



MHSAA
TOURNAMENT MANAGER'S MANUAL
2024 MHSAA GIRLS LACROSSE

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- The MHSAA Girls Lacrosse Tournament is conducted in two equal Divisions by enrollment.
- Schools sponsoring Girls Lacrosse teams will be assigned one of four Regional sites in each Division.
- Each Regional qualifier will compete in the Semifinals on **Wednesday, June 5, 2024**.
- Finals in Girls Lacrosse are held on **Friday, June 7, 2024**.
- Divisions are determined by the MHSAA each spring for the upcoming school year for all sports, with schools who add the sport after that time placed into the Division where they fall by enrollment.
- Tournament Opt-Out Due Date is **April 24, 2024**. Participating teams at the Regional level must submit Master Eligibility Lists and Rosters to the tournament manager by the opt-out due date of April 24, 2024. Late submission of materials is subject to a \$50 late fee.
- **Regional hosts do not need to host a draw meeting.** The Regional bracket will be determined by the MHSAA and posted to the MHSAA website on **Sunday, May 5, 2024**. **Prior to that date, district hosts should notify the MHSAA and participating schools of the date, time, and location of the semifinals and finals.**
- **Within 24 hours after the Regional draws have been posted, hosts should finalize first round game days, times and locations and send to kwestdorp@mhsaa.com.** There is a very short time span for assigning officials to these games so, please provide in a timely manner.
- Pre-regional tournament games are scheduled for **May 16-18 or 20, 2024 (or earlier)**.
- Regional First-Round tournament games are scheduled for **May 22-24, 2024 (or earlier)**.
- Regional Semifinals are scheduled for **May 28 or 29, 2024**.
- Regional Finals are scheduled for **May 31 or June 1, 2024**.
- Admission for Regionals is \$7.00 per person; Semifinals is \$9.00 per person; Finals \$11.00 per person.
- The MHSAA assigns officials at all levels of the Girls Lacrosse Tournament.

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(Alphabetical by topic)

ADMISSION: Ticket prices for the MHSAA Girls Lacrosse Tournament are \$7 per person (per day) at the Regional level; \$9 per person at the Semifinal level; and \$11 per person (2 games) for the Finals. Starting with the Regional Semifinal games, digital tickets will be sold via GoFan. For the first rounds of Regionals, host schools will sell tickets just like a regular season home game. All spectators are expected to pay an admission charge at all levels of the tournament. 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 spectator 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.

General policies regarding admission are as follows:

- Infants in arms not requiring individual seats shall be admitted free of charge.
- No reduced rates are allowed for elementary school students, senior citizens, etc.
- All seating is general admission. There will be no reserved seating. No effort should be made to reserve special sections for season ticket holders, etc. Host schools may designate special seating areas for the opposing team's fans, but there should be no special reserved seating.

ANNOUNCER: At all levels of the Girls Lacrosse Tournament, each Tournament Manager shall secure his/her own personnel for announcer duties.

ASSIGNED SCHOOLS: Only those schools assigned to your Regional Tournament are allowed to compete. Any other requests for entry must be referred to the MHSAA Office before competition is granted. Please notify the MHSAA if a school fails to attend without notification. The Master Eligibility List and Roster constitute entry in the Girls Lacrosse Tournament Series. Additions or updates to the Master Eligibility List (except transfer students who enroll after the dates in Regulation I, Section 9F) may be accepted by the Tournament Manager if submitted and received prior to the start of competition for any team in the first level of that tournament to which the school is assigned. All players on the Master Eligibility List submitted are eligible for tournament play even if their individual names are not on the roster.

AWARDS PRESENTATION: Regional and Finals Managers shall make arrangements for an awards presentation. Presenters may be school administrators, Tournament Managers, Representative Council members, MHSAA staff members or other persons who are representative of the MHSAA philosophy of interscholastic competition. Only MHSAA-approved awards are to be presented to student-athletes at MHSAA tournaments.

