

2025 Procedure & Criteria for Boys Lacrosse Regional Team Placement & Tournament Seeding

ALL teams should plan on playing a tournament game May 15-19, 2025 (this is two Thursday's before Memorial Day). After this round, all games will be at the Regional Host: Semifinals May 21-23, 2025 and Regional Finals May 27 or 28. Regional semifinals may be played with MHSAA permission on Tues. May 20, 2025. Host sites and game times will be posted on MHSAA.com. Only three games are permitted in a week Monday-Sunday.

Regional 1st Round: May 15-19 or earlier (at home sites of top team)

Regional Semifinal: May 21-23 at Regional Host

Regional Final: May 27 or 28 at Regional Host

MHSAA Quarter Final: May 30 or 31 at Regional Host TBD

MHSAA Semifinal: June 3, 2025

MHSAA Final: June 6, 2025 at TBA

PRE-SEASON SEEDING DETERMINED BY THE LACROSSE COMMITTEE Oct. 2024

Division 1 Pre-Season Seeded Teams:

1. Detroit Catholic Central
2. Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice
3. Rockford
4. Hartland
5. Lake Orion
6. Grand Ledge
7. Birmingham Seaholm
8. Brighton

Division 2 Pre-Season Seeded Teams:

1. Detroit Country Day
2. Ada Forest Hills Eastern
3. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central
4. East Grand Rapids
5. Byron Center
6. Haslett
7. Grand Rapids Catholic Central
8. Mattawan

The Tournament seeding and Regional placement will follow the procedure and criteria defined below:

1. Prior to the October Boys Lacrosse Committee meeting, MHSAA staff will prepare **preliminary** Regional groupings based purely on geographical considerations; the 7-9 closest schools will be grouped together to form each of the 8 regions in both divisions.
2. At the October meeting, the Boys Lacrosse Committee will determine the top eight (8) teams in division based on the following criteria:

Criteria for Determining Regions at Pre-Season Tournament Committee Meeting October 2024:

Top Eight Teams by MHSAA Division ranked in descending order

Performance during the previous season (2024) which includes the following information:

- Overall Win - Loss Record for games between MHSAA tournament teams
- Performance in MHSAA tournament possibly in a former division or as a cooperative program
- Michigan Power Ratings (MPR)
- Strength of schedule for games involving MHSAA tournament teams
- Head-to-Head competition and common Opponents against MHSAA tournament teams
- Professional Judgment of the Committee

If a tie exists, the criteria above will be used to break the tie, including consideration of the year prior to the most recent previous season (2022).

3. Following the selection of and ranking of the top eight (8) seeded teams in each division, these "pre-season seeded teams," 1-8, will be placed in one of the 8 regions.
 - a. If a pre-season seeded team falls naturally within a geographic Regional grouping, that team will likely, but not always, be included in that region.
 - b. If more than one pre-season seeded team falls naturally within a geographic Region, one of the seeded teams will stay within the region, and the other seeded team(s) will be placed in another Regional at the discretion of the committee considering geography, a yearly rotation of higher seeded teams and possible Quarterfinal matchups. The committee has full discretion to place all preseason-seeded teams.

Division 1 – 2025 Boys Lacrosse Regionals Assignments

62 teams Preseason seeded teams (boldface) selected by the Lacrosse Committee Oct. 2024

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Check school calendars NOW for conflicts

Region 1-1 | Host TBD

SF-TBD | F-TBD

Grand Haven

Holland West Ottawa

Hudsonville

Jenison

Muskegon Mona Shores (MCC, WMC, Fruitport)*

Rockford

Zeeland West (Zeeland East)*

(7 teams)

Region 2-1 | Host TBD

SF-TBD | F-TBD

East Kentwood

Grand Ledge

Grand Rapids Christian (South Christian, Calvin Christian)*

Grand Rapids Northview (West Catholic)*

Grandville

Holt (Mason)*

Jackson (Lumen, NW, Mich. Center, Parma Western)*

Kalamazoo Central (Loy Norrix, Phoenix)*

(8 teams)

