



PARTICIPATING SCHOOL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION 2023-24 MHSAA BOYS LACROSSE

1. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The MHSAA Boys Lacrosse tournament is conducted in two equal Divisions. Schools that notified the MHSAA on a timely basis of their intention to sponsor boys lacrosse and follow MHSAA rules were placed into two divisions based on enrollment figures submitted in February of the prior school year. In addition, some schools elected to opt up to a higher division, and cooperative teams were placed in the division dictated by their combined enrollment. Divisions are determined by the MHSAA each spring for the upcoming school year for all sports. Teams who add the sport after that time are placed into the division where they fall by enrollment. Divisional breaks are not redrawn to accommodate those schools adding or dropping a sport once they are placed in divisions.

To be eligible for the MHSAA Boys Lacrosse Tournament all of a school's boys lacrosse teams must play at least half of its regular season games against MHSAA member school teams.

A school may not participate in an interscholastic scrimmage or contest against an out-of-state opponent from a state whose NFHS member state association does not sponsor a statewide boys lacrosse tournament unless that team follows comparable regulations of other spring sports teams in that state. Comparable rules include but are not limited to practice and contest limits, travel, use of NFHS playing rules, and undue influence (recruiting). It will be for the MHSAA member school to collect and submit information to the MHSAA staff 30 days in advance of the season for approval to play teams in states where high school associations do not govern boys lacrosse (MHSAA Handbook Regulation II, Section 6).

The Lacrosse Tournament Committee meets two times each year – first in October to determine the pre-season top eight teams in each division and regional groupings. Placement of teams in regionals shall be based mainly on geography with one pre-season seeding team in each region based on the criteria established by the Committee and posted on MHSAA.com. As of mid-October 2022, the criteria, divisions, regional alignments, and early season seeds are listed on MHSAA.com. Regional hosts, game dates and times for regional semifinal and final games are posted .

Beginning with the 2019 Tournament, the MHSAA Power Rating (MPR) replaced LaxPower ratings as part of the seeding criteria. With this change, all participating schools are required to submit their varsity schedules through MHSAA.com prior to the start of the season and submit scores and schedule updates throughout the season. Accurate schedules and game results are required for the late-season seeding of the tournament.

The Boys Lacrosse Tournament Committee will meet on Wed, May 10, 2023 and finalize the tournament (late season seeding) using the pre-determined criteria and post the final draw on MHSAA.com. Decisions of the Tournament Committee are final. The winning team from each regional tournament will qualify to one of the four Quarterfinal tournament games in each division.

Tournament Dates

Tournament & Seeding Committee	May 8, 2024
Pre-Regional Game for 8 th & 9 th seeds	May 10-15, 2024 or earlier (home site of higher seed)
Regional 1 st Round:	May 16-20, 2024 or earlier (home sites of top team)
Regional Semifinal:	May 22-24, 2024 at Regional Host
Regional Final:	May 28 or 29, 2024 at Regional Host
MHSAA Quarterfinal:	May 31 or June 1, 2024 at Selected Reg Host or MHSAA site
MHSAA Semifinal:	June 5, 2024
MHSAA Final:	June 8, 2024 (Div. 1 at 2:00 pm; Div. 2 at 11:00 am)

All tournament assignments are in the Tournament Notification Form sent to schools and posted on the MHSAA Website.

2. TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

Supervision – No individual or team may participate in an MHSAA event unless accompanied to the event by the coach, administrator, or appointee of the school.

Communication – It is the home team’s responsibility to contact the visitors for Pre-Regional and Regional First-Round games played at the home site of the top team (and higher seed) on the bracket in advance to arrange game dates, sites, and times within the allowed dates. The home team must also notify the MHSAA and Regional Tournament Manager as soon as possible of the game details and contract three officials from the approved boy’s lacrosse officials list to officiate games at their home site.

