
2017-18 BOYS' LACROSSE FORMAT

SPORT SPECIFIC INFORMATION

2017-2018 BOYS' LACROSSE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Mr. Phil Vaccaro
Mr. Phil Napolitano

2017-18 BOYS' LACROSSE TOURNAMENT

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & INFORMATION	TENTATIVE DATES	TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS
Season Schedule & Commitment	Saturday, April 15, 2018	Tournament Director contact information is available in the <u>"Members Only"</u> section of the MIAA website
Official Tournament Entry	Friday, May 18, 2018 Friday, May 25, 2018 (and <u>resubmitted</u> as games are played after this deadline)	
Team Roster	Friday, May 18, 2018 Friday, May 25, 2018	
Late Submissions	A \$300 per incident payment is required for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required schedule committed late or with incomplete information. • Late submission of tournament entry • Incorrect final regular season record 	
Cut-Off Date	Thursday, May 24, 2018 @ 6:00 pm Thursday, May 31, 2018 @ 6:00 pm	North & Central/East 3 & State Mr. Barry Haley
Seeding/Pairings by Tournament Committee	<p>North, South, Central/East Friday, May 25, 2018 @ 9:00 am @ MIAA Office Friday, June 1, 2018 @ 9:00 am @ MIAA Office</p> <p>Central/West Friday, May 25, 2018 @ 10:00 am @ TBA Friday, June 1, 2018 @ 10:00 am @ West Springfield</p> <p>NOTE: Following the Seeding Meetings the pairings will be posted on the MIAA website. Pairings become official on Saturday, May 26, 2018 @ 12:00 noon Saturday, June 2, 2018 @ 12:00 noon</p>	South & Central/East 2 Mr. Scott Paine
Preliminary/First Rounds start no sooner than:	Sunday, May 27, 2018 Sunday, June 3, 2018 *These games are to be played at the home site of the higher seed. NOTE: If a pre-preliminary game is required, it may alter the tournament schedule. Schools will be notified in advance by the Tournament Director	Central/West Mr. Rich Luongo
Sectional Finals	Projected Date: June 8-9, 2018 June 15-16, 2018	
State Semi-Finals	Projected Date: June 11-12, 2018 June 18-19, 2018	
State Finals	Saturday, June 16, 2018 Saturday, June 23, 2018 <i>Sites and Times are TBD</i>	

Information Due Dates:

Form	Deadline
MIAA Season Schedule and Commitment	Saturday, April 15, 2018
MIAA Tournament Team Entry	Friday, May 18, 2018 Friday, May 25, 2018 (and <u>resubmitted</u> as games are played after this deadline)
MIAA Tournament Team Roster	Friday, May 18, 2018 Friday, May 25, 2018
MIAA Team Sportsmanship Award Nomination	Friday, June 1, 2018 Friday, June 8, 2018

MIAA BOYS' STATE LACROSSE TOURNAMENT RULES

1. **GAME RULES:** All tournament games will be played under the rules of the **NFHS** except for those modified by the MIAA for high school use.
2. **TOURNAMENT QUALIFYING CRITERIA:** Schools must play a minimum of ten (10) games against MIAA member schools and out of state high schools that are members in good standing with their state high school associations. MIAA member schools when playing non-member schools must verify the record of those opponents and report to the Tournament Director prior to the seeding meeting.
3. **OTHER INFORMATION:** The Team Schedule must include all games, league, non-league and **EXCLUSION GAMES**.
4. **TOURNAMENT SEEDING:** The Boys Lacrosse Committee voted that boys' lacrosse will seed as follows for this spring tournament.

Method Used for Seeding – Modified Walker

STEP 1: Overall Winning Percentage--The Tournament Director will rank each team within a division in numerical order in each of the following categories:

- a. Winning Percentage: Calculate the overall winning percentage for each team and numerically rank the results, with one being the best.
- b. Measure success against other tournament teams.

STEP 2: Following the objective information provided in Steps A and B, the seeding committee will rank each team numerically with one being the best. This should be based on many factors including: steps A and B, head to head competition, record against higher teams based on steps A and B, record against common opponents, strength of schedule, and any other factors that the committee deems appropriate in separating the quality of one team from another.

STEP 3: The rankings from each of the three categories (A, B & Step 2) will be tabulated to establish the seeding of teams.

