

INTRODUCING THE 18TH ANNUAL
NISKAYUNA XC EKIDEN
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH AT 9:30 AM
IROQUOIS MIDDLE SCHOOL
[HTTP://WWW.NISKYTRACK.ORG](http://www.niskytrack.org)

You and your team are cordially invited to the 18th Annual Niskayuna XC Ekiden. This meet is designed to give your runners a fun and unique way to start the season as no athlete will run more than 1.55 miles. It should serve as a good introduction to the sport of cross country.

DATE: Saturday, September 5, 2026

TIME: 9:30 AM

WHERE: Iroquois Middle School, Niskayuna, NY 12309

Athletes: This is a co-ed meet.

Facility: The middle school and neighboring River Road Park offer a variety of terrain including grass, packed trails, and stone dust trails. There are no severely steep hills, but enough rolling terrain to get a good workout. Bathroom facilities are available at the school and park pavilion, portable facilities may also be available. Spikes are optional due to the small/medium stones that are on the trails. T-Shirts will be on sale for \$20.

Format: Each school is allowed an unlimited number of 3 person teams for varsity/JV and 3 person freshman teams. All incomplete teams will also run in the team race where their split times will be recorded. The meet is a relay style event where freshman and younger run 1 mile legs and JV and Varsity run 1.5 mile legs. A sash rather than baton will be exchanged at the end of each leg. Schools are encouraged to make their own creative designed sash for each team entered.

Entries: Will be handled on MileSplit. Make sure you have a current MileSplit account. All timing will be handled by Underdog Timing.

Rules: National Federation rules will be applied.

Scoring: Fastest relay wins! The meet will not be scored in the traditional XC format. There are no team scores in this event.

Awards: Top 10 Varsity girls and boys teams will receive custom medals. Places 11-20 in each event will receive custom ribbons. The top 3 freshman team will receive medals and places 4-20 will receive ribbons.

Fees: \$125 for single gender, \$175 for co-ed teams. The fee should be made payable to **Niskayuna Athletic; Booster Club** and sent to:

Niskayuna High School
c/o Jason DeRocco
1626 Balltown Road
Niskayuna, NY 12309

Any questions??? You may call Jason DeRocco at 518-423-7511 or email at jderocco@niskyschools.org.

Meet Website: <https://ny.milesplit.com/meets/766268-niskayuna-xc-ekiden-2026>

Niskayuna Ekiden
9-5-2026
Co-Ed Invitational

School Name_____

Coach's Name(s) _____

E-Mail Address(es)_____

School Address_____

City _____ Zip_____

Phone _____ Fax_____

Please check one:

_____ Yes, we will participate in the Nisky Ekiden

_____ No, we won't be participating, but keep us on the mail list

Please e-mail, mail or fax intention sheet with proper payment to:

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PLEASE MAIL OR EMAIL THIS FORM WITH VOUCHER OR CHECK
PAYABLE TO **Niskayuna Athletics Booster Club** BY
August 31, 2025

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2026 NISKAYUNA XC EKIDEN

SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

ORDER OF EVENTS:

7:00 AM COURSE OPEN FOR INSPECTION

9:30 AM GIRLS FRESHMAN RACE

3 ATHLETES PER TEAM, 1 MILE LEGS

10:00 AM BOYS FRESHMAN RACE

3 ATHLETES PER TEAM, 1 MILE LEGS

10:30 AM GIRLS RACE

3 ATHLETES PER TEAM, 1.5 MILE LEGS

11:30 AM BOYS RACE

3 ATHLETES PER TEAM, 1.5 MILE LEGS

SCHOOLS MAY ENTER AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF 3 MEMBER VARSITY/JV TEAMS, AND 3 MEMBER FRESHMAN TEAMS. INCOMPLETE TEAMS WILL RUN IN THE TEAM RACE BUT ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS. TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND WILL BE MOVED UP WHENEVER POSSIBLE.