

Suburban Parochial League XC 2026

Preseason Meeting | Wednesday, June 10 | All Saints Catholic Academy

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

- Started immediately following SPL T&F postseason meeting
- Opening Prayer

2. Roll Call

Absent: St. Frances of Rome, St. Giles, St. James, St. Leonard

3. Approved Post-Season Meeting Minutes

4. Old Business

- Request for a volunteer for Safety Officer #2 presented
- Diana Crumrine (Holy Trinity, Safety Officer #1) explained role
- Confirmed Officers for 2026:
 - Co-President: Jason Wagner, St Francis Xavier
 - Co-President: John McCarthy, St Mary Mokena
 - Vice President: Abigail Radun, Immaculate Conception
 - Treasurer: Justin Busche, SS. Peter and Paul
 - Secretary: Maria O'Connell, St Cletus
 - Safety Officer #1: Diana Crumrine, Holy Trinity
 - Safety Officer #2: St. Raphael
 - Webmaster: John Darrow, Notre Dame of Clarendon Hills
- No unfinished business from October 25, 2025 SPL XC Postseason Meeting

5. New Business

- Treasurer Report: Justin Busche
 - Referenced his email dated June 10, 2026, reviewed expenses and showed SPL XC balances from 2021-2025
 - Current balance stands at \$2,957.00; with an ideal balance closer to \$5,000
 - Expenses have increased year over year (up approx. \$8,000 since 2022) driven by rising course fees and introduction of electronic timing (e.g. Palatine Pack)
 - 2026 fee structure proposal discussed and approved
 - A Schools** \$600
 - AA Schools** \$700
 - AAA Schools** \$800
- 2026 divisions based on 2025 enrollments
- Fundraising ideas (coffee truck, car wash) brought forward and discussed
- Rules Committee Update: John McCarthy, Co-President

- Reorganization of *Rules and Regulations* and *Race Operations* (discussed new R&R and OPS and compared with current rulebook structure; refer to John's handout). Revised R&R and OPS documents are expected August 2026.
 - Rosters no longer need to be sent to SPL; coaches now upload directly to Athletic.net
 - Championship meet eligibility requires participation in at least one SPL meet; SPL to verify via Athletic.net
 - SPL still requires enrollment numbers for invoicing purposes
 - Motion approved unanimously to eliminate the pre-race runner count; responsibility shifts to coaches
 - Motion approved unanimously to schedule the first meet on the last Saturday of August or the first Saturday in September
- 2026 Meet Schedule Confirmed
 - **August 29:** Meet #1 at Marmion Academy in Aurora, hosted by St Francis Xavier; timing: Palatine Pack, starter: Jason Wagner (*SPL President may also assume role of starter*)
 - *Labor Day Weekend: no meet*
 - **September 12:** Meet #2 at Westmont High School, hosted by Notre Dame, Holy Trinity, and St Francis Xavier; timing: Palatine Pack, starter: Jason Wagner
 - **September 19:** Meet #3 (Co-ed Meet) at Perry Farm Park, Bourbonnais, hosted by St. Mary Mokena; timing: Palatine Pack, starter: TBD
 - **September 26:** Meet #4 at Downers Grove Swim and Racquet Club, hosted by St. Mary of Gostyn and St Joan of Arc; timing: Palatine Pack, starter: Jason Wagner
 - **October 3:** Meet #5, Championship Meet at Northwestern Medicine Cross Country Course, Geneva, hosted by St. Petronille and St Michael; timing: Shazam (Northwestern's sole contractor), starter: TBD
- Worker Assignments Updates: Jason Wagner
 - Jason noted that electronic timing has eliminated the need for many volunteer roles and shifted volunteer roles
 - Hosts are no longer required to volunteer at other meets
 - As ND and HT serve as hosts, Kingswood and Our Lady of Charity volunteered for ribbon distribution
 - Discussed chute control and importance of keeping top finishers in place
 - Ribbons/T-Shirts/Championship Meet Plaques: St. Luke to continue providing ribbons
 - SPL Course Equipment: Julie Potts (SIJ) will send asset list
 - Starting Mats/Signs: need new mats; Ss. Dennis & Joseph to procure and get reimbursed by SPL
 - Course Marshals
- Championship Plaques Reviewed: Jason Wagner
 - Discussed plaque production expense

- Overall Division Champions: in 2026, plaques or trophies will continue to be awarded to the overall first-place finisher, by gender, for each division, for a total of six awards [(i.e. Division A Boys, Division A Girls, Division AA Boys, Division AA Girls, Division AAA Boys, Division AAA Girls) *same as last year*].
 - Following discussion, including testimony from St. Luke on plaques' significance, an idea to eliminate plaques for first-place finishers by individual grade level (5th-8th) and gender (Boys/Girls) was set aside.
 - Overall SPL Champions: in 2026, plaques or trophies will be awarded to the overall SPL Boys Champion and overall SPL Girls Champion, determined by combined scores across grades 5th–8th. Smaller trophies or plaques will be awarded to the second and third-place overall teams (*same as last year*).
 - Discussed recycling plaques and traveling plaques (or trophies) as a cost-cutting measure
- SPL Spirit Wear: Jason Wagner
 - Will remain with our current vendor, First to Finish, for ease and overall good pricing
- New Topics
 - Instagram: continue to send pictures from cross country meets to John Darrow
 - Date announced for WSH Blue & Gold XC Meet: Friday, June 26. (in-person registration accepted)

6. Meeting Adjourned