



MPSSAA LACROSSE BULLETIN
 State Championships - May 19-21, 2020
 Loyola University Ridley Athletic Complex

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.

2020 LACROSSE TIME LINE		
	REGION TOURNAMENT	STATE TOURNAMENT
Mar. 20 ..First play date		
May 2Last play date for seeding consideration	May 6Region Quarterfinals	May 13Quarterfinals
May 4.....Tournament Seeding	May 8Region Semifinals	May 15/16Semifinals
May 5.....Last play date		May 19-21Finals
May 12 ..Application deadline for tournament qualifiers	May 11Region Finals	June 20.....Reimbursement request due

3. The region director is responsible for the employment of local officials for regional round. Two- or three-person crews will be used based on the wishes of the local jurisdiction of the designated home team in the regional quarterfinals and semifinals. For region finals, the region director shall employ a three-person crew from the officials' board local to the designated home team.

III. REGION TOURNAMENT

A. Tournament Organization

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2. A TEAM ENTRY FORM utilized for State Semifinals and Finals must be filled out by teams winning their Region 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. 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 tournament seeding will take place Monday, May 4 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 2.
 - b. All teams in each **region** 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 **region** 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 regional play will abide by the following guidelines.
 - a. All region games will be played at the site of the higher seed throughout the tournament.
 - b. 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.
 - c. **When setting game times hosting sites must be mindful of other school activities and provide appropriate travel time for any schools with students taking AP testing. Local Supervisors of Athletics shall be contacted and make the final decision when conflicts occur.**

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. Region Semifinal games scheduled for Friday, May 8th may be played on Thursday, May 7th if both schools agree. Local Supervisors of Athletics shall be consulted and will make the final decision when conflicts occur. If schools cannot agree to play Thursday, May 7th then the following prom guidelines shall be applied.

11. 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.

12. 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. 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. State Quarterfinals

1. The region champions from each classification shall advance to a State Quarterfinal round.
2. The eight region champions will be seeded 1-8 based on their regular season winning percentage used to seed each region. Ties among teams in the State Quarterfinals 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.
3. Unless a specific alternate plan has been approved, all State Quarterfinal games will be played at the site of the higher seed.
4. Schools hosting a State Quarterfinal game must be mindful of other school activities and provide appropriate travel time for any schools with students taking AP testing. Local Supervisors of Athletics shall be contacted and make the final decision when conflicts occur.

5. A three-person officiating crew from the association local to the higher seeded team will be assigned to the State Quarterfinal contest.
6. 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.

B. State Semifinals

1. The winners of the State Quarterfinal round shall advance to the State Semifinals.
 - a. The winners of the No. 1 versus No. 8 seeded game will play the winners of the No. 4 versus No. 5 seeded game.
 - b. The winners of the No. 2 versus No. 7 seeded game will play the winners of the No. 3 versus No. 6 seeded game.
2. Semifinal games will be played Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16. Schedules and times will be set after teams have advanced out of the State Quarterfinals. The prom guidelines from regional games will also be followed for the State Semifinals (see page 18, item #10, letters a. through c.). Tentative locations for each boys and girls classification are as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TENTATIVE SITES</u>
May 15 & 16	1A	Havre De Grace High School
May 15 & 16	2A	Northeast-AA High School
May 15 & 16	3A	Mount Hebron High School
May 15 & 16	4A	Paint Branch High School

C. State Championships

1. The winners of the State Semifinal round shall advance to the State Championships.
2. Both the Boys and the Girls Tournament Finals will be held at Loyola University’s Ridley Athletic Complex on May 19, 20, and 21, with times and pairings to be determined. Check MPSSAA.org for the “Fan Focus” with details on directions and parking information.
3. For the Finals, three games will be played on Tuesday, May 19th at 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. and three games will be played on Wednesday, May 20th at 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. Two games will be played on Wednesday, May 21st at 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.
4. Member schools shall not schedule practice, scrimmage sessions, or games at the site of the final championship games.
5. 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.

D. General Policies

1. State Quarterfinal winners will complete the media information form found on the Lacrosse page of mpssaa.org and bring 40 copies to the State Semifinals and Finals.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.

E. Officials

The MPSSAA will arrange for three certified officials to be assigned to each State Tournament contest.

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PROJECTED MPSSAA LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP DATES

2021 - May 25-27

2022 - May 24-26

2023 - May 23-25

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2020 ALIGNMENT FOR BOYS & GIRLS LACROSSE

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