# **CROSS COUNTRY BOBCAT INVITATIONAL**

#### Saturday, September 16, 2017

## Hosted by Oyster River High School at Tibbett's Fields & the Powder Major Forest, Madbury NH 25 Lee Road (Rt 155), less than 2 miles off Rt 4

Course Previews (guided or self-guided)	8:30
Boys JV Race	10:00
Girls JV Race	10:40
Boys Varsity	11:20
Girls Varsity	12:00

**Co-Meet Directors:** Oyster River girls coach Fergus Cullen, fergus@ferguscullen.com, 603-520-5450 & boys coach Scott McGrath

**Schools Expected (20):** Campbell, Dover, Fitch of Groton CT, Goffstown, Hanover, Hopkinton, Kennett, Kingswood, Lebanon, Merrimack Valley, Milford, Oyster River, Pembroke, Sanborn, Souhegan, Spaulding, St. Thomas, Tilton Prep, Trinity, Winnacunnet

- Electronic timing by Lancer Timing
- Team awards to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams in varsity races and the 1st place JV team
- Medals to the top 20 in the varsity races
- Unlimited entries in JV races
- T shirts and refreshments available for sale
- Athletic trainer will be onsite, and ice and water will be available at the finish line

**How to enter:** Entry fees are \$150 for both boys and girls; \$75 for one team; \$10 per individual Rosters will be pulled from Direct Athletics

#### Make checks payable to "Oyster River High School" and send to:

Oyster River High School, Attn: Andrew Lathrop, Athletic Director; 55 Coe Drive, Durham, NH 03824

**Parking:** The new facility is great except that it has limited parking. This meet is literally the biggest event of the year in the town of Madbury (pop 1,771) and local authorities have some concerns about parking. Buses will be asked to drop teams off and park at Oyster River High School, about 3 miles away (55 Coe Drive, Durham). Please encourage your families to consider carpooling. Cars will be directed to school-specific lots near Moharimet Elementary school and may need to walk in about ½ mile on a trail to Tibbetts Field. We'll have more details about parking closer the meet.

**History Happened Here:** The course runs through the old farm once owned by John DeMeritt (1728-1826). Back in 1774, inspired by Paul Revere's ride to Portsmouth, a group of Seacoast patriots raided Fort William & Mary in New Castle and made off with some 100 barrels of gun powder. Some of that powder ended up stashed somewhere on DeMeritt's property, and that powder is said to have supplied the patriots at the Battle of Bunker Hill the following year. Whatever the precise facts, Demeritt went down in history as the Powder Major.

### Oyster River XC Course at Tibbett's Fields & the Powder Major Forest, Madbury NH

Our new course is 100% grass and trails with zero pavement. It is designed to be very spectator-friendly; a fan will be able to see the runners five times during the race. Tibbett's Fields is a soccer / lacrosse venue with three playing fields managed by the Oyster River Youth Association. It is adjacent to the Powder Major Forest, a 195 acre tract recently put into conservation by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.





Elevation chart: 119 ft elevation gain over the rolling course. Low point is 148 ft and high point is 212 ft.

- 1. Start is in the back left corner of the soccer field (green dot).
- 2. Crosses soccer field, then does perimeter loop of all the fields (counter clockwise). It goes around the perimeter 1.5 times covering about 1,200 meters on the fields
- 3. Then does a 1K loop in the Moharimet trails on the right (counter clockwise)
- 4. Comes out and does ¾ perimeter of the soccer fields (clockwise)
- 5. At 1.5 miles, begins a 1K loop in the Powder Major woods on the left (clockwise)
- 6. Comes out and runs along the back of the soccer fields.
- 7. Does the Moharimet trails loop again, but reverse of the first time (clockwise)
- **8.** Comes out with 400 meters to the finish, going ¼ around the perimeter counter clockwise and finishing in the middle of the fields, between the soccer fields.

**T-SHIRTS:** This shirt will be available for sale for \$20 while supplies last. There are separate men's and women's cuts.