Only those schools assigned to a tournament site are allowed to compete. Any other requests for entry must be referred to the MHSAA office before the privilege of competition is granted. If any additions or deletions are to be made, the MHSAA office will notify the tournament management.

Game Dates & Starting Times – See Item # 5 **Time Schedule** below.

Non-Lighted Fields – If a tournament game is played on an unlighted field, it must be scheduled early enough to allow for overtime without incurring darkness.

Team Arrival – Teams are encouraged to arrive one hour before competition time. Failure to be ready to compete thirty minutes after the scheduled starting time of the tournament will result in forfeiture. In emergency situations and when a delay has been reported, the manager may delay the start time. It is strongly recommended that traveling schools obtain cell phone numbers of the home team and/or regional tournament management in advance.

Squad Size – A maximum of 40 players will be allowed to dress per game unless more than this number have dressed for at least half the regular season varsity games played by that school. A letter from the school principal or athletic director to the MHSAA in advance of the start of tournament competition must be submitted to request allowing more than 40 players to dress for tournament competition.

Contestant/Coaches/Admissions – It is suggested a separate area be set up to allow entrance and registration of competing teams, coaches, team athletic trainers, etc. Teams should be encouraged to enter all team-related personnel at the same time without admission being charged. Only those team members who are eligible to compete with their team are to be admitted without charge. Parents and fans are expected to enter at the spectator gate and pay an admission charge. Arrangements for the admission of a limited number of school administrators serving as chaperones may be made in advance with the tournament management and enter at the team entrance.

Locker Room Privacy Policy – Using devices of any kind to capture or transmit images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms, dressing areas, training rooms, weigh-in rooms, showers, restrooms, or other areas where there is an expectation of privacy during MHSAA tournament events. Tournament managers or athletic directors who discover such use should move immediately to have the device removed and inform the head coach or athletic director of the identity and nature of the activity of the person involved.

Home/Visiting Team Designation – The team in the upper half of the brackets shall wear WHITE jerseys as the home team, and the team in the lower half will wear dark jerseys and be the visiting team. Exceptions may be made only by prior arrangement with the tournament manager and the opponents.

Uniforms – Teams are advised to arrive at a tournament center with two sets of jerseys, white and dark, to avoid similarity of color problems. By rule, the visiting team is responsible for avoidance of the similarity of colors, but if there is doubt, the referee may require the home team to change jerseys.

Helmets – Helmets must be of the same color for all team members, designed for lacrosse and meet the NOCSAE test at the time of manufacturer, and have a visible exterior warning label regarding the risk of injury. All other NFHS playing rule shall also apply.

Practice on Host Fields – During the tournament, schools (except host) may not practice on the field to be used for any round of the tournament if that round’s game site is predetermined. During the week of the State Finals, schools (except host) may not practice on the field that is to be used for the State Final games.

3. OPT OUT POLICIES, ELIGIBILITY LISTS, ROSTERS

Schools must see that tournament managers receive an accurate Eligibility List and Team Roster by the opt-out due date of Wednesday, April 24, 2024, for Boys Lacrosse. Tournament opt-outs are done entirely online on [MHSAA.com](https://www.mhsaa.com). Schools may use their own roster form, but the information should be in the same order as the MHSAA form.

If the required materials (i.e., Roster, Eligibility List, etc.) are received by the tournament manager after the opt-out date (deadline date), but before the draw or bracket is completed for team sports, or the pairings, heat assignments, or flights are determined for individual sports, they may be accepted with a payment of \$50.00 to the tournament manager of the host school. The host school will retain the late fee. The draw date is the Monday following the May Boys Lacrosse Committee Meeting. Eligibility lists may be updated prior to the first date of the tournament by any team in that Regional.