BROADCAST/WEBCAST POLICIES: Any media outlet wishing to broadcast an MHSAA Tournament game on radio, cable or television, or over the Internet in the form of audio, video and streaming statistics in real time, must make application with the MHSAA in advance of the game to be broadcast and the Tournament Manager must receive approval from the MHSAA Office before letting the outlet into the venue. Outlets broadcasting contests are responsible for making their own telephone and Internet access arrangements, but Tournament Managers may choose to make such access available as a courtesy.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS: Pre-regional tournament games (May 16-18 or 20) are played at the home site (team on top of bracket) or regional site. **Girls Lacrosse Regional Managers must designate whether the Pre-Regional Games (May 16-18 or 20) and Regional First Round Games (May 22-24) will be conducted at the home site (team on top of bracket) or the Regional site.**

Regional Girls Lacrosse Managers shall notify competing schools that they must finalize dates and times of games within 24 hours of the Regional draw posting. The Regional Manager should also finalize the dates of the Regional semi-finals and championship game times at their site prior to May 5, 2024. Please use the attached GLAX Draw Results Form and return the information to the MHSAA after information has been compiled. All Regional, Semifinal and Final tournament managers shall provide information packets to participating teams including time schedule, location of facility, locker room assignments and parking policies. The Regional Manager will give the Semifinal packet to the winning team at the regional championship game and the Semifinal Tournament Manager will give the packet to the winning team at the semifinal game.

CONCUSSION PROTOCOLS: “Any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion, or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the contest and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health care professional.” This language which appears in all National Federation sports rule books reflects a strengthening of rules regarding the safety of athletes suspected of having a concussion. Some sports rules required officials to remove from play any athlete who was “unconscious or apparently unconscious.” This new language reflects an increasing focus on safety, given that the vast majority of concussions do not involve a loss of consciousness. This protocol is intended to provide the mechanics to follow during the course of contests when an athlete sustains an apparent concussion.

- 1) The officials will have no role in determining concussion other than the obvious one where a player is either unconscious or apparently unconscious as is provided for under the current rule. Officials will merely point out to a coach that a player is apparently injured and advise that the player should be examined by a health care provider for an exact determination of the extent of injury.
- 2) If it is confirmed by the school’s designated health care professional that the student did not sustain a concussion, the head coach may so advise the officials during an appropriate stoppage of play and the athlete may re-enter competition pursuant to the contest rules.
- 3) Otherwise, if competition continues while the athlete is withheld for an apparent concussion, that athlete may not be returned to competition that day but is subject to the return to play protocol.
 - a) The clearance may not be on the same date on which the athlete was removed from play
 - b) Only an M.D., D.O., Physician’s Assistant or Nurse Practitioner may clear the individual to return to activity.
 - c) The clearance must be in writing **and must be unconditional. It is not sufficient that the M.D., D.O., Physician’s Assistant or Nurse Practitioner has approved the student to begin a return-to-play progression. The medical examiner must approve the student’s return to unrestricted activity.**
 - d) Individual school, districts and leagues may have more stringent requirements and protocols including but not limited to mandatory periods of inactivity, screening and post-concussion testing prior to the written clearance for return to activity.
- 4) Following the contest, an officials Report shall be filed with a removed player’s school and the MHSAA **if the situation was brought to the officials’ attention.**
- 5) **Member schools are required to complete and submit the forms designated by the MHSAA to record and track head injury events in all levels of all sports.**
- 6) In cases where an assigned MHSAA tournament physician (MD/DO/PA/NP) is present, his or her decision to not allow an athlete to return to activity may not be overruled.

[RETURN TO ACTIVITY & POST-CONCUSSION FORM](#)

DATES/TIME SCHEDULE: Teams are encouraged to arrive one hour before game time. Failure to be ready for play 30 minutes after scheduled starting time will result in forfeiture. In emergency situations and when a delay has been reported, the manager may delay start time. The games will be as follows:

Pre-Regional Games:	May 16-18 or 20, 2024
Regional First Round:	May 22-24, 2024
Regional Semifinals:	May 28 or 29, 2024
Regional Finals:	May 31, or June 1, 2024
Semifinals:	June 5, 2024
Finals:	June 7, 2024

DRAW PROCEDURES: Regional hosts do not need to host a draw meeting. The Regional bracket will be determined by the MHSAA and posted to the MHSAA website by Sunday, May 5, 2024. Prior to that date, at the beginning of the season, Regional hosts are asked to notify the MHSAA and participating schools of the date, time and location of the semifinals and finals. **Within 24 hours after the Regional draws have been posted, hosts should finalize first round game days, time and locations and provide the information to the MHSAA (for official assignment).** The MHSAA has a very short time to assign officials for these games, so please make certain this is done in a timely manner.

