staff by limiting vehicle access.</u>
Team Buses:	<u>Team Bus drop off will be in UCR Lot 30. Buses may NOT drop off at the entrance on Canyon Crest Drive due to recently installed bike lane delineators.</u> Buses will stay in Lot 30 for duration of the meet.
Spectators:	<u>General parking IS NOT available in Agricultural Operations or on nearby neighborhood streets.</u> From the 215/60 freeway, exit Martin Luther King and go west. Pass through the Canyon Crest Drive traffic light and make a right into UCR Lot 30. Parking in Lot 30 is FREE on weekends and no permit is required. Persons with disabilities that have designated license plates or placards may follow the Team Vans directions above to park at the course.
TEAM CAMP:	Team camp will be located near the start/finish area located by the Hammer Cage . Portable restrooms will be available in the same area. The pavilion area across from the course is reserved for spectators only and will have portable restrooms available. There are NO dressing or shower facilities on site.
CONTACT INFO:	For further information, please visit our <u>Visitor's Guide</u> located on our website or contact Eric Fremd (eric.fremd@ucr.edu).

PREFERRED HOTELS

Hampton Inn Riverside Downtown

3505 Market Street, Riverside, CA 92501

Contact – Jennifer Ortega

jennifer.ortega@greens.com

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/raldohx-hampton-riverside-downtown/>
(951) 788-5000

Quality Inn Riverside

1590 University Avenue, Riverside, CA 92507

Contact – Mohammad Haque

mhaque@qualityinnriverside.com

<https://www.qualityinnriverside.com>
(951) 683-6000

RESTAURANT PARTNERS

<u>Restaurant</u>	<u>POC</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Address</u>
Chick Fil A		951-300-2029	3640 Central Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506
Flame Broiler	Clare Chung	951-228-9303	1201 University Avenue #109A, Riverside, CA 92507
In-N-Out Burger			7467 Indiana Avenue, Riverside, CA 92504
Old Spaghetti Factory	Ryan Durrett	909-784-4417	3191 Mission Inn Ave Riverside, CA 92507