Use of Ineligibles – Individuals or teams that are defeated by an ineligible opponent or teams which allowed one or more ineligible students to participate do not advance in MHSAA tournaments. Teams will be excluded from the tournament for violations of Regulation II, Sections 10 or 11 (limitations of competition). Teams defeated by withdrawing or excluded teams do not advance. Placements in MHSAA tournaments are vacated because of an individual or team being ineligible or a team allowing one or more ineligible students to participate, other individuals or teams neither advance to those placements nor receive awards for those places.

4. DRAW PROCEDURES

For the purposes of the MHSAA policies and regulations which stipulate a draw date and time, the first Monday at 4 p.m. following the late season seeding meeting shall be the draw date. Eligibility list additions and/or updates may be made prior to the first tournament date for any school in that school's regional tournament.

5. TIME SCHEDULE (Game Dates/Starting Times) –

Pre-Regional & Regional First-Round Game Times: The higher-seeded team on the bracket shall be the home team. The home school should determine the game date and time in consultation with the opponent. If the teams cannot agree to a mutually acceptable date and time, the home team shall determine the game date and starting time. Games must be played on or before the last date allowed for that round (Mon, May 20, 2024). Pre-Regional and Regional First-Round games at home sites may be played by mutual agreement of both teams and the MHSAA before the earliest date listed and must be played before the last date allowed for that round. Game times shall be determined with consideration given to team travel and the opportunity for spectators to be present. Games may not be scheduled during school time (Monday through Friday, prior to 3:30 p.m.) without prior approval of the MHSAA.

Regional Semifinal Games Dates and Times – In determining the times and dates the following is to be observed by regional tournament managers:

In communication with MHSAA staff months prior, regional tournament managers set the game dates and times of all Regional Semifinal and Final games. Regional host will also reserve their field for a possible state Quarterfinal game. It is preferred that regional tournament managers schedule Regional Semifinal games in a doubleheader format. In communication with MHSAA staff months prior and to assist with the assignment of officials, attempts will be made to spread out the possible dates for these rounds: Four possible dates for Regional Semifinals (Tue., Wed., Thur. or Fri. May 21-24, 2024) and two dates for regional finals (Tues or Wed. May 28 or May 29, 2024).

Schools with conflicts due to a school-wide event such as graduation **MUST** communicate this to the MHSAA, opponents, and the tournament manager by the **Monday following the seeding meeting** (May 13, 2024). If possible, and all parties agree, the time, date, and/or location of a Regional Semifinal game may be moved by the Regional host if the host can accommodate the contest and the MHSAA approves.

If the host's facility cannot accommodate a change in time or date at the Regional field, teams by mutual agreement and with MHSAA approval, may move the location and date of the game to a neutral site secured by the team with the conflict, (first choice) or to the field of the team without the conflict (second option) or the field of the team with the conflict (third option). In all cases, both teams must agree well in advance with the change approved by the MHSAA. Schools are urged to be flexible and reasonable due to significant school calendar conflicts. If there is no resolution agreed upon, the game stands as scheduled by the regional host.

Games must be completed by the last date available for any team in that round of the regional and in no case may the schedule of other teams not affected by the conflict be altered. The tournament must proceed as scheduled. All financial obligations (receipts and expenses) are the responsibility of the hosting school and must follow MHSAA Tournament Financial Policies as if a Regional host school.

Regional Final, State Quarterfinal, and State Semifinal game dates will not be changed unless the MHSAA staff and the Regional manager agree or the MHSAA staff invokes the Alternate Site Travel Accommodation as below.

Alternative Site Travel Accommodation: The MHSAA staff may change the date, time, and location of a previously scheduled tournament game if the originally scheduled game involves extensive travel and an acceptable site can be secured. The determination is that of the MHSAA staff in consultation with both teams and the tournament manager and may require that the competing teams secure an acceptable field. Financial responsibilities will fall to the original home team or host school. The above alternative site-travel accommodation does not apply to the MHSAA Quarterfinal, Semifinal or Final.

6. AWARDS

Regional Champions receive a trophy and 36 team medals. At the Finals, first and second-place teams (Finalists) receive a trophy and 36 team medals.