One week prior to the draw, the MHSAA will post to the website the Regional draw formula. This formula specifies the bracket line number for all teams.

When a team withdraws from the Regional Tournament after the draw has taken place, the bracket position of the team that withdraws is vacated and it's opponent advances.

ELIGIBILITY LISTS/ROSTERS: Each manager must fax or email the winning team roster and Master Eligibility List to the next level tournament manager immediately after the conclusion of the final game. It is imperative that the next level manager is aware of what teams have progressed in the MHSAA Tournament.

To be eligible to compete in the Girls Lacrosse MHSAA Tournament, a student must have competed in that sport in at least four games with his/her school team against other MHSAA member school teams.

EMERGENCIES AT VENUE: The MHSAA adopts local district policies for handling venue emergencies.

FINALS PROGRAM SALES: The MHSAA will print and deliver a program to the finals site. The host school will share in profits based on total programs sold at the site. The Tournament Manager should appoint one person as the director of program sales, responsible for organizing the sales force, assigning locations and justifying the money and programs.

FINALS TOURNAMENT QUALIFIER: Teams which are defeated by an ineligible opponent or teams which allowed one or more ineligible students to participate; or teams or individuals found to be in violation of contest limitations or maximums do not advance in MHSAA tournaments. If placements in MHSAA tournament are vacated as a result of an individual being ineligible or a team allowing one or more ineligible students to participate, other individuals or teams neither advance to those placements or receive awards for those places.

FINANCES/EXPENSES: The Financial Report Form must be returned to the MHSAA as soon as possible following the completion of the tournament. All revenue and approved expenses should be included in the report. The site will also retain a portion of revenue from MHSAA merchandise sales and 100% of revenue from concessions. No additional rental fee is appropriate. Hospitality rooms, lunches at drawings, refreshments for teams, etc., are not to be included in tournament expenses to the MHSAA. The MHSAA does not reimburse workers who are hired by the local tournament manager for any activity which produces revenue for the local site. This includes concession workers, sellers of programs or merchandise and parking attendants. Payment by check or money order should be made payable to the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc., and sent to 1661 Ramblewood Drive, East Lansing, Michigan, 48823. **Please file your report within 7 days after the conclusion of your tournament.**

All MHSAA tournament sport sites are subject to audit. These sites are randomly selected and require documentation of all income and expenses. Tournament expenses different from regular season host site expenses in that same sport will require justification before expenses are approved for payment to or retention by the host site.

FORFEITURE: Failure to be ready for competition by thirty minutes after the scheduled starting time of the tournament will result in forfeiture; unless the team in question has communicated with tournament management of a delay due to unforeseen circumstances.

GAME BALL: In MHSAA tournament play, the ball shall be yellow and meet the current NOCSAE lacrosse standard at the time of manufacture. The home team will provide the game balls. The same type must be used throughout the game.

GAME POSTPONEMENT AND SUSPENSION: When MHSAA tournament lacrosse games must be postponed due to severe weather conditions or hazardous field conditions that may be injurious to players, the Tournament Manager has the authority to postpone the game and schedule it on the next playable day.

For all regular season and MHSAA tournament games, a regulation game consists of two 25-minute periods unless extended because of a tie score. If darkness, rain or other causes interfere with play so that the game is called (ended by referee), it is a regulation game if 75 percent (3 quarters) of playing time has elapsed.

All regular season and MHSAA 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.

HOSPITALITY: By Representative Council action, the MHSAA is not permitted to reimburse tournament hosts for refreshments served to coaches and other invited guests. Such hospitality is generous and recommended however the host school will assume the financial responsibility.

INCLEMENT WEATHER: On threatening days, game management should consult with contest officials about steps to be followed if conditions worsen. When suspending an outdoor contest, officials and game management shall follow these guidelines.

- Lightning necessitates that contests be suspended. The occurrence of lightning is not subject to interpretation or discussion.
- Severe weather in the form of rain or snow which may make the field unplayable.
- When a contest is suspended, the home school administration shall attempt to arrange for the security of all participants.
- Contestants and support personnel shall be moved to appropriate indoor facilities.
- 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.
- Spectators shall be advised of the action being taken to seek shelter. Some hosts may be able to offer shelter to spectators but are not required to do so.

