



MPSSAA Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse State Committee
Board of Control Report
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MPSSA Lacrosse State Committee & Region Tournament Directors



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2024 Lacrosse Timeline

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS - MAY 21-23, 2024 - STEVENSON UNIVERSITY - MUSTANG STADIUM

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
March 1	First Practice Date	May 8	Region Quarterfinals
March 21	First Play Date	May 10	Region Semifinals
May 4	Last Play Date for Seeding Consideration	May 13	Region Finals
May 6	Tournament Seeding Date	May 15	State Quarterfinals
May 7	Last Play Date	May 17/18	State Semifinals
		May 21-23	State Championships



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Region Tournament (May 8th, 10th, & 13th) Reminders

1) Guidelines for Regional Games & Prom Dates

- One team has prom on Friday night:
 - Game should be scheduled no earlier than 2 PM on Saturday.
- One team has prom on Saturday night:
 - Game should be scheduled at 10 AM if traveling team is one with prom; or
 - If the home team has prom, schedule no later than 12 Noon but as early as 10 AM.
- 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.

2) Officials

- A three-person crew is to be assigned to Region Finals.

State Quarterfinals (May 15th) Reminders

1) Host Sites

- State quarterfinals will be hosted by the higher seed.

2) Officials

- A three-person officiating crew from the association local to the higher seeded team will be assigned.

State Semifinals (May 17th & 18th) Reminders

1) Host Sites

- There are five state semifinal designated sites. Classifications have not been assigned to a host site. The semifinal games will be assigned to host sites depending on prom dates, travel consideration, etc.

1. Glen Burnie	2. Kent Island	3. Paint Branch	4. Severna Park	5. Wheaton
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2) Prom

- The prom guidelines from regional games will also be followed for state semifinals (see Region Tournament Reminders)

2024 State Finals (May 21, 22, & 23, 2024 @ Stevenson University) Reminders

1) Prom

- It is very important that Region Directors have the prom dates for teams so that every effort can be made to accommodate teams.
- Coaches should remind their players they may have to change appointments for prom preparations.

2) Awards

- 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) Noisemakers

- 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.

Sportsmanship Award

- 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.
- Girls' - Melba E. Williams Sportsmanship Award
- Boys' – Ron Belinko Sportsmanship Award
- Teams do not have to participate in the state final game to win either award.
- 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. The state committee requests that an administrator/athletic director from each school that is participating in the final four be present at the game.

SPRING 2024 MPSSAA SOFTBALL REPORT

At the present time, we are hoping the weather will cooperate for the remainder of the regular season. Tournament seeding will be held on Tuesday, May 7. Brackets will be posted on the MPSSAA website later that day. Please encourage all AD's and coaches to keep their schedules with win-loss records updated throughout the season, **win or lose**. The MPSSAA website should have the most accurate information by 9:00 pm on Monday, May 6. **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE be sure your region chairperson has senior prom and graduation dates.** We thank everyone in advance for their cooperation with regard to this. We are more than willing to work around senior prom and graduation dates as long as we have them ahead of time.

Region quarterfinals will begin on Thursday, May 9, with the region semifinals on Monday, May 13, and the region finals on Wednesday, May 15. The eight (8) region winners in each classification will be reseeded for the state tournament.

The state quarterfinals will be played on Friday, May 17, and the state semifinals will be played on Tuesday, May 21. Through the region quarterfinals, games will be played at the site of the higher seed. The state semifinals will be played at the Bachman Sports Complex located at 570 E. Ordnance Road in Glen Burnie. Four (4) games will be played at 4:00 and four (4) games will be played at 7:00.

The state finals will be played at the University of Maryland Softball Field. Two (2) games will be played on Friday, May 4, and two (2) games will be played on Saturday, May 25. Tickets for all state tournament games will be sold exclusively online.

MPSSAA STATE TENNIS REPORT

April 2024

BOARD OF CONTROL MEETING

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The major discussions at the Fall Tennis meeting regarding the Region Tournaments and the State Tournament are below:

- **Points and Medals:** Participation in the tournaments is expected unless there are extenuating circumstances. Medals will not be awarded, and points will not be awarded to teams for forfeits, ex., playing 3/4.
- **Ties:** The Committee adjusted points awarded at States to try and prevent so many ties for team championships. The new points are 4th: 1, 3rd: 3, 2nd: 5, 1st: 7.
- **The Committee will recognize overall sportsmanship while participating in the State Tournament.**

The Committee and State made a change in the order of play. This year, at the State Tournament, 3A/4A will play on Thursday and 1A/2A will play on Friday. Finals for both will be held on Saturday, as usual.

The Bulletin was updated with the new language.

The State Tournament will be held at the Wilde Lake Tennis Center and Wild Lake High School in Columbia.

The Committee is requesting to return to 16 Region Tournaments instead of 32 with the 2025 Tennis Classification Alignment. It is often difficult to get enough coaches to host and venues to play with 32. It is, also, not possible to seed Regions because of the number of players.