

## Cross Country Uniform Update

8/14/11

CC girls and Parents:

As I mentioned in my last email on this topic, we are asking the girls to purchase their own uniform shorts this year. There are several reasons for this, but largely because this provides the easiest way to get the kind of shorts the girls prefer while working within our budget. This is a change that was decided prior to the establishment of the athletic fee, which should provide money for uniform purchases in future years. My goal is to minimize parental expenditure on specialty items that would only see use a few times in a given season. These shorts are something your daughter can wear to practice and meets (both in Track and Cross Country), in future seasons and when just running on her own. The bottom line is that they'll get plenty of use.

Attached, you'll find two lists. One list provides the names of the girls who will be competing in at least one weekend invitational meet, girls who will need to buy the Adidas Spandex shorts. The other list provides the names of girls who will need to order either the Boxercraft or Nike brand shorts in order to compete in the weekday (Wed) meets that we put on as a team. Our ***proposed deadline for providing your size (and shorts preference) is Aug 18***. If we have girls who don't provide a size by that deadline, then we'll guess at their size when placing the order. Please note that ***we won't collect money until we get specific pricing info***. To provide an idea of the expense, however, let me share that I'm told the Adidas spandex shorts retail at about \$25-28. The Boxercraft shorts retail at about \$20, and the Nike shorts retail at around \$30.

Please note that ***each girl must purchase either the Spandex uniform shorts or the Boxercraft/Nike shorts***. There are specific uniform matching rules that apply to weekend invitationals (and are often rigorously enforced), but which we relax a bit at the weekday meets we put on, as well as at the Academy Meet (for most girls, this is the last meet of the season). Also, if a girl would like to buy both types of shorts (both spandex and Nike/Boxercraft), or multiple pairs of one type of shorts, then please let us know. As I said above, these shorts will get plenty of opportunities for wear.

I've also copied some of the information (below) from my last email on this subject and have attached a list that tells you who needs to purchase which type of uniform shorts.

This information will also be posted at our team website under Team Handouts.

Thanks,  
Barry

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**Group A/Varsity girls** (girls who compete in weekend invitational meets)

**Uniform top:** we will provide the girls with a maroon spandex top that we just purchased and are hopefully getting printed very soon

**Uniform shorts:** we will ask these girls to purchase a pair of black Adidas spandex shorts.

**Adidas Spandex shorts** (below, you have a link to a similar pair of shorts that we'll ask this group of girls to purchase): <http://www.vsathletics.com/product.php?xProd=93>

**Group B/JV girls** (girls who will compete in our Wednesday meets)

**Uniform top:** we will provide girls in this group with the blue uniform tops that the Varsity girls have been wearing the last few years. These tops are still quite new, and (in my opinion) pretty nice.

**Uniform shorts:** we will ask these girls to purchase a pair of black shorts (not spandex, it's a very "standard" pair of shorts). The shorts are black with a white trim, and we will allow the girls to order either a less expensive pair by Boxercraft or a slightly more expensive, but identical pair by Nike (maybe \$10 more).

**Boxercraft brand shorts** (the shorts we will ask the girls to buy):

<http://www.myboxercraft.com/prepProdInfo.aspx?itemNo=P62B-B>

**Nike brand shorts** (a slightly more expensive, but identical option):

[http://store.nike.com/us/en\\_us/?cp=USNS\\_KW\\_0611081618&l=shop,home#l=shop,pdp,ctr-inline/cid-1/pid-93440/pgid-104064](http://store.nike.com/us/en_us/?cp=USNS_KW_0611081618&l=shop,home#l=shop,pdp,ctr-inline/cid-1/pid-93440/pgid-104064)