
2017-18 GIRLS' LACROSSE FORMAT

SPORT SPECIFIC INFORMATION

2017 - 2018 GIRLS' LACROSSE COMMITTEE MEMBERS



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Mr. Phil Vaccaro
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2017-18 GIRLS' LACROSSE TOURNAMENT

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & INFORMATION	TENTATIVE DATES	TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR
Season Schedule & Commitment:	Saturday, April 15, 2018	Tournament Director contact information is available in the "Members Only" section of the MIAA website
Official Tournament Entry	Friday, May 18, 2018 Friday, May 25, 2018 (and <i>resubmitted</i> 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 	<p style="text-align: center;">North & East & State Mr. Peter Foley</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Central/West Ms. Diane Lussier</p> <p style="text-align: center;">South Ms. Lisette Walter</p>
Cut-Off Date	Thursday, May 24, 2018 @ 6:00 pm Thursday, May 31, 2018 @ 6:00 pm	
Seeding/Pairings by Tournament Committee	<p>East, North, South 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 @ 9:00 am @ TBD Friday, June 1, 2018 @ 9:00 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>	
Preliminary/First Rounds start no sooner than:	<p>Sunday, May 27, 2018 Sunday, June 3, 2018 *These games are to be played at the home site of the higher seed.</p> <p>NOTE: If a pre-preliminary game is required, it may alter the tournament schedule. Schools will be notified in advance by the Tournament Director</p>	
Sectional Finals	Projected Date: June 7-9, 2018 June 14-16, 2018	
State Semi-Finals	Projected Date: June 11-12, 2018 June 18-19, 2018	
State Finals	<p>Saturday, June 16, 2018 Saturday, June 23, 2018</p> <p>Sites and Times are TBD</p>	

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 Nomination	Friday, June 1, 2018 Friday, June 8, 2018

MIAA GIRLS' STATE LACROSSE TOURNAMENT RULES

- GAME RULES**--All tournament contests will be played under the rules of the **US Lacrosse** except for those modified by the MIAA for high school use.
- TOURNAMENT QUALIFICATION AND SEEDING PROCEDURES** - Schools must play a minimum of ten (10) games against MIAA member schools varsity teams and/or out-of-state high school varsity teams that are members in good standing with their state high school associations to be eligible for the tournament.

Method Used for Seeding North, South and East: Seeding will be as follows:

The Tournament Director will rank each team within a division in numerical order in each of the following categories:

STEP 1: Winning Percentage: Calculate the overall winning percentage for each team and numerically rank the results, with rank one being the best.

STEP 2: Measure success against other tournament teams with rank 1 best. **Wins will be counted as 2 points in this process and a tie will receive 1 point.**

STEP 3: Following the objective information provided in Steps 1 & 2, the seeding committee will rank each team numerically with one being the best. This should be based on many factors including: Steps 1 & 2, head to head competition, record against higher teams based on Steps 1 & 2, record against common opponents, strength of schedule, and any other factors that the committee with rank 1 being the best, deems appropriate in separating the quality of one team from another.

STEP 4: The rankings from each of the three categories (Step 1, 2, & 3) will be tabulated to establish the seeding of teams with the lowest number of points equals #1 Seed. Any ties will be broken by committee rank (Step 3).

TEAM % OF WINS + Success vs. 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 Directors (who will be non-voting members), League Reps designated by the EMGLCA, (Independent Schools will have one representative as designated by the EMGLCA), voting members of the Girls Lacrosse Committee from the East, North and South, and may also include as voting members District Athletic Committee members from the Tournament Districts.

Method Used for Seeding Central/West: Seeding will be as follows:

STEP 1: 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. Strength of schedule – measured by the success of play vs. divisional teams/leagues.
- c. Measure success against other tournament teams (Wins, ties, losses)

STEP 2: The rankings from each of the three categories will be tabulated to establish the seeding of teams.

STEP 3: If needed due to a tie in ranking based on the results of Step 2 the Committee will utilize the following components in this order to determine final seeding:

- Head to head competition
- Winning percentage
- Strength of schedule
- Success against other Tournament teams
- A coin toss

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).

The Seeding Committee will consist of the Tournament Director (who will be a non-voting member), voting members of the Girls Lacrosse Committee from the Central/West, and may also include as voting members, District Athletic Committee members from the Tournament Districts. One coach from each league should be present as an observer.

3. **OTHER INFORMATION:**

- a. All communication regarding tournament assignments, issues and procedures shall be between the Athletic Director and the Tournament Director.
- b. The Team Schedule must include all games, league and non-league, and Exclusion Games

4. **GAME DATES & STARTING TIMES:**

The dates and starting time for all games will be determined by the Tournament Director.

5. **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.

6. **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 and/or Liaison, they 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 and/or Liaison. If that site is not acceptable, the Tournament Director shall select a neutral site for the game.