In considering resumption of competition, the following steps shall be followed:

- Delays for contests scheduled prior to 3 p.m. must not exceed three hours. Delays for contests scheduled for 3 p.m. or later must not exceed one and one half hours.
- Delays on nights not followed by school for all the competing teams may be longer by mutual agreement of participating schools. A postponed contest shall be rescheduled on a date/time mutually agreed to by the schools involved.
- MHSAA Lacrosse Tournament policy is as follows: **Because of the necessary progression of the tournament, the above stated regular season weather delays may be extended for MHSAA lacrosse tournament games by Tournament Managers.**

NOTE: More restrictive local policies and MHSAA tournament policies would supersede these policies and should be shared with the opponents and officials prior to the contest, preferably in writing. Otherwise, and to the extent allowed by the playing rules code, the official(s) shall make the final decision regarding game suspension once the game begins.

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 contest proceeds. The officials will make the final decision regarding contest events. The Tournament Manager will resolve all next contest concerns.

INTERNET STREAMING: Teams participating in MHSAA Tournaments are prohibited from streaming live video of any portion of an event over the Internet - including using social media platforms like Periscope and Facebook

– or any other method. Likewise, individual spectators are also prohibited from streaming video through any means.

Tournament Managers are to remind participating teams of this policy; ensure that team video equipment is not being used to stream live video; read the public address announcements and post the signage provided by the MHSAA; and enforce the policy if a member of a participating team party or a spectator is suspected of streaming video.

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 that 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.

MEDIA/MULTI-MEDIA: Providing accommodations and services to the media covering MHSAA tournaments is the responsibility of the host manager. News media representatives are encouraged to call managers in advance of the events that they desire to cover, but it is not unusual for a working member of the media to show up unannounced. Gate attendants should be attentive to media passes (the MHSAA annually issues passes good for tournament events), and admit those individuals when appropriate – as long as they are attending the game in a working capacity. Managers are under no obligation to admit or provide press row/box accommodations for non-working companions of media members. It is recommended that managers designate a specific door for media entrance.

Photographers – still and video – may be granted appropriate access to shoot (i.e. sidelines, baselines), if they are from an accredited media outlet, an MHSAA Licensed Photographer, or an individual identified by a school administrator to the Tournament Manager who is authorized to capture such content exclusively for the school's publication, promotional, educational or public relations uses. For more specific information regarding MHSAA media policies please refer to the MHSAA Handbook –Regulation II, Section 14.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY POLICY: Host school Tournament Managers should follow all local school district policies regarding medical emergencies for participating athletes, coaches, student and adult spectators for competition conducted in school facilities. It is advised that AED devices be readily available during tournament competition. In addition:

- Trainers are an allowed expense and encouraged, but not required.
- All MHSAA concussion protocols will be followed.
- MHSAA policy on tornado watches and warnings shall be followed.
- MHSAA policy on managing heat and humidity shall be followed.

When MHSAA tournament contests are conducted at non-school facilities, plans should be developed for the following needs and/or circumstances:

- Student, coach and spectator shelter for outdoor events.
- Host facility emergency equipment such as AED's fire escape, etc.
- Emergency communications, i.e. phone numbers, school administration contact.
- Coordination with facility management regarding evacuation, first aid, on-site responsibilities.
- Medical transport or first responder contact procedures.
- Proximity/directions of nearest medical facility.

TOURNAMENT MEDICAL INCIDENT REPORT

MERCHANDISING: Concession stands, whether operated by school or non-school groups, must confine sales to non-alcoholic beverages, edible items and general school spirit items that were available at regular-season home contests. The selling of tournament-related merchandise is limited to programs offered by the MSHAA and its authorized vendors, which may be in contact with you regarding their availability. Such programs may include, but are not limited to, the following categories: T-shirts, DVDs and photograph. Regardless of the availability of such authorized programs, schools may not produce their own tournament-specific merchandise items to sell at MHSAA tournament sites. Raffles and 50-50 drawings are not allowed.

