

## Joe Piane Notre Dame Cross Country Invitational

The University of Notre Dame will host the 60<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL (and newly titled) **Joe Piane Notre Dame Cross Country Invitational on FRIDAY, October 2, 2015** at the University's Burke (9-hole) Golf Course. There will be five races. As in the past, the Blue Division will be the elite race, but we are CHANGING RACE TIMES so that the elite races are run earlier in the day.

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| 2:00 p.m. | Women's Blue Division Race – 5000 meters  |
| 2:45 p.m. | Men's Blue Division Race – 5 miles  |
| 3:30 p.m. | Open Race (Men and Women run simultaneously, with women running 5K and men running 5 miles. The first 3 miles of each course are the same). |
| 4:15 p.m. | Women's Gold Division Race – 5000 meters  |
| 5:00 p.m. | Men's Gold Division Race – 5 miles  |

The Men's and Women's Blue and Gold Division races are strictly **TEAM RACES – NO INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES** will be allowed. Each team will be limited to **NINE (9)** runners in the team race. You may enter up to 15 individuals, but only 9 runners will be allowed to compete in the team races. Teams may run the additional 6 team members entered on their roster in the 3:30 p.m. Open Race.

**Race assignments will be determined and posted on September 28<sup>th</sup>.** Our goal is to provide a great interregional competition for top teams hoping to garner "at large points" for NCAA Qualifying purposes. Therefore, we will limit the field size of the Blue Division race to provide safe, competitive racing conditions.

We will again be utilizing **DIRECT ATHLETICS** to enter our home Cross Country meets. Note that rosters are limited to 15 runners per team for this meet. No unattached runners will be accepted. You may make corrections to your roster up until the entry deadline. After the deadline, you CANNOT make any changes using the online system. There will be a process for substitutions on race day.

All entries must be received on Direct Athletics by Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm.  
LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY REASON!!!

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN COMPETING IN THIS YEAR'S JOE PIANE NOTRE DAME INVITATIONAL, please contact [mjergens@nd.edu](mailto:mjergens@nd.edu) by September 1.**

**The entry fee is \$300.00 per team** and may be paid when you pick up your packet on meet day. Men's and Women's teams are considered separate teams. Please make your check payable to: **University of Notre Dame.**

Should you have any questions concerning the meet or entry procedures, please contact Molly Jergenson ([mjergens@nd.edu](mailto:mjergens@nd.edu)) or Matt Sparks ([mspark@nd.edu](mailto:mspark@nd.edu)).