

Navigation Games Interscholastic League

Boston Area

Fall 2016

PLAY fun and challenging games

RACE on a team with your friends

LEARN confidence with a map

Winning teams get a trip to a national orienteering meet!

Orienteering builds teamwork, navigation and life skills

Competition dates: Sundays 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

- 10/9 Magazine Beach Cambridge
- 10/16 Danehy Park Cambridge
- 10/23 Fresh Pond Cambridge
- 10/30 North Point Park Cambridge
- 11/6 Middlesex Fells Medford
- 11/13 Herter Park Boston

ALL WELCOME - Instruction provided - Only students currently attending school (grades 2-12) are eligible for the prize trip, but everyone may participate.

To form a school team, we recommend:

- At least one adult to manage the team
- Money for entry fees (\$5/person for each race day)
- Practice sessions at least once a week

We will provide:

- FREE instructions for organizing and training a team, and maps for training
- FREE 1-hour kick-off introduction by our staff at your request
- **Need-based scholarships - contact us if you need help with entry fees!**
- Coaching in or after school for hire (optional - you can do this yourself)

Competition formats:

- Teams visit as many checkpoints as possible in a given amount of time
- Navigation relay
- Individuals or pairs race to checkpoints in a set order

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Or contact: Ethan Childs, Navigation Games staff (& USA Orienteering Team)

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Rules for winning the trip to a national orienteering meet:

Definition of a team

Teams are defined by the school attended by each competitor. We can accommodate homeschooled teams, and generally follow the rules of US Orienteering on definitions of school teams.

(<http://www.us.orienteering.org/rules#A36>) Contact us with any questions.

Scoring

In each of the 6 competitions, competitors can race solo or in a team of up to 3 people. (Below, "team" can refer to a team of 1 person.) To be eligible for scoring, teams must be made of students from a single school and come in first or second amongst all teams from that school.

Each competition will be scored using the following system to assign points amongst finishing eligible teams:

1st place: 15 points	6th place: 5 points
2nd place: 12 points	7th place: 4 points
3rd place: 10 points	8th place: 3 points
4th place: 8 points	9th place: 2 points
5th place: 6 points	10th place: 1 point

For each race, the scores of the top 2 teams from each school will be summed to get the score for the school. Fielding more teams will give your school a better chance of scoring well.

For each team, the scores across all 6 races will be summed to obtain the final team score.

The organizers reserve the right to remove one or more competitions from the list of 6 competitions, with 48 hours notice, posted on NavigationGames.org.

Prize details

For the winning school, Navigation Games will pay for airfare (maximum \$300/person), hotel (maximum \$50/person) and all entry fees for up to five competitors from the school, plus a (required) chaperone.

For the second place school, Navigation Games will provide up to \$500 (for the whole team) reimbursement for travel and accommodation receipts, and will cover entry fees for up to five competitors from the school team.

Parents of the team members are responsible for appropriate chaperoning; Navigation Games accepts no responsibility beyond financial support. Navigation Games will only pay for students who have raced for their team in at least two of the 6 Interscholastic League events. By default, the (up to) 5 competitors with the best individual score across all 6 races will be chosen, but substitutions are allowed as long as all competitors meet the requirement of having participated for their team in at least two of the events.

The prize must be used for the team to attend a USA national orienteering meet between 12/1/2016 and 7/1/2016. The following are the currently scheduled meets; additional meets may be added to the calendar:

- December 9-11: San Francisco Sprint Weekend
- January 14-16, 2017: Georgia Navigator Cup + Extreme-O
- **March 4-5: North Texas US Interscholastic Championships**
- March 18-19: Los Angeles Orienteering Club: Relay Championships and Middle Course
- April (date to be determined): West Point, NY
- June 23-25: near Stanley, ID