MICHIGAN POWER RATING (MPR): The Michigan Power Rating (MPR) formula will be used for girls lacrosse in 2023-24. MPR is simply winning percentage times 25%, plus opponent' winning percentage times 50%, plus opponents' opponents' winning percentage times 25%. Ties count as half a win and half a loss.

The only games calculated for MPR are games played between teams that will play in the MHSAA tournament. games that do not count include games against out of state schools, games vs. JV teams, games against varsity B teams, games against non-school club teams, and games against MHSAA schools that are not playing in the tournament.

MPR only looks at who won and who lost, or who tied. MPR does not look at scores or margin of victory. It does not matter if you are home or away. Games at the beginning of the season are weighed the same as games at the end of the season. Scrimmages are not used in the calculation.

OFFICIALS FEES: Only approved MHSAA Registered officials may officiate at MHSAA tournament games. The number of officials who may be scheduled for the tournament games may not exceed the following without advance approval of MHSAA staff.

Regional Games:	2
Regional Finals:	3
Semifinals:	3
Finals:	3

The MHSAA will assign all officials to all regional through final sites. Regional officials will receive \$70, semifinal officials receive \$80 and finals officials will receive \$90. Beginning with the 51st mile, mileage will be reimbursed at .40 cents per roundtrip mile. The MHSAA will notify you by email of assigned officials as well as replacement officials. If an official declines an assignment, please notify kwestdorp@mhsaa.com.

OVERTIME PROCEDURES: (MHSAA Committee did not adopt the Sudden Victory Overtime Rule and the previous overtime procedures will be retained.) These procedures are as follows:

When the score is tied at the end of regular playing time, both teams will have a 5-minute rest and toss a coin (visiting captain calls) for choice of ends. The alternate possession shall continue from regulation. The game will be restarted by a center draw. Each overtime shall be two three-minute halves. The clock stops on official time-outs or fouls in the critical scoring area. After the first half of the overtime period, teams shall change ends with no delay for coaching. The game will be restarted by a center draw. The team which is ahead at the end of six minutes wins the game.

If the teams are still tied after six minutes have elapsed, the teams will have a 3-minute rest and change ends. Play will continue with "sudden victory" overtime periods of six minutes in length (two 3-minute halves) with 3 minutes in between and change of ends until a winning goal is scored.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION: This information is available at mhsaa.com. In addition to this Manual, each Tournament Manager should review the Participating School Tournament Information.

PICTURE PHONES: If a tournament manager or athletic director discovers that someone has possibly photographed or transmitted inappropriate material, they should obtain and record identification information in the event that images are later discovered so the person responsible may be located. In addition, the head coach or athletic director of the school involved should be informed as soon as possible. Pertinent facts such as date, team, location, time, etc. should be recorded and local district policy should govern if the police are to be called.

RADIO, TELEVISION, CABLE TELEVISION BROADCASTING: All radio, television, cable television stations requesting to broadcast competition live or delayed must obtain approval through the MHSAA Office prior to the date of the event. No radio or television origination or audio or video broadcasts via the Internet are permitted at any site until application has been made through the MHSAA and the fee has been paid and authorization given by the MHSAA through the tournament manager.

REGULAR SEASON CONTEST DELAYS: When a league or conference does not have a written policy regarding late contest start time, the following MHSAA policy shall apply.

If a team fails to arrive for a regular-season contest at the time stated on the contract, it shall be necessary for the host administration to delay the contest, declare the game forfeited, reschedule the contest or declare the event "no contest". If the host management has been notified of the reason for the delay and projected arrival, the officials must stand by for 60 minutes beyond the scheduled start time. When the team arrives, a reasonable amount of time must be provided for the visiting team to conduct a pregame warm-up. In any case, warm-up shall not be less than 15 minutes. If the host management has not been notified that there is a delay and the reason for it, the officials have permission to leave the site, without obligation, 30 minutes after the contracted start time has passed. (In MHSAA tournament play, the Participating School Tournament Information for each sport will prescribe the specific action to be taken. For regular-season play, league and conference policy supersedes the policy above, so coaches and officials should inquire with their league to see if any policy exists).

