



**MPSSAA LACROSSE BULLETIN**  
 State Championships - June 18-19, 2021  
 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. **All information found in the MPSSAA Spring Bulletins for COVID-19 mitigation and the MPSSAA Return To Play Guidance are incorporated by reference into this document and shall be utilized to minimize the spread of COVID-19 during the Lacrosse Tournaments.**
- C. 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.
- D. **School systems choosing not to enter the tournament, or schools eliminated during the course of the tournament, may continue with seasonal competitions under the direction of their local school system and in compliance with the weekly and seasonal limitations found in COMAR 13A.06.03.03.**
- E. *Eligibility rules for all participants are defined* in MPSSAA Bylaw .02, found in the current Handbook.
- F. *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.
- G. **Classificaitons and Regions: In order to adminisiter opening round contests, the MPSSAA reserves the right in consultation with local school systems to divide certain regions into smaller pods of teams to ensure participation in the first two rounds remain in smaller geographic areas.**

**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. Each region will conduct a single elimination tournament, with the champion advancing to state play.
  - 3. All suspended tournament games shall be continued from the point of suspension unless declared complete by a mutual agreement between the two schools involved.

2021 LACROSSE TIME LINE		
	REGION TOURNAMENT	STATE TOURNAMENT
June 3 ....Last play date for seeding consideration	June 7.....Region Quarterfinals	June 14.....Quarterfinals
June 4 ....Tournament Seeding	June 9.....Region Semifinals	June 16.....Semifinals
	June 11/12.....Region Finals	June 18-19 .....Finals
		June 20.....Reimbursement request due

## 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 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

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 submitted by the local supervisor of athletics.
2. 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.
3. The tournament seeding will take place Friday, June 4 in the MPSSAA office via conference call with the State Committee Director. Tournament pairings will appear on the MPSSAA web site <mpssaa.org> later that day.
  - a. Region directors will verify and submit to the State Committee Director by 9 p.m., June 3, the official records of all teams for regular season games played through that day.
  - 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. **There will be NO minimum divisor for seeding purposes.**
  - 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. All region championship games will be held at the home site of the school with the higher regular season winning percentage.
  - c. If circumstances render a home site unplayable and the game is scheduled at any alternate site, 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. Coaches of participating teams must report scores to the Region Director immediately following the game.
10. Local Supervisors of Athletics shall be consulted when conflicts occur related to dates and scheduling.

B. General Policies

1. Admission and number of spectators are subject to the local hosting jurisdiction.
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 Wednesday June 16. Schedules and times will be set after teams have advanced out of the State Quarterfinals.

### 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 June 18-19, with times and pairings to be determined. Check MPSSAA.org for the "Fan Focus" with details on directions and parking information.
3. Member schools shall not schedule practice, scrimmage sessions, or games at the site of the final championship games.

### D. General Policies

1. Admission and spectator capacity will be determined by the MPSSAA in consultation with the facility and in compliance with local and state policies.
2. 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.
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. 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.

# 2021 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				