

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. The Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association is the official governing body for the Lacrosse tournament. Plans for the tournament were formulated by the State Lacrosse Committees and approved by the Board of Control.
- B. Schools choosing to enter the tournament have the responsibility for reading and adhering to the rules and regulations stated in the front section of this publication as well as those appearing within this Lacrosse Bulletin.
- C. *Eligibility rules for all participants are defined* in MPSSAA Bylaw .02, found in the current Handbook.
- D. *General regulations for all state tournaments* are contained in MPSSAA Bylaw .07, found in both the current Handbook and in the front section of this publication.

II. REGION AND STATE TOURNAMENTS

- A. Tournament Organization
 - 1. Every school is automatically entered into the region tournament *unless* the MPSSAA office receives written notification to the contrary. Request for withdrawal shall be by letter, signed by the school principal.
 - 2. A TEAM ENTRY FORM utilized for State Semifinals and Finals must be filled out by teams winning their Sectional Final. The TEAM ENTRY FORM is available on the “Members” page of mpssaa.org.
 - 3. Each region will conduct a single elimination tournament, with the champion advancing to state play.
 - 4. Games postponed during the regular season must be played or made up in order of the regular season schedule on the first available playing date for both schools.
 - 5. All suspended tournament games shall be continued from the point of suspension unless declared complete by a mutual agreement between the two schools involved.
- B. Playing Rules
 - 1. Boys and shall use the current National Federation rules.
 - 2. Girls shall use the current rules from US Lacrosse, endorsed by the National Federation.
 - 3. The region director is responsible for the employment of local officials for quarterfinal and semifinal sectional games. Two- or three-person crews will be used based on the wishes of the local jurisdiction of the designated home team.

2017 LACROSSE TIME LINE		
	REGION TOURNAMENT	STATE TOURNAMENT
Mar. 21 ..First play date		
May 6Last play date for seeding consideration	May 10Sectional Quarterfinals	May 19, 20Semifinals
May 8Seeding Meeting for bracket positions	May 12Sectional Semifinals	May 23, 24Finals
May 9Last play date	May 15Sectional Finals	June 20Reimbursement request due
May 16 ..Application deadline for tournament qualifiers	May 17Regional Finals	

4. For sectional and region finals, the region director shall employ a three-person crew from the officials' board local to the designated home team.

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4. Responsibilities of region director
 - a. Notify schools as to their bracket position, site of upcoming contest, and starting time.
 - b. Schedule the local officials board that services the designated home team, plus qualified scorers and timers. This may be done in consultation with the local supervisor of athletics.
 - c. Inform the state committee director and MPSSAA of the schedule established for competition.
5. The seeding meeting for bracket positions will take place Monday, May 8 in the MPSSAA office via conference call with each respective state tournament chair. Tournament pairings will appear on the MPSSAA web site <mpssaa.org> later that day.
 - a. Region directors will verify and submit the official regular season win-loss records of all region teams to their respective state director by 10:30 p.m. Saturday, May 6.
 - b. All teams in each section will be seeded as determined by regular season winning percentage, excluding the one additional tournament and any city, county, or conference championship.
 - c. Teams with less than nine varsity games played will be seeded based on a regular season winning percentage using a divisor of nine games.
 - d. Ties among teams in a section will be first broken by head-to-head competition to determine the higher seed. This applies if all tied teams meet the criteria. If head-to-head does not break the tie, a coin toss will be used to determine the order of seeding.
 - e. The higher-placed team is defined as one who occupies the lower-numbered line position, (the favored position), on the bracket in any given round.
6. **Unless a specific alternative plan has been approved, all teams in sectional and regional play will abide by the following guidelines.**
 - a. **All sectional games will be played at the site of the higher seed throughout the tournament.**
 - b. **All regional championship games will be held at the home site of the school with the higher regular season winning percentage. Ties between section champions will be first broken by head-to-head competition. If head-to-head does not break the tie, a coin toss will be used to determine the order of seeding.**
 - c. **The MPSSAA Executive Director may grant permission for sectional and region games to be scheduled at a site other than the higher seed. This may be done upon a written request of the region director, with approval by a two-thirds representative vote of athletic supervisors of schools in that region. Each athletic supervisor's vote will be weighed proportionally to the number of schools he or she represents in that region/section. The request must be received prior to April 10.**

- d. If circumstances render a home site unplayable, the region director shall designate another site upon consultation with the local supervisor(s) of athletics. The designated home team will remain unchanged.
7. Doubleheaders will be played in all rounds when the boys and girls seeding permits.
 - a. The home team's athletic director, in consultation with the local supervisor of athletics, will decide which team plays the first game.
 - b. EXCEPTION: In the event of rain, on grass field only, girls will play the first game because of the problems of excessive damage to the crease area.
8. School day games shall not start earlier than 3:45 p.m. Upon the approval of the executive director, adjustments in starting times may be made to accommodate doubleheaders.
9. Coaches of participating teams must report scores to the region director immediately following the game.
10. Guidelines for Regional Games & Prom Dates
 - a. One team has Prom on Friday Night
 - Game should be scheduled no earlier than 2PM on Saturday
 - b. One team has Prom on Saturday Night
 - Game should be scheduled at 10 AM if traveling team is one with prom
 - If home team has prom, schedule no later than 12 Noon but as early as 10AM.
 - c. One team has prom Friday night; other team Saturday night
 - Game should be scheduled at 12 Noon.
11. The region alignment for lacrosse appears on pages 21-22.