7. LIMITS OF COMPETITION

Teams and individuals may have a maximum of 18 games during the regular season. Students may participate in a subvarsity and varsity game on the same day, but may not participate in more than five quarters on that date. For the purposes of the 5 Quarter Rule, overtime is considered an extension of the 4th quarter, and therefore does not count as an additional quarter. MHSAA tournament dates do not count against season maximums. A team may not play in more than three games and or scrimmages in a week (Monday thru Sunday) including MHSAA tournament and regular season games.

8. FINANCES

Admission for spectators is \$7 at the Regional tournaments, \$7 at the Quarterfinal games, \$9 at the Semifinal games and \$11 at the Finals. In Pre-Regional and Regional First Round games the home team retains gate receipts and assumes all administrative expenses.

Teams assume all costs of participation at the Regional and Quarterfinal levels. At the Semifinal and Final Tournament, competing teams who travel more than 75 miles to the tournament sites will be reimbursed for mileage, and a per diem based on the MHSAA formula for lacrosse after completion of the tournament.

9. OFFICIALS SELECTION/ASSIGNMENTS

At Pre-Regional and Regional First Round games, home teams will hire and pay three officials on site. The MHSAA will assign three officials at the Regional Semifinal; three at the Regional Final and Quarterfinal. The host school will pay Regional Semifinal, Regional Final, and Quarterfinal officials on site, and the MHSAA will reimburse. Semifinal and Final officials will be paid by the MHSAA.

10. PLAYING RULES/ADAPTATIONS

Rules – MHSAA tournaments will be conducted using the rules, regulations, and interpretations (as minimum standards) found in the current MHSAA Handbook and qualifications found on MHSAA.com, this document, or the Tournament Manager's material. Playing rules of the National Federation of State High School Associations for Boys Lacrosse will be followed.

Regulation Game – For all regular-season and MHSAA tournament games, a regulation game consists of four 12-minute quarters unless extended because of a tie score. By mutual agreement of the opposing coaches and approval of the referee, any period may be shortened, or the game terminated. If mutual agreement cannot be reached, and darkness, rain, or other causes interfere with play so that the game is called (ended by the referee), it is a regulation game if at least three-quarters of play has been completed.

All tournament games called prior to being a regulation game (as above) shall be resumed from the point of suspension whether continued on the original date or a future date.

Less than a full team – If a team begins a game with the required 10 on-field players and then through the course of the game has less than seven on-field players, the game shall end and the score shall count at the point of termination. The game shall be counted as one of the allowed dates of competition for both teams.

Point Differential Rule – A running clock shall be used when a team leads by twelve or more goals during the second half. The clock stops only for the time-outs and injuries. The clock "runs" with the first whistle starting play after a goal is scored in the 2nd half which causes a 12-goal differential. The clock will run for the remainder of the game, even if the score differential is reduced to less than 12 goals. These are not optional rules and shall not be modified.

18-Goal Tournament Game Termination – An MHSAA tournament game in boys lacrosse will end when an 18-goal margin is reached any time after the third quarter is completed. NFHS Rule 4.5 also states: By mutual agreement of the opposing coaches, and approval of the referee, any period may be shortened, or the game terminated.

Overtime Procedures – Except for cancellations due to lightning, all MHSAA tournament games will follow the same procedures as found in the appropriate rules book and must decide a winner:

NFHS Boys Lacrosse Rule Book – 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. In 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 in overtime. There will be a two-minute intermission between sudden-victory periods.

Air Horns – An operating air horn is required at the scorer's table regardless of whether a working horn is on the scoreboard. A horn is used to signal the end of a quarter or half and, on occasion, to summon officials to the table during dead-ball situations or stoppages. A second, backup horn is also recommended at the table.

Scoreboard Clock – It is recommended that a visible clock and scoring device be in use for all tournament games.

