



MPSSAA LACROSSE BULLETIN
 State Championships - May 20-22, 2019
 Paint Branch HS - Burtonsville

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. Unless specifically stated, all rules and regulations stipulated in the NFHS (Boys) and US Lacrosse (Girls) Rule Books will be followed.
- 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 section quarterfinal and

2019 LACROSSE TIME LINE		
	REGION TOURNAMENT	STATE TOURNAMENT
Mar. 21 ..First play date		
May 4Last play date for seeding consideration	May 8Sectional Quarterfinals	May 17/18Semifinals
May 6.....Seeding Meeting for bracket positions	May 10Sectional Semifinals	May 20-22Finals
May 7.....Last play date	May 13Sectional Finals	June 20Reimbursement request due
May 15 ..Application deadline for tournament qualifiers	May 15Regional Finals	

semifinal games. Two- or three-person crews will be used based on the wishes of the local jurisdiction of the designated home team.

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

III. REGION TOURNAMENT

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3. Each region will conduct a single elimination tournament, with the champion advancing to state play.
4. Responsibilities of Region Tournament 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 6 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 Committee Director by 10:30 p.m. Saturday, May 4.
 - 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. Sections with two or less teams competing in the tournament will be combined with the other section in their specific region for tournament play.**
 - d. Teams with less than nine varsity games played will be seeded based on a regular season winning percentage using a divisor of nine games.
 - e. 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.
 - f. 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 fields 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 2 PM 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 10 AM.
 - c. When a Friday game is postponed due to weather where one team has prom Friday night and the other team a prom on Saturday night:
 - Game should be scheduled at 12 Noon on Saturday.
11. The region alignment for Boys and Girls Lacrosse appears on page 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 page 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. 2019 semifinal pairings: **No. 1 South vs. No. 4 North, No. 2 East vs. No. 3 West.**
- 3. Semifinal games will be played Friday, May 18 (two games) and Saturday, May 19 (two games).

- a. Gaithersburg High School will host the Class 4A State Semifinals, Mount Hebron High School will host Class 3A, Northeast-AA High School will host Class 2A, and Havre de Grace High School will host Class 1A.
- b. Individuals 7 years of age and older will be charged an admission of \$8 to semifinal contests.
- c. Schools hosting State Semifinal contests may not host games with their own teams.**
- d. The prom guidelines from regional games will also be followed for the State Semifinals (see page 18, item #10, letters a. through c.).**

- 4. Final games: Paint Branch HS, Burtsonville; May 20-22 - 4 p.m., 6 p.m., and 8 p.m.
- 5. **Directions to Paint Branch HS:** (From the South, East, & West) Take MD Route 200 to Exit 17 - Briggs Chaney Road. Turn right at the third cross street onto Old Columbia Pike. (From the North) Take exit 87A off of I-70 and merge onto US 29 South to exit for Briggs Chaney Road. Turn right onto Briggs Chaney and then turn right at first cross street onto Old Columbia Pike.
- 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. Once the region tournament brackets are released, participating schools may not practice or play on the Paint Branch HS field at any time.**

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 medals (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 State Semifinal and Final game.

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Email addresses for State Committee members can be found on the Lacrosse page of MPSSAA.org.

PROJECTED MPSSAA LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

2020 - May 19-21

2021 - May 25-27

2022 - May 24-26

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2019 ALIGNMENT FOR BOYS & GIRLS LACROSSE

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