REPORTING RESULTS: Regional Tournament Managers are required to email daily tournament results immediately to results@mhsaa.com. Each Regional Manager will also report to the Semifinal Tournament Manager the team that qualified from his/her Regional Tournament. In addition, the Lacrosse Roster and Master Eligibility List of the qualifying team must be forwarded to the Semifinal Manager and the Finals Manager. Semifinal Managers are requested to send this information to the Final Tournament Manager.

SCOREBOARD CLOCK: It is recommended that a visible clock and scoring device be in use for all tournament games.

SCORER AND TIMER: A qualified adult scorer and timer shall be provided by the Tournament Manager. The Tournament Manager becomes the assigning authority as per the NFHS/ US Lacrosse rules. Scorer and timers should be provided copies of their duties as printed in the NFHS/US Lacrosse Rule Book. An air horn must be present at the scorer's table at field level to signify substitutions and the end of the half. The official scorer must maintain an accurate record for alternate possession.

SCORES ARE FINAL: All scores are final 10 minutes after the officials have signed the master score sheet.

SOUVENIR PROGRAMS: Regional Tournament Managers shall produce a souvenir program for their site. Regional Tournament Managers have the option to use the program provided by the MHSAA publisher or produce their own. Locally produced programs must identify the MHSAA as the sponsor of the tournament, using the camera-ready materials provided by the MHSAA. These materials may be found on the administration page of the MHSAA Website.

Programs shall include the rosters of the participating teams and the tournament bracket. Such information as team pictures and season scores could also be included. Regional Tournament managers may cover the cost of producing their programs by securing local advertising. This is an acceptable practice to keep the cost of the program to a minimum for the spectator. Advertisers should be selected with care and should not include mention of products or services in conflict with MHSAA philosophies, such as tobacco, liquor or beer and their sale at bars, party stores, restaurants, lounges, and team summer camps. If you have any questions regarding programs, please address them to Jon Ross, MHSAA Communications Director at 517-332-5046. Please forward the MHSAA a copy of your program as soon as it is printed.

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

- Banners are allowed with Meet Manager approval.
- Noisemakers must be approved by the Meet Manager. Air horns and whistles are not allowed.

- Body paint is not allowed.
- Spectator Videotaping – Spectators may tape 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 videotaping from a designated location(s).
- Tournament management may request that spectator sections not stand during play if standing will block the view of other spectators. If possible, policies which prohibit spectator sections from standing during play should be communicated to participating teams in advance of their arrival at the tournament site. Spectators are not allowed on the field.

SPECTATOR VIDEOTAPING/FILMING: Spectators must receive permission from the Tournament Manager for any live action taken of athletic events other than snapshots. If permission is granted for spectators to film the entire event or take clips, it is to be with the understanding the tape/film may not be sold, leased, borrowed, or rented for commercial purposes, or shown on television. The Tournament Manager should not permit spectators to interfere with the view of other spectators or news media personnel covering the activity and is not required to provide electrical hook-ups and/or tripod space. The Tournament Manager may require spectator videotaping from a designated location. If there is any question as to the purposes of filming or taping, the local tournament management has the right to deny the request for taping.

SPORTSMANSHIP: The official has the power to eject without any previous warning any player guilty of flagrant or repeated violation of the rules, dissent, misconduct, or abusive language. This immediate ejection will be noted by issuing a red card. Any player receiving a red card (ejected) must leave the field and enter the penalty area for four minutes of elapsed playing time and no substitute may take her place during that four-minute period. Any player receiving a second yellow card (suspended) must leave the field and enter the penalty area for two minutes of elapsed playing time and no substitute may take her place during that two-minute period. Once the full penalty time has been served, the team may substitute another player for the player who has been ejected or suspended. Anyone receiving two yellow cards (suspended) or a red card (ejected) in the game will not be eligible for further participation in that game.

Any ejected player receiving a red card will be prohibited from participating in the team's next game. An ejected player must serve her next-game suspension in her team's bench area for the entire game including on-field pregame, game or post-game activities. The ejected player may not be dressed in her game uniform.

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. 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 a MHSAA tournament or during the last regular season contest.

Unless a school or the MHSAA applies additional conditions, suspension from coaching requires at least that the coach not be at or near the team bench before, during or after the contest and not be in or near the locker room before, during or after the contest and not give instructions directly or indirectly to coaches or players from any position in or near the field of play.

