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NCAA DIVISION II MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFIERS ANNOUNCED

INDIANAPOLIS---The NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Track and Field Committee has announced the participants for the 2009 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships.

In order to be eligible to participate in the championships, teams and individuals had to qualify in their respective NCAA region competitions that were held this past weekend.

A total of 368 participants (184 men and 184 women) will compete in the championships. All regions automatically qualified two teams of seven student-athletes each. Additional berths were awarded to the regions with the first eight team finishers at the 2008 NCAA Division II Men's and Women's Cross Country Championships.

All regions automatically qualify the top two individuals from non-qualifying teams. In addition, all individual competitors who finish in the top five overall places in their respective regional meet and are not a member of a qualifying team automatically advance to the championships.

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The University of Southern Indiana will host the championships, November 21, at University of Southern Indiana Cross Country Course in Evansville, Indiana. The women's race will begin at noon Central time followed by the men's race at 1 p.m. Central time.

Women's Qualifying Teams (School, Region)

Adams State, Central
Alaska Anchorage, West
Augustana (South Dakota), Central
Bloomsburg, Atlantic
Cal State Chico, West
Columbus State, Southeast
Dallas Baptist, South Central
Ferris State, Midwest
Grand Valley State, Midwest
Harding, South
Kutztown, Atlantic
Mary, Central
Massachusetts-Lowell, East
Metropolitan State, Central
Minnesota Duluth, Central
Missouri Southern State, South Central
Queens (North Carolina), Southeast
Seattle Pacific, West
Shippensburg, Atlantic
Southern Indiana, Midwest
Stonehill, East
Tampa, South
Western State, Central
Western Washington, West

Men's Qualifying Teams (School, Region)

Adams State, Central
Alaska Anchorage, West
Augustana (South Dakota), Central
Cal State Chico, West
Colorado School of Mines, Central

Columbus State, Southeast
Edinboro, Atlantic
Florida Southern, South
Grand Valley State, Midwest
Harding, South
Mars Hill, Southeast
Massachusetts-Lowell, East
Metropolitan State, Central
Missouri Southern State, South Central
Nova Southeastern, South
Pittsburg State, South Central
Queens (North Carolina), Southeast
Saginaw Valley, Midwest
Shippensburg, Atlantic
Southern Indiana, Midwest
Southwest Baptist, South Central
Stonehill, East
Western State, Central
Western Washington, West

Women's Individual Qualifiers

Atlantic Region

Jennifer Harpp, Slippery Rock
Priscilla Jennings, Millersville
Christie Turak, Mercyhurst

Central Region

Sydney Laws, Colorado Mines
Ali Paul, Minnesota State Mankato

East Region

Laura Brustolon, Southern Connecticut State
Jeptui Cherutich, New York Institute of Technology
Sarah Simonetti, Philadelphia U.
Jackline Toek, New York Institute of Technology

Midwest Region

Kathryn Hague, Lewis
Ashley Quick, Hillsdale

South Region

Carolyne Kwambai, Florida Southern
Sara Trane, Florida Tech

South Central Region

Dani Dell'Orco, Truman State
Anne Ratermann, Truman State

Southeast Region

Whitney Bishoff, Anderson (South Carolina)
Kate Griewisch, Lenoir-Rhyne

West Region

Megan Rolland, Humboldt State
Vivien Wadeck, Cal State Los Angeles

Men's Individual Qualifiers

Atlantic Region

Nick Hilton, Lock Haven
Hillary Mugun, Indiana (Pennsylvania)
Brandon Pomerantz, Lock Haven

Central Region

Tanner Fruit, Nebraska-Kearney
Nicaise Kazingo, New Mexico Highlands

East Region

Glarius Rop, American International
Victor Kemboi, American International

Midwest Region

Drew Harris, Northern Kentucky
Jaime Villa Zapatero, Drury

South Region

Gabriel Ghioca, Henderson State
Dickson Toroitich, Benedict

South Central Region

Julius Korir, Cameron
Jared McNeil, Tarleton State
Amos Sang, Abilene Christian
Laban Sialo, Central Missouri

Southeast Region

Fidelis Mutiso, Clayton State
Pardon Ndhlovu, North Carolina-Pembroke

West Region

Chris Reed, Western Oregon
Barak Watson, Northwest Nazarene