

2015 Procedure & Criteria for Boys Lacrosse Regional Team Placement & Tournament Seeding

PRE-SEASON SEEDING DETERMINED BY THE LACROSSE COMMITTEE JAN. 15, 2015

Division 1 Pre-Season Seeded Teams:

1. Birmingham Brother Rice
2. Detroit Country Day
3. Detroit Catholic Central
4. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern
5. Clarkston
6. Detroit U of D Jesuit
7. Troy
8. Birmingham Seaholm

Division 2 Pre-Season Seeded Teams:

1. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood
2. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central
3. East Grand Rapids
4. Okemos
5. Haslett
6. Warren DeLaSalle
7. Holland Christian
8. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep

At the **January 15, 2015** meeting the boys lacrosse committee determined the 2014-15 regions based on the criteria defined below and finalized spring bracket placement criteria.

Proposed for Next Year: Beginning in 2015-16 teams 9-16 will play a first round pre-regional game at the home site of the higher seed on Mon.-Wed. May 16-18, 2016 prior to the traditional pre-regional start (three days earlier). Likely teams 9-16 must save two dates this week. The winners of the 9-16 games will play the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th seeds later that week (May 20, 21 or 23, 2016). The preseason seeding meeting will be moved from January to Oct. 15, 2015. Region assignments and seeds 1-8 in Division 1 and Division 2 will be released on Oct. 15. The final seeding meeting will be held one day earlier on Wed May, 11, 2016 for games played through Mon. May 9, 2016. Teams would then be placed on the bracket based on the established criteria including games played on or before Mon. May 9, 2016. A teams seeding may change from the fall pre-season seeding within that region only. NOTE: Teams may play non-tournament games during the MHSAA tournament – even if you are eliminated from the tournament (always stay within the limits of three in games in a week and 18 non-MHSAA tournament games in a season)

On **Thursday, May 7, 2015** the Lacrosse Tournament Committee will meet a final time to seed each bracket, finalize officials and confirm tournament details. Thirteen to fourteen teams per division, (**57 in Div. 1; 55 in Div. 2**) will be placed in a Region with play order to include **1 vs. 8; 2 vs. 7, 3 vs. 6 and 4 vs. 5.**

Criteria for Determining Regions at Pre-Season Tournament Committee Meeting

Top Eight Teams by MHSAA Division ranked in descending order, assigned two per Region (see below)

Two Year Performance (**2013** and **2014**) which includes the following information

- Overall Win - Loss Record for games between MHSAA member schools
- Performance in MHSAA tournament possibly in a former division or as a cooperative agreement
- Head to Head Competition & Common Opponents for games between MHSAA member schools
- Lax Power Rankings (non-affiliated computer) all criteria included for games involving MHSAA
- Strength of schedule for games involving MHSAA member schools only
- Professional Judgment of the Committee

If a tie exists the criteria above will be used to break the tie.

Following the selection of and ranking of the top eight (8) seeded teams, two (2) shall be placed in each Region. The non-seeded teams shall then be placed equally into the four regions with the primary consideration being geography. Consideration will be given to geography when assigning the top eight (8) seeds, but travel may be necessitated and consideration will be given to rotating the seed that travels from east to west Michigan every other year.

Late Season Seeding Meeting (Thursday May 7, 2015)

Based on competition played during the current season and on or before Monday, May 4, 2015, all teams (including pre-season selected seeds) in each Region shall be seeded and ranked within the Region and placed on the tournament bracket for their Region. Brackets will be posted on MHSAA.com by noon the day following the late season seeding committee meeting. Note: It may be necessary for a small number of games to be played after the May 7, 2015 meeting and schedule a possible conference call of committee members to finalize seeding.

Beginning this spring (2014-15) at the May 7, 2015 meeting, to relieve some of the travel within a region, the Lacrosse Committee may rearrange seeded teams below the 9th seed within the bracket if travel is excessive and other options exist. These adjustments are at the sole discretion of the committee and in the pre-regional first round only.

Criteria for Late Season Seeding of Regional Brackets (May 7, 2015) - All Teams by Region (EDITED 1/20/11)

- 2015 Season Performance against MHSAA member schools only
- Lax Power for games involving MHSAA member schools only
- Strength of schedule for games involving MHSAA member schools only
- Head-to-Head Competition & Common Opponents against MHSAA member schools
- Discretion of the Committee including the possible use of blind draw

Determination of Semi Final Bracket Pairings

On May 7, 2015 Semi Final Brackets will also be aligned (1 vs. 4; 2 vs. 3) for tournament play using the criteria above for Late Season Seeding to determine the rank order of the Regional #1 seeds as determined in May. The decisions of the Tournament Committee are final and not subject to appeal.

Prior to the May Meeting MHSAA Staff will present Tentative Possible Semi Final Sites (Wed, June 3, 2015)

Division 1 - 2015 Boys Lacrosse Regionals Assignments

58 teams

Preseason seeded teams **boldface (1-8)**

Pre Regional Games: May 14-16, 18 or earlier (at home sites of top team)
Regional 1st Round: May 20-23 or earlier (at home sites of top team)
Regional Semifinal: May 26 or 27 at Regional Host
Regional Final: May 29 or 30 at Regional Host
MHSAA Semifinal: June 3, 2015 Site To Be Determined
MHSAA Final: June 6, 2:00 pm East Grand Rapids/Howell Parker/Troy Athens

Region 1-1 Howell Parker or Ada-Forest Hills
Eastern Dan Hutcheson, AD-Manager
Regional Semis: Tues. May 26 5:30 & 7 pm
Regional Final: Fri. May 29, 7 pm

