

**KNOXVILLE YOUTH ATHLETICS – ELEMENTARY / MIDDLE SCHOOL
CROSS COUNTRY – LOST CHILD PROTOCOL**

We are very fortunate that so many kids are involved in our fall cross-country program and are seeking a healthy lifestyle through running. This also means that at an average meet you can have as many as 2500 people (parents and siblings included) in and around the start-finish-course area. While each team in our cross country program may have set up a protocol for their respective athletes to return to a central meeting point after the conclusion of a race, Knoxville Youth Athletics is encouraging coaches and parents to please inform your children that if they are unable to find their coach or parent after the race to report directly to our concessions area (where our fluids / snacks and program t-shirts are sold). ***Coaches / Parents should make sure that all athletes are aware of where this area is located prior to the start of the race.*** Our concessionaire will be able to make sure an announcement is made over the PA for parent / coach to retrieve their child / athlete. Our concessionaire also has a cell phone by which contact can be made with the coach or parent. In order for this to work effectively we recommend that your athlete / child know your cell number so it can be called. Regardless we will continue to make announcements over the PA until a lost child is reunited with their parent or coach. You will be required to fill out a sign out form when you pick them up and a picture will be taken for security purposes.