B. General Policies

1. Individuals 7 years of age and older will be charged an admission of \$6.
2. A plaque and 35 individual certificates will be presented to the region champion.
3. Region champions will complete the media information form found on the Lacrosse pages of mpssaa.org and bring 40 copies to the state tournament.
4. Local MPSSAA districts will collect all revenue and pay all expenses. Site directors shall pay officials and required workers. When funds are not available, fees should be referred to the host district.

IV. STATE TOURNAMENT

A. Tournament Organization

1. The MPSSAA will sponsor, conduct, and underwrite the tournament and will be responsible for expenses involving transportation, officials, and awards.
2. 2017 semifinal pairings: **No. 1 West vs. No. 4 South, No. 2 East vs. No. 3 North**
3. Semifinal games will be played Friday, May 19 (two games) and Saturday, May 20 (two games).
 - a. Gaithersburg High School will host the Class 4A-3A state semifinals, Mount Hebron High School will host Class 3A-2A, and Northeast-AA High School will host Class 2A-1A.
 - b. Individuals 7 years of age and older will be charged an admission of \$8 to semifinal contests.

4. Final games: Stevenson University, May 23-24 - 4 p.m., 6 p.m., and 8 p.m.
5. **Directions to Stevenson University:** Take exit 4 off of I-795, Owings Mills Boulevard north, toward MD 140-Reisterstown Road. Continue on Owings Mills Boulevard to Groff Lane (one-half mile). Make a right on Groff Lane into the Stevenson University Owings Mills Campus.
6. Individuals 7 years of age and older will be charged an admission of \$10 to final contests.
7. Teams should arrive at the site dressed for participation. Team locker rooms will be available prior to the game and at halftime. All team items should be removed at that time.
8. The home team will sit on the left bench, when facing the scoring table, and the visiting team will sit on the right bench. Spectators will sit in the stands opposite their team bench.
9. Schools involved in the state semifinals or finals may not practice on the Stevenson field at any time prior to the game.

B. General Policies

1. All schools are considered 'guests' while participating in the state semifinals and finals. The MPSSAA Lacrosse Committee, for the purpose of crowd control, request a minimum of three school staff members to be present. These members shall be present, visible and assist the site security to detect and correct any unsafe or unruly behavior by their spectators.
2. No outside containers will be allowed to be brought in to the state semifinal or final games. Concessions at those locations will be available. All team beverages shall be brought in with the coach and team at their time of arrival.
3. **The use of noisemakers and other distractions which disrupt the orderly progress of the game, i.e. whistles and air horns similar to those used by the officials and timer, are prohibited.**
4. Signs are permitted which display a positive support of the school. Derogatory or obscene signs will be confiscated. Signs may not be carried through the stands and may not visually obstruct anyone's view.
5. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the tournament. The championship team and the finalist team will each be awarded a team plaque and individual plaques (maximum 35 per team). All team members are expected to participate in the awards presentation.
6. The State Lacrosse Committee will recognize the school of one boys team and the one girls team which displays the best overall sportsmanship while participating in its respective tournament. Judges throughout the stadium will observe and rate the sportsmanship of the players on the field, bench personnel, coaches, and spectators. Immediately following the last game of the respective tournament, the award will be presented to the principal and head coach of the school achieving the highest average score.

C. Officials

The MPSSAA will arrange for three certified officials to be assigned to each semifinal and final game.

PROJECTED MPSSAA LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP DATES		
2018 - May 22-23	2019 - May 21-22	2020 - May 19-20

BOYS LACROSSE REGION TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

Region	Director	School	Office	Other
4A-3A West	David Gonzalez	Quince Orchard	301-840-4686	301-520-0122
4A-3A North	John Piper	Manchester Valley	410-386-1673	410-812-6046
4A-3A South	John Cooper	Parkville	410-887-5430	443-617-9265
4A-3A East	Dave Klingel	South River	410-956-5600	443-995-7877
3A-2A West	Bradley Gray	Tuscarora	301-236-6465	240-236-6495
3A-2A North	Todd Hawkins	Lansdowne	410-887-1424	410-382-0323
3A-2A South	Josh Hatmaker	Glenelg	410-313-5539	410-446-7775
3A-2A East	Kris Bayer	La Plata		301-643-2182
2A-1A West	Joe Dietrich	Smithsburg		301-992-7687
2A-1A North	Jason Bellamy	Patterson Mill	410-638-4543	443-506-3112
2A-1A South	Jason Williams	Bluford Drew Jemison	443-642-2938	240-462-9306
2A-1A East	Dennis Keenan	Easton	410-822-4180	410-253-8537