Region 3-1 | Host TBD

SF-TBD | F-TBD

Bay City Central (Frankenmuth, Freeland)*

Clarkston

Davison

Grand Blanc

Hartland

Ortonville Brandon (Holly)*

Oxford

Swartz Creek (Flushing)*

(8 teams)

Region 4-1 | Host TBD

SF-TBD | F-TBD

Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice[^]

Rochester

Rochester Adams

Romeo

Troy

Troy Athens (Auburn Hills Avondale)*

Utica Eisenhower (Utica)*

Waterford Kettering (Waterford Mott)*

(8 teams)

Region 5-1 | Host TBD

SF-TBD | F-TBD

Clinton Twp Chippewa Valley

Lake Orion

Macomb Dakota

Macomb L'Anse Creuse North

New Baltimore Anchor Bay

Port Huron (Port Huron Northern)*

St Clair (Marine City, Marysville)*

Utica Ford (Sterling Heights Stevenson)*

(8 teams)

Region 6-1 | Host TBD

SF-TBD | F-TBD

Birmingham Seaholm (Groves)*

Bloomfield Hills

Brownstown Woodhaven

Detroit Cass Tech

Farmington (North Farmington)*

Livonia Stevenson (Franklin, Churchill)*

Royal Oak (Berkley)*

West Bloomfield

(8 teams)

Region 7-1 | Host TBD

SF-TBD | F-TBD

Brighton

Howell

Northville

Novi

South Lyon East (South Lyon)*

Walled Lake Northern (WL Central, WL Northern)*

White Lake Lakeland (Highland-Milford)*

(7 teams)

Region 8-1 | Host TBD

SF-TBD | F-TBD

Ann Arbor Huron

Ann Arbor Pioneer

Belleville

Canton

Detroit Catholic Central

Plymouth

Salem

Saline

(8 teams)

New Cooperative Programs: Grand Rapids Northview (Grand Rapids West Catholic)*

Teams Up from D2 to D1: Brownstown Woodhaven, Jenison, Rochester Adams

New Teams in D1: None

*Cooperative Program

[^]Opted Up a Division

#Possible Quarterfinal Site

Division 2 – 2025 Boys Lacrosse Regionals Assignments

65 teams Preseason seeded teams (boldface) selected by the Lacrosse Committee Oct. 2024

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Regional Final: May 27 or 28 at Regional Host

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Region 9-2 | Host TBD

SF-TBD | F-TBD

Note #8 vs #9 play May 9-13 or earlier

Coopersville

Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central

Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern

Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills (Comstock Park, Sparta)*

Muskegon Reeths-Puffer (North Muskegon)*

Petoskey (Boyne City, Pet. St Michael, Harbor Springs)*

Spring Lake

Traverse City Central

Traverse City West

(9 teams)

Region 13-2 | Host TBD

SF-TBD | F-TBD

Note #8 vs #9 play May 9-13 or earlier

Bay City John Glenn (Saginaw Nouvel)*

Bay City Western

Flint Powers Catholic

Goodrich (Lake Fenton)*

Haslett (Williamston)*

Lapeer

Midland

Midland HH Dow

Saginaw Heritage

(9 teams)

Region 10-2 | Host TBD

SF-TBD | F-TBD

Battle Creek Harper Creek

Battle Creek Lakeview

Battle Creek Pennfield (St. Phillip)*

Holland Christian (Hudsonville Unity Christian)*

Mattawan

Portage Central

Portage Northern

Vicksburg (Kalamazoo Hackett)*

(8 teams)

Region 14-2 | Host TBD

SF-TBD | F-TBD

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood

Detroit Country Day

Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse

MH Bishop Foley (Lutheran North, Clawson)*

Orchard Lake St Mary's

Pontiac Notre Dame Prep

Rochester Hills Stoney Creek

Royal Oak Shrine (Everest, Lutheran NW, OLL)*

(8 teams)

Region 11-2 | Host TBD

SF-TBD | F-TBD

Ada Forest Hills Eastern

Caledonia

DeWitt

East Lansing

Lansing Catholic (Lansing Christian, Waverly)*

Lowell

Okemos

Ovid Elsie (St Johns)*

(8 teams)