TEAM % OF WINS + WINS/TOURNAMENT TEAMS + COMMITTEE RANK = FINAL RANK (In case of a tie, Committee Rank will break any and all ties.)

The seeding committee will consist of the Tournament Director & League Reps who are non-voting members, voting members of the Boys Lacrosse Committee and may also include as voting members, District Athletic Committee members from the tournament district(s).

NOTE: If playing out of state schools where their athletic associations do not recognize Lacrosse as a sport, games will not count for tournament qualifications. Games do count for number of games played per week/session. (NY, VT, NH, CT and NJ Associations recognize Lacrosse as a sport).

5. **STARTING TIMES:** The dates and starting time for all games will be determined by the Tournament Director.
6. **CHANGES:** Should there be a change in a previously announced game, date, and/or time, there should be at least a 24 hour notification to the school teams involved. Any changes that cannot fit this time line, **MUST** be approved by the MIAA Boys Lacrosse Liaison.
7. **POSTPONED GAMES:**
 - a. Only the MIAA Liaison and Tournament Director may decide to postpone games.
 - b. Postponed games will be played on the next available date according to field availability.

8. LENGTH OF GAME AND PROCEDURES

- a. **Length of Games** –The regulation playing time shall be four periods of 12 minutes. 2018 NFHS Boys Lacrosse Rules. **Rule 3, Section 1, Article 1 (Page 29).**
- b. **Overtime Procedure** –In the event of a tie at the end of a regulation game, play shall be continued, after a two minute intermission, with sudden-victory overtime. 2018 NFHS Boys Lacrosse Rules: **Rule 3, Section 4, Article 1 (Page 31).**

In sudden-victory overtime, the teams shall play periods of four minutes each until a goal is scored. The game ends upon the scoring of the first goal. There will be a two-minute intermission between sudden-victory periods. **Rule 3, Section 4, Article 2 (Page 31).**

- c. **Suspended/Interrupted Game** –If a game is interrupted because of events beyond the control of the responsible authorities, it shall be continued from the point of interruption. Both teams are permitted to make roster changes. By mutual agreement of the opposing coaches and approval of the referee, any period may be shortened or the game terminated. 2018 NFHS Boys Lacrosse Rules. **Rule 3, Section 5 (Page 31).**

9. **SITES:** All games up through the sectional semi-finals will be played at the site of the higher seeded team, providing their site is acceptable. **Sectional finals, state semi-finals & state finals** will be played at neutral sites as determined by the Tournament Director and MIAA Liaison. Should inclement weather or unusual circumstances occur during the sectional final round that affect the status of the neutral site then the Tournament Director retains the option to play the game at the site of the higher seeded team.

If the higher seeded team has an unacceptable home site, as determined by the Tournament Director, it may choose an alternative site and pay those related site expenses as approved in advance by the Tournament Director.

If a suitable alternative site cannot be immediately procured, the game will be played at the site of the lower seeded team, provided that site is acceptable to the Tournament Director. If that site is not acceptable, the Director shall select a neutral site for the game.

- a. **Fields** – The playing field shall be rectangular, 110 yards in length and between 53 1/3 and 60 yards in width to accommodate play on existing fields. **For more details see NFHS Rule 1, Section 2 (p 9).**

- b. Semi-final and final game sites for both sectional and state level contests will be held in a facility that is conducive to ticket sales. As a minimum, this site must have stands that can accommodate a minimum of 1000 spectators with adequate parking, have a permanent working scoreboard with a visible game clock, a functional Public Address system and restrooms available. The field's surface, markings and nets would have to be consistent with the championship nature of the competition
- c. If the host school cannot meet the aforementioned criteria, that school will have the opportunity to recommend to the Tournament Director an alternative site which does satisfy the Committee's requirements.
- d. The following rotation of *regional* hosting sites for the State Semi Finals Boys' Lacrosse games was established for the 2017-18 to 2020-21 alignment.

2018	2019	2020	2021
South @ North	Central/West @ North	North @ Central/East	North @ South
Central/East @ Central/West	Central/East @ South	South @ Central/West	Central/West @ Central/East

10. GAME MANAGEMENT

- a. **Home Team:** The home team shall be the top seeded team (except as indicated above in # 9). The home team shall provide twelve (12) identical balls. **Game balls must be stamped with the label "Meets NOCSAE Standards".**
- b. **Uniforms:** The **home team** shall wear light colored jerseys and the **visiting team** shall wear dark jerseys.
- c. **Clocks and Horns:** The **home team** shall provide clocks and horns for any preliminary round game. The Tournament Director shall provide clocks and horns for all games played at neutral tournament sites during any championship rounds.
- d. **Ball Persons:** The **home team** will provide ball persons during all rounds.