Team Rosters – Each team must provide a complete line-up (first and last name, number, and position of each player and substitutes) and the names of all other bench personnel. The line-up must be submitted to the scorer at least five (5) minutes prior to game time.

Game Balls and Retrievers – Rule book requirements will be followed with respect to game balls. Prior to the game and at the start of each quarter, 8-12 balls should be placed on the end lines, and 4 balls should be placed on each sideline (balls on the bench sideline should also be placed at the scorer's table). Ball retrievers, wearing helmets and wearing colors that will not blend in with players, should only retrieve balls at the quarter or half break. The home teams or host sites will provide the balls for Pre-Regional, Regionals, Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Finals. **Do not allow any individuals to stand behind the goal at any time during warm-up or during the event.**

Adult Scorer and Timer – A qualified adult scorer and timer shall be provided by the home team and tournament manager for Regional Semifinals through to the MHSAA Finals. The tournament manager becomes the assigning authority as per the NFHS rules. Scorers and timers should be provided copies of their duties as printed in the NFHS Rule Book.

Pre-Game Warmups – Teams may warm up for a minimum of 15 minutes to the maximum allowed by the home team or tournament management. Teams are not to encircle the entire field of play at any time prior to the warmup or the game. Teams must use their half of the field only and no one should be behind the end line when the goalie is being warmed up.

Pre-Game Introductions and Inspections – The timer shall place 20 minutes on the game clock, thirty minutes before the scheduled start of the game. When the clock is at zero, teams are to assemble at midfield for pre-game stick and equipment checks. Following the equipment checks, the teams return to their sidelines where the pre-game introductions of starting line-ups, coaches, and officials will precede the national anthem. Visitors will be announced first. Immediately following the national anthem, the face-off shall occur.

Field markings and nets – The field must be marked according to the NFHS rule book for the current year including the 6-yard limit line opposite the benches if spectators are allowed in the area. The home team or tournament management should inspect the goals and nets well in advance of the contest. The same goal may be used for both boys and girls games. On a neutral field only, officials shall not assess the penalty for not having a completed center line or end lines; otherwise, the visitors are awarded the ball to begin the game when the home team does not have correct field markings.

11. MEDIA

Media credential requests for Regional games through Semifinal games are processed by local managers. Credential requests for the Finals will be handled by the MHSAA.

For information complete information on credentials, drones, locker room privacy policy, microphones, photographers, flash photography, postgame interviews, press box, results, streaming (audio and video), and videotaping, go to this [Media/Streaming Information PDF](#).

Souvenir Program Policies – Teams winning Regional titles in selected sports must fill out and e-mail program information and a team photograph to the MHSAA office to be used in the souvenir program for the Semifinals and the Finals in the event the team qualifies for Final round play. Program information kits are available on the respective sports pages of the MHSAA.com. Those sports are as follows: baseball, boys and girls basketball, competitive cheer, football, ice hockey, boys and girls soccer, boys and girls lacrosse, softball, volleyball, team dual wrestling. Complete directions for filling out and submitting information and photographs is included with each kit. All program information and photographs must be submitted by e-mail.

Information for Pre-Regional/Regional/Semifinal Tournaments – Teams competing in MHSAA Regional tournaments shall provide, upon request, team rosters, photographs, and other information as necessary to local tournament managers so that a souvenir program may be assembled for the event.

Merchandising/Promotion Policies – Use of MHSAA Logo – The MHSAA logo and acronym are registered trademarks. MHSAA tournament trophy designs are also copyrighted. Use of these legally protected marks requires written permission of the MHSAA. Contact the MHSAA Communications Director for additional information.

Post-Game Interviews – Coaches should also be readily available to meet with the media shortly after the conclusion of a contest. It is recommended that approximately five minutes after the game, managers provide a location other than the team locker rooms for post-game interviews with coaches and/or players the coach may wish to designate for interviews. Locker room access should never be allowed to media. Inasmuch as many media outlets are often on deadline following contests, interviews should be granted before any lengthy team meetings occur.