Brighton
Clarkston (5)
Grand Haven
Grand Ledge
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern^ (4)
Grandville
Hartland
Holland West Ottawa
Holt
Howell
Hudsonville (Hudsonville Unity Christian)*
Kalamazoo Central (Kalamazoo Loy Norrix)*
Rockford
Waverly (Lansing Catholic, Lansing Christian)*
Zeeland West (Zeeland East)*
(15 teams)

Region 2-1 West Bloomfield HS,
Eric Pierce, AD-Manager
Regional Semis: Wed. May 27, 5:30 & 7pm
Regional Final: Fri. May 29, 7 pm

Birmingham Brother Rice^ (1)
Birmingham Seaholm (Groves)* (8)
Bloomfield Hills
Grand Blanc
Lake Orion
Lapeer
Midland Dow (Midland)*
Oxford
Utica Eisenhower
Walled Lake Central
Walled Lake Northern
Waterford Kettering (Waterford Mott)*
West Bloomfield
White Lake Lakeland (Highland-Milford)*
(14 teams)

Region 3-1 Northville HS
Bryan Masi, AD-Manager
Regional Semis: Tues. May 26 5 & 7 pm
Regional Final: Fri. May 29, 7 pm

Ann Arbor Huron
Ann Arbor Pioneer
Ann Arbor Skyline
Belleville
Canton
Canton-Plymouth
Canton-Salem
Detroit Country Day^ (2)
Grosse Pointe South
North Farmington (Farmington Hills Harrison)*
Northville
Novi
Saline
South Lyon (South Lyon East)*
Troy (7)
(15 teams)

Region 4-1 Troy Athens HS
Bob Dowd, AD-Manager
Regional Semis: Wed. May 27, 6 & 8 pm
Regional Final: Fri. May 29, 7 pm

Detroit Catholic Central (3)
Detroit U of D Jesuit^ (6)
Fair Haven Anchor Bay
Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse
Macomb L'Anse Creuse North
Port Huron (Port Huron Northern)*
Rochester Adams
Rochester Hills Stoney Creek
Romeo
Sterling Heights (Warren Mott)*
Sterling Heights Stevenson
Sterling Heights Utica Ford II
Troy Athens
Utica
(14 teams)

Up from D2 to D1: Detroit Country Day, Grosse Pointe South, Rochester Adams
New Teams in D1: Hudsonville (Hudsonville Unity Christian)*

*Cooperative Program ^Opted Up a Division

Division 2 - 2015 Boys Lacrosse Regionals Assignments

56 teams

Preseason seeded teams **boldface (1-8)**

Pre Regional Games: May 14-16, 18 or earlier (at home sites of top team)
Regional 1st Round: May 20-23 or earlier (at home sites of top team)
Regional Semifinal: May 26 or 27 at Regional Host
Regional Final: May 29 or 30 at Regional Host
MHSAA Semifinal: June 3, 2015 Site To Be Determined
MHSAA Final: June 6, 4:30 pm Final Site: East Grand Rapids/Howell Parker/Troy Athens

Region 5-2 Grand Rapids Christian

Jason Heerema, AD-Manager

Regional Semis: Wed. May 27, 5 & 7:15 pm

Regional Final: Fri. May 29, 7 pm

Ada Forest Hills Eastern
Caledonia
Comstock Park
Grand Rapids Catholic Central
Grand Rapids Christian
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central (2)
Grand Rapids Northview
~~Grand Rapids South Christian Opt-Out~~
Holland Christian (7)
Lowell
Muskegon Reeths-Puffer
Spring Lake
(11 teams)

Region 6-2 Okemos HS

Ira Childress, AD-Manager

Regional Semis: Tues. May 26, 5:30 & 7 pm

Regional Final: Fri. May 29, 7 pm

Battle Creek Harper Creek
Battle Creek Lakeview
Battle Creek Pennfield (St. Phillip)*
Chelsea
DeWitt
Dexter
East Lansing
Haslett (Williamston)* (5)
Mattawan
Okemos (4)
Portage Central
Portage Northern
Tecumseh
Vicksburg (Kalamazoo Hackett)*
(14 teams)

Down from D1 to D2: Davison, Rochester, Warren Cousino

New Teams in D2: Whitmore Lake (Ann Arbor Rudolph Steiner School, Ypsilanti Arbor Prep)*,

Battle Creek Harper Creek

*Cooperative Program

Region 7-2 Howell Parker MS

Dan Hutcheson, AD-Manager

Regional Semis: Wed. May 27, 5:30 & 7 pm

Regional Final: Fri. May 29, 5 pm

Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard
Ann Arbor Greenhills
Dearborn Divine Child
Detroit Southeastern
East Grand Rapids (3)
Farmington
Grosse Ile
Grosse Pointe North
Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett
Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central
Temperance Bedford
Warren Cousino
Warren De La Salle Collegiate (6)
Whitmore Lake (AA Steiner, Ypsi Arbor Prep)*
Ypsilanti-Lincoln
(15 teams)

Region 8-2 Walled Lake Western HS

Brian Swinehart, District AD-Manager

Regional Semis: Tues. May 26, 5:30 & 7 pm

Regional Final: Sat. May 30, 1 pm

Auburn-Bay City Western
Auburn Hills Avondale
Bay City Central
Blmfld. Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood (1)
Davison
Flint Powers Catholic
Madison Heights Bishop Foley
Orchard Lake St. Mary Prep
Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (8)
Rochester
Royal Oak
Royal Oak Shrine (Clarkston Everest Collegiate)*
Saginaw Heritage
Swartz Creek
Walled Lake Western
(15 teams)