

# Presented by Mississippi College

WHEN: Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 2023

**WHERE**: Choctaw Trails, Clinton, MS (5201 N. McRaven Rd., Jackson, MS). <u>IMPORTANT</u>: There is a bridge down on McRaven Rd that may cause a detour to Choctaw Trails. Detour maps can be provided upon requests.

**ENTRY FEE**: \$250 per gender per race with no school paying more than \$500. If you are in a school with less than 5 athletes, there will be a \$20 charge for each individual (unattached runners are welcome and will need to register via <u>DirectAthletics</u>). **Payment will be done online** 

**ENTRY PROCESS**: ONLINE ENTRIES will begin on July 4th and will close on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m. Enter Online at directathletics.com (You may Add, Delete, and Change any time until entries are closed)

#### **SCHEDULE**:

7:30 am MEN'S 8,000m

8:15 am WOMEN'S 6,000m

**AWARDS**: Following each divisional race. T-Shirts to Top 21 Individual performers and a trophy for the top 3 teams

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**: Historic Choctaw Trails has been reimagined and redesigned to host the South's best cross-country experience for everyone including athletes, coaches, and spectators. With ample parking for fans, shaded team tent areas for coaches and athletes, and designated restrooms for both, Choctaw Trails provides everything needed to experience cross country at its finest. The course boasts a starting line big enough to safely accommodate 40 teams and every step will be run on grass. A 30+ foot width at all points, the course affords front-runners, mid-packers, and come-from-behind strategists alike a safe opportunity to compete. Course markings can be found at every kilometer and every mile, and multiple clocks make it easy to track athlete's times. The last 800m is sure to inspire as it loops adjacent to the finish line, and two sets of bleachers line the final stretch to help spectators cheer athletes through the finish line. From the improved course to the electric atmosphere, Choctaw Trails delivers the ultimate cross-country experience.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:** A certified and licensed athletic trainer will monitor the weather and make the decision to suspend activity in the event of inclement weather. If it is recommended that activity should be suspended the athletic trainer will notify the race director, MC game administrator and the PA announcer. Teams will be asked to seek shelter by returning to their respective travel bus/van and fans will need to return to their vehicles. Activity shall not resume until given the ALL CLEAR by the athletic trainer. Teams will be given a minimum of 30 mins to warm up before activity is resumed.

TIMING INFORMATION: live.xpresstiming.com

**Parking:** No parking will be charged for the Watson Collegiate Invitational. If you have questions, please contact Matthew Reneker: mreneker@mc.edu (330) 949-6528

#### LOCAL HOTELS:

#### **Hilton Garden Inn Clinton**

5007 Hampstead Blvd. Clinton, MS 39056 601-460-6116 1 mile away

#### **Comfort Inn**

5010 Hampstead Blvd. Clinton, MS 39056 601-925-8250 1 mile away

### **Fairfield Inn and Suites**

105 Hampstead Blvd. Clinton, MS 39056 601-925-5750 1.5 mile away

### **Holiday Inn Express**:

495 Springridge Rd. Clinton, MS 39056 601-708-0400 1.5 mile away

### **Hampton Inn**:

493 Springridge Rd. Clinton, MS 39056 601-925-9393 1.5 mile away

### **LOCAL EATS:**

### Froghead Grill:

121 Clinton Center Dr. Clinton, MS 39056 601-924-0725

### The Bank:

200 W Leake St Clinton, MS 39056 601-708-1708

#### Salsa's Mexican Restaurant:

509 Springridge Rd. Suite B Clinton, MS 39056 601-924-3733

#### **Mazzios:**

301 Hwy 80 E Clinton, MS 39056 601-925-8009

### Newk's Eatery:

455 Hwy 80 E Clinton, MS 39056 601-925-5200

### Applebee's:

111 Clinton Center Dr. Clinton, MS 39056 601-924-8644

#### Fox's Pizza Den:

713 Clinton Pwky Clinton, MS 39056 601-708-4135

## **Chick-Fil-A:**

952 Hwy 80 Clinton, MS 39056 601-924-8892