- a. Fields- The playing area shall be rectangular and marked with a solid lined boundary. The field should be between 110 to 140 yards from end line to end line; and between 60 to 70 yards from sideline to sideline. **(For more details see NFHS Girls Lacrosse Rule Book: Rule 1, Section 1, Pg 9).**
- b. Sectional Semi-final game sites 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 **(2018 NFHS Girls Lacrosse Rule Book: Rule 1 – Page 9 – The Field and Markings).**
- 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-Final Girls' Lacrosse games was established for the 2017-18 to 2020-21 alignment cycle:

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

7. **LENGTH OF GAME AND PROCEDURES**

- a. **Length of game:** The game length shall be 50 minutes divided into two 25 minute halves. **2018 NFHS Girls Lacrosse Rule Book: Rule 4, Section 1, Article 1 (Page 28)**
MIAA Rule 74.4 – Girls matches may not exceed 25 minute halves.
- b. **Starting Time:** The starting time shall be determined by the Tournament Director after conferring with both Athletic Directors.
- c. **Overtime Procedure:** When the score is tied at the end of regular playing time and overtime is to be played, both teams will have a 5 minute rest and toss a coin (visiting captain calls) for choice of ends. The alternate possession shall continue from regulation. The game will be restarted by a center draw. The winner will be decided by “sudden victory”. The team scoring the first goal wins the game. Each overtime period will be no more than 6 minutes in length of stop-clock time (clock stops on every whistle). The clock will be stopped after 3 minutes of play in order for teams to change ends with no delay for coaching. No substitutions may occur at this time. The game will be restarted by a center draw. If the teams are still tied after six minutes have elapsed, the teams will have a 3 minute rest and change ends. Substitutions may occur at this time. Play will continue with “sudden-victory” stop-clock overtime periods of six minutes in length (two 3-minute halves) with three minutes in between and change of ends until a winning goal is scored. **2018 NFHS Girls Lacrosse Rule Book: Rule 4, Section 6 (Pages 30).**

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- d. **Suspended/Interrupted Game:** Once play begins the officials shall have the authority to interrupt or suspend the game due to dangerous weather or field conditions. The official's decision is final. A game is considered legal and complete if 80% of playing time has elapsed. An interrupted game continued on the same day shall be restarted from its point of interruption.

If less than 80% has been played, and there is no mutual agreement or 10 goal differential, play will resume at the point of interruption. If replayed on another day, play will be resumed on the next available date from the point of interruption – as determined by the tournament director. The officials will record the time (remaining) of interruption, the score, record the cards, and the location of the ball for restarting play in the home (higher seed) score book. In addition, the information will be provided to the assignor and/or tournament director.

If 80% of the playing time has elapsed and the game is tied, play will be resumed on the next available date from the point of interruption – as determined by the tournament director. The officials will record the time (remaining) of interruption, the score, record the cards, and the location of the ball for restarting play in the home (higher seed) score book. In addition, the information will be provided to the assignor and/or tournament director.

The following will be used up to the sectional semi-finals that a discontinued tournament game that is called at any time in the second half due to weather issues will be declared a completed game if one team holds a ten or more goal advantage at the time of stoppage or may be terminated and considered complete by mutual agreement of the opposing coaches and administrators in the second half. **2018 NFHS Girls Lacrosse Rule Book: Rule 4, Section 4 (Page 30)**

8. GAME MANAGEMENT

- a. **Home Team:** The home team shall be the top seeded team (except as indicated above in # 6). The home team shall provide twelve (12) identical balls. **Game balls must 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. **The home team** shall provide an adult official timer and scorer unless designated by the Tournament Director. During tournament games it is recommended that table personnel be limited to two scorebook keepers (one from each team), a timer/clock operator and official scorer. The official table area must be kept clear of spectators, other team personnel and newspaper/media reporters.
- d. **Clocks and Horn:** The home or host team shall provide clocks and horns for any tournament game through the sectional finals.
- e. **Ball Persons:** The home team will provide ball persons during all rounds.

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

10. **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 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.

11. **TOURNAMENT GAME OFFICIALS:**

- Two MIAA enrolled Game Officials (three recommended) will be assigned during all preliminary round games through quarter-final games.
- Beginning with the sectional semi-finals, three MIAA enrolled Game Officials will be assigned to work the field of play. In addition, one MIAA enrolled Game Official will also be assigned to these tournament round games 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 assigner and to the host site administrator by the tournament director.
- Officials must have been assigned to, and worked, at least 7 regular season games.

**Beginning in 2020, three MIAA enrolled Game Officials will be assigned during all contests beginning with the preliminary rounds through the state final rounds.*

12. **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 Girls' Lacrosse Team Sportsmanship Award



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

We would like to encourage you to nominate a girls' lacrosse team for consideration by the MIAA Girls' 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 Girls' 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 FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2018