STATE LACROSSE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE-BOYS

			Office	Other
Director	Ken Zorbach	(Retired)		443-987-8185
District 1	John Piper	Manchester Valley	410-386-1673	410-812-6046
District 2	Colin Thomson	Lakewood Elementary	301-279-8465	240-876-0905
District 3	Jason Mattern	DuVal	301-918-8607	216-278-8148
District 4	Kris Bayer	La Plata		301-643-2182
District 5	Josh Hatmaker	Glenelg	410-313-5539	410-446-7775
	Brendan Brace	Southern-AA		410-271-9863
District 6	Todd Hawkins	Lansdowne	410-887-1424	410-382-0323
District 7	Jason Bellamy	Patterson Mill	410-638-4543	443-506-3112
District 8	Dennis Keenan	Easton	410-822-4180	410-253-8537
District 9	Jason Williams	Bluford Drew Jemison	443-642-2938	240-462-9306

RULES INTERPRETER

Jim Bateman410-252-2111717-774-1879

Email addresses for all of the above can be found on the Boys Lacrosse page of mpssaa.org.

GIRLS LACROSSE REGION TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

Region	Director	School	Office	Other
4A-3A West	Mary Pat Veihmeyer (WWH)	Carderock Springs ES	301-469-1034	301-910-5776
4A-3A North	Kelly Hughes (Sherwood)	Jackson Road ES	301-989-5650	301-325-2158
4A-3A South	Mary Hain	Western-B	410-396-7040	443-717-3413
4A-3A East	Lisa Magness	North County	410-222-6970	410-271-4924
3A-2A West	Kathy Stinefelt	Walkersville	240-236-7281	301-471-7414
3A-2A North	Anne Ensor (Hereford)	Towson	410-887-3608	410-925-4349
3A-2A South	Ginger Kincaid	(Retired)		410-206-9472
3A-2A East	Maggie Pike	Windy Hill ES	410-257-1539	410-708-0286
2A-1A West	Shelly Brezicki	Manchester Valley	410-386-1673	443-257-1502
2A-1A North	Kelly Zimmerman	Elkton	410-996-5000	443-910-1076
2A-1A South	Milly Wilson	(Retired)	410-828-9126	410-598-8531
2A-1A East	Becky Gregory	J.M.Bennett	410-677-5141	410-603-3195

STATE LACROSSE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE-GIRLS

			Office	Other
Director	Melba Williams	(Retired)	410-828-9126	410-598-8532
District 1	Shelly Brezicki	Manchester Valley	410-386-1673	443-257-1502
District 2	Kelly Hughes (Sherwood)	Jackson Road ES	301-989-5650	301-325-2158
District 3	Allison Gilroy	Bladensburg	301-887-6700	609-468-9552
District 4	Maggie Pike	Windy Hill ES	410-257-1539	410-708-0286
District 5	Katy Kelley	Broadneck	410-757-1300	410-991-0499
	Ginger Kincaid	(Retired)		410-206-9472
District 6	Anne Ensor	Towson	410-887-3608	410-925-4349
District 7	Kelly Zimmerman	Elkton	410-996-5000	443-910-1076
District 8	Becky Gregory	J.M. Bennett	410-677-5141	410-603-3195
District 9	Mary Hain	Western-B	410-396-7040	443-717-3413

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Liz Brush607-222-8816

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2017 ALIGNMENT FOR BOYS & GIRLS LACROSSE

