

WBL CROSS COUNTRY TEAM CHAMPIONS

	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>
2005	Van Wert	Defiance
2004	Defiance	Van Wert
2003	Van Wert	Van Wert
2002	Defiance	Van Wert
2001	Defiance	Van Wert
2000	Defiance	Celina
1999	Defiance	Defiance
1998	Van Wert	Defiance
1997	Van Wert	Wapakoneta
1996	Van Wert	Van Wert
1995	Wapakoneta	Van Wert
1994	St Marys	Van Wert
1993	Van Wert	Defiance
1992	Defiance	St. Marys
1991	Defiance	Celina
1990	Defiance	Celina
1989	Defiance	Celina
1988	Van Wert	Celina
1987	Defiance	Celina
1986	Defiance	Shawnee
1985	Ottawa-Glandorf/Van Wert	Shawnee
1984	Celina	Shawnee*
1983	Celina	Shawnee* (State Champs)
1982	Van Wert	
1981	Van Wert	
1980	Defiance/Elida	
1979	Defiance	
1978	Defiance	
1977	Defiance	
1976	Defiance	
1975	Elida	
1974	Elida	
1973	Defiance	
1972	Coldwater	
1971	Celina	
1970	Celina	
1969	Ottawa-Glandorf*	

* Not Recognized as an Official League Championship

A Brief History of Western Buckeye League Cross Country

In 1969, the WBL hosted the first Cross Country league competition. Since it would not become an “official” league sport until the following year, this meet was designated as the WBL “Invitational”* and was won by Ottawa-Glandorf. In 1970, the League began hosting an annual WBL Championship Meet. This competition was for boys only.

In 1983, the first girls teams were added to the competition, although the women’s event was not considered an “official league sport” until the 1985 season.

From 1970 through 1975, the League Champion was determined solely by the results of the Championship Meet. Then, from 1976 - 1988, the League used a system of combining Dual Meet records with the results of the Championship Meet to determine the League Champion. During this time, several Co-Champions resulted. In 1989, the league returned to its original format and continues to crown the League Champion based solely on the outcome of the League Championship Meet.