



2006 GIRLS' LACROSSE FORMAT

SPORT SPECIFIC INFORMATION

2005 - 2006 GIRLS' LACROSSE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dist. A	Dr. Carla Scuzzarella, Principal Beverly High School	Dist. E	Mr. Ned Gallagher, Principal Algonquin Regional High School (Northboro)
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Dist. D		Dist. H	Ms. Katie Colin, A.P. Notre Dame Acad. (Hingham)
			Ms. Donna Brickley, A.D. Notre Dame Acad. (Hingham)
			Coaches' Representative Ms. Christine Molonea
			Officials' Representative Ms. Shawn Lawrence Ms. Betty Ann Giles

MIAA Staff Liaison

Mr. Dick Baker
Assistant Director

2006 GIRLS' LACROSSE TOURNAMENT		
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & INFORMATION	DATES	TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR
Season Schedule & Commitment Form/ Informational Form Due:	Received on or before: Saturday, April 15, 2006	Tournament Director contact information is available in the "Members Only" section of the MIAA website
Tournament Entry Form & Team Roster must be in the hands of the Tournament Director by:	Received on or before: May 19, 2006	
Cut-Off Date: North & South Central & West:	Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 6:00 P.M. Thursday, June 1, 2006 at 6:00 P.M.	North & State Peter Foley, A.D.
Seeding: North & South Central West	Friday, May 26, 2006 @ MIAA office @ 9:00 A.M. Friday, June 2, 2006 @ noon @ Westborough High School Friday, June 2, 2006 @ noon @ East Longmeadow High School	South Lee Walter Central Bill Martin
Preliminary Round Matches: North & South	Note: "play in" or first round games North & South could be played as early as May 27 Anticipate N/S will start on Tuesday, May 30	Western Diane Lussier
Central/West	C/W could start on Saturday, June 3 Semi-Finals: June 6-8 Finals: June 9 or 10	
SECTIONAL FINALS	Projected Dates = 9 & 10 June	
State – Division II Final North Sectional Champ @ South Sectional Champ	Projected Date = 13 or 14 June	
Div. I State Semi-Finals: South Champ @ North Champ West Champ @ Central Champ	Projected Date = 12-14 June	
State – Division I Final Winner of Central/West @ North/South winner	Friday, June 16 or Saturday, June 17, 2006	

The following forms must be submitted:

FORMS	DEADLINE
Season Schedule and Commitment Form	Saturday, April 15, 2006
Girls Lacrosse Tournament Informational Form	Saturday, April 15, 2006
MIAA Tournament Entry Form	Friday, May 19, 2006
Team Roster Form	Friday, May 19, 2006
Officials Recommendation Form	Friday, May 19, 2006
Tournament Code of Conduct Form	Friday, May 19, 2006
Team Sportsmanship Nomination Form	Monday, May 24, 2006

2006 MIAA GIRLS' STATE LACROSSE TOURNAMENT

1. **GAME RULES**--All tournament games will be played under the rules of the US Lacrosse 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 & Final, State Semi-Finals & Final game may be played at a 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 Playing Area).
- 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 hosting sites for the State Semi Final and Final Girls' Lacrosse games was established.**

HOST SITES

	2006	2007	2008
Semi-Finals	North/Central	South/West	North/Central
State Championship	North-South Champion	Central-West Champion	North-South Champion
State Div. II Championship	South	North	South

4. **HOME TEAM**--The home team shall be the top seeded team (except as indicated above). The home team shall provide three identical balls. The home team shall wear light colored jerseys and the visiting team shall wear dark jerseys.
5. **STARTING TIMES**-- The starting time for all games will be determined by the Tournament Director.
6. **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.

7. **BALL PERSONS**--The home team will provide ball persons during all rounds.
8. **SCORE REPORTS**--The winning team shall call the Tournament Director as soon after the game as possible.
9. **TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS - SEEDING for North & South**--Seeding will be as follows: Teams will be seeded solely on their won, loss, tie percentage against MIAA sanctioned teams or out of state schools that are members in good standing with their state high school associations. School 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 Central & West:

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, 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 will be tabulated to establish the seeding of teams.

TEAM % OF WINS + WINS/TOURNAMENT TEAMS + COMMITTEE RANK = FINAL RANK

The seeding committee will consist of the Tournament Director who is a non-voting member, voting members of the State Lacrosse Committee and may also include as voting members, District Athletic Committee members from the tournament district(s). At least one coach should be present as an observer.

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).

10. **OVERTIME PROCEDURE – See Rule 11C**—Women’s Rules U.S. Lacrosse endorsed by National Federation
11. **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.
12. **OTHER INFORMATION**--The Team Schedule must include all games, league and non-league.



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. Girls' Lacrosse Committee
33 Forge Parkway
Franklin, MA 02038

Fax: 508-541-9888

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY May 24, 2006