CLASS 4A-3A WEST		CLASS 4A-3A NORTH		CLASS 4A-3A SOUTH		CLASS 4A-3A EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Bethesda-CC	Mtg	1. Bladensburg	PG	1. Catonsville	B Co	1. Arundel	AA
2. Churchill	Mtg	2. Bowie	PG	2. Dulaney	B Co	2. Glen Burnie	AA
3. Einstein	Mtg	3. DuVal	PG	3. Franklin	B Co	3. Meade	AA
4. Richard Montgomery	Mtg	4. Charles H. Flowers	PG	4. Milford Mill Academy	B Co	4. North County	AA
5. Walt Whitman	Mtg	5. Parkdale	PG	5. Parkville	B Co	5. Old Mill	AA
6. Walter Johnson	Mtg	6. Eleanor Roosevelt	PG	6. Westminster	Car	6. Severna Park	AA
7. Wheaton	Mtg	7. Suitland	PG	7. Urbana	Fre	7. Howard	How
8. Wootton	Mtg	8. Dr. Henry A. Wise, Jr.	PG				
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Blake	Mtg	1. Montgomery Blair	Mtg	1. Dundalk	B Co	1. Annapolis	AA
2. Clarksburg	Mtg	2. Kennedy	Mtg	2. Kenwood	B Co	2. Broadneck	AA
3. Gaithersburg	Mtg	3. Northwood	Mtg	3. Perry Hall	B Co	3. South River	AA
4. Magruder	Mtg	4. Paint Branch	Mtg	4. Digital Harbor	Balt	4. North Point	Cha
5. Northwest	Mtg	5. Springbrook	Mtg	5. Mergenthaler	Balt	5. Chopticon	StM
6. Quince Orchard	Mtg	6. High Point	PG	6. Baltimore Polytechnic	Balt	6. Great Mills	StM
7. Sherwood	Mtg	7. Laurel	PG	7. Western (Girls only)	Balt	7. Leonardtown	StM
8. Watkins Mill	Mtg	8. Northwestern	PG	8. Bel Air	Hfd		
CLASS 3A-2A WEST		CLASS 3A-2A NORTH		CLASS 3A-2A SOUTH		CLASS 3A-2A EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Frederick	Fre	1. Eastern Technical	B Co	1. Manchester Valley	Car	1. Kent Island	QA
2. Linganore	Fre	2. Hereford	B Co	2. Winters Mill	Car	2. Easton	Tal
3. Middletown	Fre	3. Lansdowne	B Co	3. Centennial	How	3. J. M. Bennett	Wic
4. Thomas Johnson	Fre	4. Patapsco	B Co	4. Glenelg	How	4. Parkside	Wic
5. Oakdale	Fre	5. Towson	B Co	5. Marriotts Ridge	How	5. Stephen Decatur	Wor
6. Tuscarora	Fre	6. Woodlawn	B Co	6. Mt. Hebron	How		
7. North Hagerstown	Was	7. City College	Balt	7. Oakland Mills	How		
8. South Hagerstown	Was	8. Frederick Douglass	Balt	8. Reservoir	How		
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Damascus	Mtg	1. Rising Sun	Cec	1. Chesapeake	AA	1. Calvert	Cal
2. Poolesville	Mtg	2. Aberdeen	Hfd	2. Northeast	AA	2. Huntingtown	Cal
3. Rockville	Mtg	3. C. Milton Wright	Hfd	3. Atholton	How	3. Northern	Cal
4. Seneca Valley	Mtg	4. Edgewood	Hfd	4. Hammond	How	4. La Plata	Cha
5. Crossland	PG	5. North Harford	Hfd	5. Long Reach	How	5. St. Charles	Cha
6. Oxon Hill	PG			6. River Hill	How	6. Thomas Stone	Cha
7. Potomac	PG			7. Wilde Lake	How		
CLASS 2A-1A WEST		CLASS 2A-1A NORTH		CLASS 2A-1A SOUTH		CLASS 2A-1A EAST	
SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I		SECTION I	
1. Central-PG	PG	1. Carver A&T	B Co	1. Liberty	Car	1. Southern	AA
2. Fairmont Heights	PG	2. Chesapeake	B Co	2. New Town	B Co	2. Patuxent	Cal
3. Frederick Douglass	PG	3. Loch Raven	B Co	3. Owings Mills	B Co	3. Lackey	Cha
4. Friendly	PG	4. Overlea	B Co	4. Pikesville	B Co	4. McDonough	Cha
5. Gwynn Park	PG	5. Sparrows Point	B Co	5. Randallstown	B Co	5. Westlake	Cha
6. Intnatl. HS @ Langley Pk.	PG	6. Joppatowne	Hfd	6. Western STES	B Co		
7. Largo	PG	7. Patterson Mill	Hfd	7. Northwestern	Balt		
8. Surrattsville	PG						
SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II		SECTION II	
1. Century	Car	1. Fallston	Hfd	1. B. D. Jemison (Boys only)	Balt	1. North Caroline	Cin
2. Francis Scott Key	Car	2. Harford Technical	Hfd	2. Carver Vo-Tech	Balt	2. Cambridge-SD	Dor
3. South Carroll	Car	3. Havre de Grace	Hfd	3. Dunbar	Balt	3. Kent County	K
4. Brunswick	Fre	4. Bohemia Manor	Cec	4. Edmondson/Westside	Balt	4. Queen Anne's	QA
5. Catoctin	Fre	5. Elkton	Cec	5. Natl. Acad. Foundation	Balt	5. Wicomico	Wic
6. Walkersville	Fre	6. North East	Cec	6. Patterson	Balt		
7. Boonsboro	Was	7. Perryville	Cec	7. Reginald Lewis	Balt		
8. Smithsburg	Was			8. Lake Clifton	Balt		

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