



2008 BOYS' LACROSSE FORMAT

SPORT SPECIFIC INFORMATION

2007 - 2008 BOYS' LACROSSE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dist. A Dr. Carla Scuzzarella, Principal
North Andover High School

Mr. Michael Granfield, A.D.
Billerica Memorial High School

Dist. B Mr. Christopher Gelinus, A.P.
Waltham High School

Mr. Dave Lezenski, A.D.
Mystic Valley Regional Charter(Everett)

Dist. C Mr. Richard Pearson, Principal
Medway High School

Mr. James Carboneau, A.D.
Holliston High School

Dist. D Mr. Bruce Clarke, Principal
Old Rochester Reg.HS (Mattapoisett)

Dist. E Mr. Ned Gallagher, Principal
Algonquin Regional (Northboro)

Ms. Johanna DiCarlo, A.D.
Westborough High School

Dist. F Mr. Michael Roy, A.P.
South Hadley High School

Mr. Michael Deary, A.D.
Longmeadow High School

Dist. G Ms. Lori Cote, A.D.
St. Joseph Central HS (Pittsfield)

Dist. H Mr. Stephen Hughes, Principal.
Boston College H.S. (Boston)

Mr. Stephen Barrett, A.D.
Austin Preparatory School (Reading)

MASC

Ms. Ellen Holmes

Coaches' Representative

Mr. John Pirani

MASS

Mr. Robert C. Maguire

Officials' Representative

Mr. Darrell Benson

MIAA Staff Liaison

Mr. Dick Baker
Assistant Director

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & INFORMATION	DATES	TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS
Season Schedule & Commitment Form/ Informational Form Due:	Received on or before: April 15, 2008	Tournament Director contact information is available in the "Members Only" section of the MIAA website <hr/>
Tournament Entry Form & Team Roster must be in the hands of the Tournament Director by:	East & Central: Wed., May 21, 2008 West: Tues., May 27, 2008	
Cut-Off Date – East & Central Cut-Off Date – West	Thursday, May 22, 2008 Wednesday, May 28, 2008	
Seeding – East Seeding – Central Seeding – West	Friday, May 23, 2008 @ 9:00 a.m. @ MIAA office Friday, May 23, 2008 @ 9:00 a.m. @ Shrewsbury High School Thursday, May 29, 2008 @ 12:00 @ East Longmeadow High School	<p style="text-align: center;">East/State Barry Haley</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Central Bill Martin</p> <p style="text-align: center;">West Glenn Maller</p>
First Round Matches: *East:* (preliminary) East: Div. III Div. II Div. I Central:	Tuesday, May 27, 2008 Thursday, May 29, 2008 Friday, May 30, 2008 Saturday, May 31, 2008 May 27-31, 2008	
Quarter Finals – East: Quarter Finals –Central: Quarter Finals – West:	Monday, June 2, 2008 Division III Tuesday, June 3, 2008 Division II Wednesday, June 4, 2008 Division I June 2-3 May 31	
Semi-Finals –East: Central: West:	June 5-8 June 4-7 June 3-4	
Finals – East @ neutral sites	June 9-14	
District Finals–Central & West	June 6-8	
State Semi-Finals: West vs. Central	June 10-11 @ neutral site in West	
State Final:	June 13-14 - Division II E. Mass. Champion will play the winner of the Central vs. West State Semi-Finals Champion for the State Div. II Championship @ a neutral site in East.	

*If a pre-preliminary game is required, it may alter the tournament schedule. Schools will be notified by the Tournament Director in advance.

The following forms must be submitted:

FORMS	DEADLINE
Season Schedule and Commitment Form/Informational Form	April 15, 2008
MIAA Tournament Entry Form	East & Central: Wed., May 21, 2008 West: Tues., May 27, 2008
MIAA Boys' State Lacrosse Tournament Team Roster	May 21, 2008
MIAA Boys' Sectional Referees Recommending Form (pg.9)	May 21, 2008
Tournament Code of Conduct Form	May 21, 2008
Teams Sportsmanship Nomination Form	May 19, 2008

2008 MIAA BOYS' STATE LACROSSE TOURNAMENT

1. **GAME RULES**--All tournament games will be played under the rules of the **National Federation** except for those modified by the MIAA for high school use.
2. **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.
3. **SITES** - All games will be played on the site of the higher seeded team, providing their site is acceptable. Exception: Sectional Semi-Finals may be played at a neutral site as determined by the Tournament Director and MIAA Liaison. ***The Eastern MA Divisional Finals & State Semi-Finals & Final will be at Neutral Site as determined by the Tournament Director and MIAA Liaison.***

If the higher seeded team has an unacceptable home site, as determined by the 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. 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 (Rule Book – The Field).
- B. 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.
- C. The following rotation of **regional** hosting sites for the State Semi Final and Final Boys' Lacrosse games was established.

Region will host game at Neutral Site

	2008	2009	2010
<i>Semi-Finals</i>	<i>East/West</i>	<i>East/Central</i>	<i>East/West</i>
<i>State Championship Central/West Champion vs. Division II East Champion</i>	<i>East Champion</i>	<i>Central/West Champion</i>	<i>East Champion</i>

-
4. **STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**--The Division II State championship game will be between the Eastern Mass. Winner and the Central/Western Mass. Winner. Sites must meet the criteria listed above in 3A.
 5. **STARTING TIMES**--The starting time for a game played on a weekday will be 5:00 PM or mutually agreed time. Saturday will be played at 1:00 PM (unless mutual agreement by the athletic directors to change time).
 6. **HOME TEAM**--The home team shall be the top seeded team. The home team shall provide three identical balls. The home team shall wear light colored jerseys and the visiting team shall wear dark jerseys.
 7. **CLOCKS AND HORN**--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.
 8. **BALL PERSONS**--The home team will provide ball persons during all rounds. The ball persons will wear protective equipment including a helmet.
 9. **SCORE REPORTS**--The **WINNING TEAM** shall call the Tournament Director as soon after the game as possible.
 10. **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 on May 25th for East and Central and June 1, 2007 (by 10AM) for West and report to the Tournament Director prior to the seeding meeting.
 11. **TOURNAMENT SEEDING**--The 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 State 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).

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 tournament rounds at the site of the higher seeded team. The MIAA will compensate for this coverage at MIAA designated neutral sites.
13. **OTHER INFORMATION**--The Team Schedule must include all games, league and non-league.



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: Boys' Lacrosse Committee
33 Forge Parkway
Franklin, MA 02038

Fax: 508-541-9888

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY May 19, 2008