12. SPORTSMANSHIP

TEAM AND SPECTATOR CONDUCT

During contests, officials will penalize, under applicable sportsmanship or playing rules, those student-athletes or coaches who leave the field of play and contact or approach spectator areas for celebration.

Each tournament manager or the MHSAA staff may determine an acceptable number of crowd supervisors necessary for each school, depending on the situation, including inappropriate celebrations and other crowd control issues.

The cost for repair or replacement of facilities damaged because of participant and/or spectator conduct shall be paid by the school involved directly to the host facility within 30 days of the bill being submitted to the school. MHSAA reimbursement or revenue sharing will be withheld until paid by the offending school. Future tournament hosting privileges or school reimbursements to offending schools may be withheld if payment is not made.

When a student is disqualified during a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, that student shall be withheld by his/her school for the remainder of that day of competition and for at least the next day of competition for that team. The student

If a student disqualification occurs during an MHSAA tournament, the next day of disqualification must be served during the next day of that team's MHSAA tournament participation that season as well as the next non-MHSAA tournament contest (if any) prior to the next day of competition in the MHSAA tournament for that team. MHSAA tournament disqualification does not carry over to the next MHSAA tournament in another sport.

Prior to return, the student must complete the NFHS Sportsmanship learning course or other course designated by the MHSAA.

When a coach is disqualified during a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct, that coach shall be prohibited by his/her school from coaching for the remainder of that day of competition and from coaching at or attending at least the next day of competition for that coach's team.

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Prior to return, the coach must complete the NFHS Teaching and Modeling Behavior learning course or other course designated by the MHSAA.

Failure of the school for any reason to enforce this regulation will prohibit the school from entry in the next MHSAA tournament for that sport, or from the remainder of the current tournament if the disqualification occurs during an MHSAA tournament or during the last regular-season contest.

Disqualifications from one season carry over to the next season in that sport for undergraduates and coaches, or the next contest in any other sport for seniors.

If the playing rules for a sport specify an additional penalty or more rapid progression, or use of such a progression for other violations, the playing rules apply.

Any coach who is disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct two or more times during a season, any player who is disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct three or more times during a season, and any coach or player who is ejected for spitting at, hitting, slapping, kicking, pushing or intentionally and aggressively physically contacting an official at any time during that season, is not eligible to participate in the MHSAA tournament for that sport that season. If the tournament disqualifying ejection for that individual occurs during the MHSAA tournament, that player or coach is ineligible for the remainder of that tournament. The disqualified coach shall not be present on site or within sight, sound, or communication.

If a team is removed from competition in protest, the contest is forfeited to the opponent and the coach and principal of the removed team must appear before the Executive Committee to indicate why additional action should not be taken. The Executive Committee may also require the appearance of personnel from other schools and game officials.

If the coach is ejected from the contest and an assistant coach, or an assigned school representative is not available to continue as the coach the event is terminated and forfeited to the opponent.

When a contest is interrupted or it ends prematurely because of a breakdown of proper sportsmanship and whether or not the on-site officials forfeit the contest to one team, one or both schools may be subjected to any or all, but not limited to, the following: censure, probation with competition, probation without competition, forfeiture, loss of privilege of revenue sharing, expulsion. In addition, it may be required of one or both schools that their coaches and administrators appear before the Executive Committee to indicate why additional action should not be taken.

13. WEATHER POLICIES, SUSPENSIONS, POSTPONEMENTS

MHSAA regulations regarding suspension of competition for thunder and lightning will apply as follows:

When lightning is observed, or thunder is heard, and the contest is suspended, contestants shall not return to the playing field until lightning has been absent from the local sky and thunder has not been heard for 30 minutes.

In addition the following suspension regulations apply:

The game is not official until the third quarter is completed. Any game stopped and not able to be resumed before the third quarter is completed is treated as a suspended game.

