

# THE 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DON BOSCO TECH INVITATIONAL

## PREVIEW

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#### **Cross country season kicks off with a bang!**

By Keith Lair, Pasadena Star News

The high school cross country season kicks off with a bang in the San Gabriel Valley on Saturday.

More than 2,400 athletes from 72 schools will descend on the Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area to compete in The Ninth Annual Don Bosco Tech Invitational. It is the first weekend that CIF-Southern Section teams can compete this season.

"I think what has happened is that the kids love the party atmosphere of the meet," Bosco Tech cross country coach and meet director Sal Perez said. "We try to make it fun for all and make it a friendly meet. All the kids, even not the better ones, seem to have fun."

The meet, which is scheduled to start at 8 a.m., features music; invitational-inspired medals and the first 75 finishers in each of the 13 3-mile races will receive medals. The races are run by grade, except for smaller schools, which will have a senior-junior class race and a sophomore-freshman class race. Team winners will be determined by a team's fastest five times, no matter the class.

Perez expects faster times than last year. That's because the northern and western area of the park has been changed into the Station Fire command post and a fire fighter's rest area.

"There isn't as much dirt trails and we've had to make the course go through more bike trails," he said. "I think people will be going faster."

More than a dozen San Gabriel Valley area schools will take part in the meet, including host Bosco Tech, Alverno, the Arcadia girls, Bishop Amat, Cantwell-Sacred Heart, Covina, El Rancho, Los Altos, Nogales, Pasadena Poly, Rowland, San Gabriel Mission, South Hills, St. Paul, Whittier Christian and Wilson.

CIF-SS and state powers St. John Bosco, Upland and Foothill are also entered.

#### **DIVISIONAL BREAKDOWN**

##### **Large Schools**

***(ALL DIVISION 1 SCHOOLS & THE LARGER DIVISION 2 SCHOOLS)***

Alhambra

Anaheim

Arcadia

Bloomington

Culver City

El Rancho

Etiwanda

Garfield  
Glendale  
Loara  
Nogales  
Paramount  
Poly (Riverside)  
Rowland  
Serrano  
Sunny Hills  
Upland  
Walnut  
Warren

**Medium Schools**

***(THE SMALLER DIVISION 2 SCHOOLS & ALL DIVISION 3 SCHOOLS)***

Bassett  
Bishop Alemany  
Bishop Amat  
Bolsa Grande  
Cathedral  
Covina  
Don Lugo  
Foothill  
Gahr  
Hoover  
La Canada  
La Mirada  
La Puente  
Los Altos  
North Torrance  
Northview  
Pasadena  
Rim of the World  
South Hills  
St. John Bosco  
Wilson (Hacienda Heights)

**Small Schools**

***(ALL DIVISION 4 & 5 SCHOOLS)***

Academia Avance  
Alverno  
Bishop Conaty-Loretto  
Bishop Montgomery  
Bosco Tech  
Cantwell-Sacred Heart  
Desert Christian (Lancaster)  
Holy Martyrs Armenian  
Immaculate Heart  
Marlborough  
Marshall Fundamental  
Mary Star of the Sea  
New Roads  
Ontario Christian

Pacifica Christian  
Poly (Pasadena)  
Ramona Convent  
Riverside Christian  
Rosamond  
Salesian  
San Gabriel Mission  
San Marino  
St. Mary's Academy  
St. Monica Academy  
St. Monica Catholic  
St. Paul  
Verbum Dei  
Whittier Christian