11. **SCORE REPORTS:** The **winning team** shall call the Tournament Director as soon after the game as possible.

12. **MEDICAL COVERAGE:** A licensed athletic trainer, physician, physician's assistant, certified EMT, or nurse practitioner will be available at all contests. This coverage will be **provided/compensated** by the **Host School** in the pre-preliminary, preliminary and quarter-final sectional tournament rounds at the site of the higher seeded team. The MIAA will compensate for this coverage starting with the sectional semi-final tournament rounds. The MIAA Tournament Director may designate either the host school trainer or an independent trainer to administer this duty.

13. **TOURNAMENT GAME OFFICIALS:** Three MIAA enrolled Game Officials will be assigned during all contests beginning with the pre-preliminary rounds through the state semi-final rounds. In addition, one MIAA enrolled Game Official will be assigned to the state championship contests to assist with the official scorebook, GAME TIME substitutions, time-outs, cards, bench personnel, injury time-outs and coaches, scoreboards, and field official injury. This table official will assist misapplications of a rule, and any misconduct by coaches or players on the bench. A detailed description of the table official's duties will be provided to each game official by their assignor and to the host site administrator by the tournament director. Officials must have been assigned to, and worked, at least 8 regular season games. The host school (higher seed) will compensate the officials through the sectional quarter-final rounds. The MIAA will compensate the officials from the sectional semi-final through the state final rounds.

14. SAT/SAT SUBJECT TESTS:

- a. Tournament events are scheduled for the same date of the SAT and SAT Subject Tests (June 2, 2018) and the ACT Tests (June 9, 2018). Please tell all coaches & student-athletes now so alternative plans may be made.
- b. A listing of all dates and sports that may take place on scheduled College Board exam dates can be found on the MIAA website under Hot Topics and click on **National Test Dates / MIAA Tournament Dates**. College Board dates can be found at <https://www.collegeboard.org/>.
- c. The **College Board** offers a *SAT® Program Alternate Test Date Policy*. As stated in their published material:

“The SAT Program will consider granting an alternate test date when the following criteria are met:

1. The conflicting event must be unexpected. Regularly scheduled sporting events or previously scheduled school activities, such as a prom, are not considered unexpected. An event such as an academic or athletic competition, in which students have advanced through the competition or into post-regular season competition, can be considered an unexpected event.
- d. **SAT School Day**: Allows high schools to administer the SAT to students during the school day, thus avoiding weekend athletic conflicts. To date, the MA school districts that participate are Plymouth, Springfield, Revere, and most recently Fitchburg. SAT School Day is contracted through the College Board with participating districts. Contact Info: **Alan Bernstein, Senior District Director**, K-12 Services, New England Regional Office, The College Board, 1601 Trapelo Road, Suite 12, Waltham, MA 02451



2018 Boys' Lacrosse Team Sportsmanship Award



The MIAA Tournament Management Committee has approved an Annual Sportsmanship Award to be presented to one Boys' Lacrosse team per division at the MIAA State Championship game.

We would like to encourage you to nominate a boys lacrosse team for consideration by the MIAA Boys' Lacrosse Committee for recognition at the MIAA Championships. Nominated teams do not have to be tournament teams but should exemplify the tenets of good sportsmanship to the highest degree. Criteria to include: Teamwork, Fair play/respect for opponents, Ethics and Citizenship. Self-nominations are acceptable.

I would like to nominate the following team for consideration of the MIAA Boys' Lacrosse Sportsmanship Award:

School: _____ Division: _____

City/Town: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Principal: _____

Athletic Director: _____ School Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Coach: _____ Home Phone: _____

Captain(s) names: _____

Number of Games Played _____

Number of Game Disqualifications _____

Number of Unsportsmanlike Conducts _____

Please provide a brief statement with regard to the reasons for this nomination below!

Your Name _____ **Signature** _____

Position _____ **School** _____

Date _____ **Phone** _____

Send to: MIAA
Attn: Phil Napolitano
33 Forge Parkway
Franklin, MA 02038

Fax: 508-541-9888

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY June 8, 2018