When the third quarter has been completed and there is no score or the score is tied and if the game has been stopped and is not able to be resumed, it is a suspended game.

When the third quarter has been completed and one team is ahead in score and if the game has been stopped by the official and is not able to be resumed, the game is over and the team ahead in score is the winner.

In all cases, whenever the suspended game is resumed, it is done so from the exact point of suspension on the next available day.

14. INJUNCTION, RESTRAINING ORDER, PROTESTS

If an injunction or restraining order is served or presented at an MHSAA tournament site and such purports to require the eligibility of or participation by a student or team which a school and/or the MHSAA has ruled to be ineligible under MHSAA regulations, the on-site tournament manager is to suspend the entire competition (team competition) or events in which that student is intending to participate (individual competition). If the meet has begun, it shall be completed.

Protests will not be reviewed by the MHSAA. All disputes must be decided at the site before the game proceeds. The contest officials will make the final decision regarding game events. The tournament manager will resolve all next game concerns.

15. TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL POLICY

Use of alcohol or tobacco, including e-cigarettes or other smoking devices, is prohibited at MHSAA tournament events by players, coaches and spectators. Managers should stress in coaches' meetings that they are not to use tobacco at the tournament venue.

Tobacco: It is not intended that a violation of the tobacco policy should lead to immediate ejection of a coach. He or she should be reminded of the policy and reported to his or her school administration after the contest. Only if the coach is unwilling to comply promptly shall he or she be disqualified from coaching at the event. Officials should be reminded of the tobacco policy and reported in writing by the tournament manager to the MHSAA.

Alcohol: Historically, officials promptly disqualified coaches, and tournament managers immediately replaced officials who were under the influence of alcohol; and no change in such procedures is intended by these policies.

16. SPECTATOR POLICIES

The following general policies apply to spectators at MHSAA tournament events. Tournament managers may also have additional school, facility, or institutional restrictions and/or policies.

- Banners are allowed with Tournament Manager approval.
- Noisemakers must be approved by the Tournament Manager. Air horns and whistles are not allowed.
- Smoking is not allowed at the tournament site.
- Spectator Video Recording – Spectators may record games from their normal seating area but are not to interfere with the view of other spectators or news media personnel covering the activity. A manager is not required to provide electrical hook-ups; or tripod space and may arrange spectator recording video from a designated location(s).
- The policies of the local host site shall prevail with respect to pets/animals. In the absence of local host policy, animals or pets shall not be permitted to enter MHSAA tournament venues; including spectator and team areas. However, properly marked or documented service animals which are leashed or harnessed at all times may accompany spectators paying admission or attending with other approved team or school personnel. Individuals who bring service animals are asked to bring their own waste disposal bags and request special seating in advance of the event if this is needed.

17. YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY

During the MHSAA tournament events, the MHSAA expects all designated managers, volunteers, or paid staff assisting in the event, officials, or any other personnel to follow local school district policy and state statute regarding the mandatory reporting of child abuse, bullying, hazing, and sexual harassment. A report of such activity shall be made to legal authorities and to the MHSAA Executive Director or his designee.

18. UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE (DRONE) POLICY

The use of unmanned aerial vehicles (“UAV”), also known as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at MHSAA tournament venues. Tournament management shall refuse admission or entry to anyone attempting to use a UAV; and if necessary, tournament management shall remove anyone attempting to use a UAV and/or confiscate the UAV until the event has been completed. For purposes of this policy, a UAV is any aircraft without a human pilot aboard the device.

An exception to this policy may be made in specific cases for MHSAA broadcast partners, provided the management of the tournament facility permits the presence of UAVs for broadcast purposes under the control of the MHSAA.

19. RETURN TO ACTIVITY & POST-CONCUSSION CONSENT FORM

<https://www.mhsaa.com/sites/default/files/Administrators/returntoplay.pdf>