Region 15-2 | Host TBD

SF-TBD | F-TBD

Allen Park

Dearborn Divine Child

Detroit U of D Jesuit

Grand Rapids Catholic Central

Grosse Pointe North

Grosse Pointe South

Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett

Warren De La Salle

(8 teams)

Region 12-2 | Host TBD

SF-TBD | F-TBD

Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard

Ann Arbor Skyline

Chelsea

Dexter

East Grand Rapids

Fenton

Linden

Pinckney

(8 teams)

Region 16-2 | Host TBD

SF-TBD | F-TBD

Ann Arbor Greenhills

Byron Center

Grosse Ile

Monroe St Mary Catholic Central

Riverview Gabriel Richard

Tecumseh

Temperance Bedford

Ypsilanti Lincoln

(8 teams)

Teams Down from D1 to D2: Lansing Catholic*, Lapeer, Petoskey*, Rochester Hills Stoney Creek, Traverse City Central (end of coop with TC West)
New Teams in D2: Traverse City West

Late Season Seeding Determined by the Committee May 7, 2025

1. Based on competition played during the current season and on or before the Monday before the late-season seeding meeting (Mon. May 5, 2025), all teams (including pre-season seeded team) in each Region shall be seeded and ranked within the Region using the following criteria:

Criteria for Late-Season Seeding of Regional Brackets (May 7, 2025) - All Teams by Region

- 2025 Season Performance against MHSAA tournament teams only
- **Michigan Power Ratings (MPR)** for games involving MHSAA tournament teams only
- Strength of schedule for games involving MHSAA tournament teams only
- Head-to-head competition & common opponents against MHSAA tournament teams during the season
- Discretion of the Committee including the possible use of a blind draw.*

**Note: Under committee discretion, with the impact on MPR and limited results for the purposes of strength of schedule, head-to-head and common opponents, teams with fewer than 8 posted results against MHSAA tournament teams at the time of the Seeding Meeting could be negatively impacted with regard to Regional bracket and overall seeding. Out-of-state schools who are members of a Michigan league/conference will be considered MHSAA tournament teams for the purposes of MPR and seeding, but will not be eligible to participate in the MHSAA tournament.*

2. Based on the above criteria the teams shall be ranked and placed on a Regional bracket. In the lower half of the seeded teams within each region, the committee may adjust seeding within two seeds to accommodate excessive travel for both teams in a first-round home-site game.
3. From the teams in each region established in October, each region will have one team designated as a seed; 1-8 determined by the committee. Based on the late-season seeds and possibly the overall strength of the region in each division, regions will be matched up at the Quarterfinal level according to the 1-8, 2-7, 3-6, 4-5 formula. These 1-8, 2-7, 3-6, 4-5 Quarterfinal matchups may change from the pre-season seeding **but no team will be relocated from its original (October) region**. Regional champions carry the Regional seed with them through the tournament.
4. The Semifinal brackets will also be set (1 vs. 4; 2 vs. 3) using the criteria above for Late Season Seeding.
5. Prior to the May meeting, the MHSAA will procure host sites for each region. Regional 1st-round games will be played at the home sites with the higher seed hosting. Regional Semifinal and Regional Final games will be held at host sites.
6. All 16 Regional hosts will be asked to hold their facility to host a Quarterfinal game. MHSAA staff will then select Quarterfinal sites based on the geography of advancing teams.
7. Prior to the May meeting, MHSAA will present tentative Semifinal sites. A final decision on Semifinal sites will be made after the Quarterfinals based on geographic considerations of advancing teams.
8. Alternate site policy applies to all rounds but the Final (attempting to relocate games if both teams have travel).
9. Brackets will be posted on MHSAA.com by noon the day following the late season seeding committee meeting.

Note: **Within the Committee, coaches are assigned regions each from the opposite division to focus on prior to the late-season seed meeting. The week prior to the meeting, these coaches will seek input via email or otherwise from the coaches in the regions they are reviewing regarding the seeding. The full Lacrosse Committee will then seed the brackets at the May meeting.** The decisions of the Lacrosse Committee are final and not subject to appeal. It may be necessary for a small number of games played after the late season seeding meeting to factor into the seeding. It is also possible that a conference call of committee members may occur to finalize seeding.