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

Unless a school or the MHSAA applies additional conditions, a suspended player is treated as an ineligible player, which means that the student shall not participate. It is permissible, but not recommended, that the player sits with the team. The minimum requirement is that the suspended student shall not enter the contest as

a participant. If a school fails to enforce a suspension with respect to one of its students which is required under MHSAA regulations, tournament management or any representative of a member school who becomes aware of the violation shall report it to the MHSAA for further action, which shall include (but not be limited to) forfeiture of the contest and thus elimination from the remainder of the tournament. A player who is ejected during a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be withheld by his/her school for the remainder of that day of competition and will be prohibited from participating in the team's next day of competition. If a school fails to enforce the subsequent disqualification with respect to one of its students, the Tournament Manager or any registered official or representative of a member school who becomes aware of the violation shall report it to the MHSAA which shall prohibit the school from the remainder of the current tournament.

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 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.

TAPING/FILMING: Media credential requests are processed by local managers. Credential requests for the Lacrosse Finals will be handled by the MHSAA. Competing schools may videotape games in which the school competes. The tape is not to be used to second-guess decisions made by meet officials. Schools wishing to videotape games at other sites may do so without securing advanced permission but must tape from the stands unless the press box space is available.

The filming/taping of MHSAA events must be cleared through the Michigan High School Athletic Association. Members of the media may, without paying a fee, arrange with the local Tournament Manager to take clips of MHSAA events for public showing. A MHSAA event may not be filmed or taped for showing in its entirety without advance clearance through the MHSAA.

TEAM BENCH AREAS: Both teams shall be in designated team bench areas on one side of the field of play.

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

TEAM SPECTATOR SPORTS CELEBRATIONS: 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 school shall assign an acceptable number of adult crowd control supervisors to be stationed in front of its student cheering sections. Each tournament manager or the MHSAA Staff will determine the acceptable number of crowd supervisors necessary for each school dependent on the situation. At the conclusion of contests, prior to or after awards are presented, athletes shall not enter spectator areas or physically contact spectators in the stands. Similarly, spectators shall not run on the field. Crowd supervisors are to ensure that spectators do not press the facility and run on the field. Athletes shall not enter spectator areas and physically contact spectators in the stands.

The cost for repair or replacement to facilities damaged as a result 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.

TICKETS: TICKETS: All Regional and Semifinal Managers should use their own stock tickets for entry into the contest. The Finals Manager will receive a supply of tickets from the MHSAA for use at the Finals Tournament.

Unsold Finals tickets must be returned to the MHSAA. The Semifinal and Finals ticket is good for both competitions during the day.

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.

TOURNAMENT WITHDRAWAL POLICY: A school shall not enter the MHSAA tournament if it knows in advance it cannot complete all rounds of the tournament as scheduled. Tournament management is to contact the MHSAA Office if a school withdraws or fails to show for a scheduled competition after the Opt-Out Due Date. The MHSAA staff person responsible for the sport will request from the school principal a written explanation for the no-show/withdrawal. If the reason is determined to be unacceptable by the MHSAA staff, the MHSAA Executive Director will place the school on probation for the next two years. A second offense within the two year probationary period will cause the school to be prohibited from tournament play in that sport for the two years following the second offense.

TROPHIES/MEDALS: The MHSAA tournament trophies and medals will be provided by one company, ESCO of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Tournament managers will receive both trophies and medals together in one shipment from ESCO. The box containing the trophies and medals should be opened immediately upon delivery and inspected for accuracy in quantity and engraving. Tournament managers should contact ESCO directly at 1-800-852-4266 with any questions or problems regarding trophy and medal shipments. Trophies and medals should be received no later than **May 17, 2024**

Tournament Managers are encouraged to have a short trophy and medal presentation immediately following the Championship Games. Persons making the presentations should be limited to faculty members of the host school, the Tournament Managers, members of the Representative Council, or members of the MHSAA staff. Only MHSAA approved awards are to be presented to student-athletes at MHSAA meets and tournaments.

Only MHSAA approved awards are to be presented to student-athletes at MHSAA tournaments. Thirty team medals are allowed in all levels of the tournament. If a school wishes to purchase additional Regional or Finals medals, they can be ordered by using the Additional Medal Order Form.

[EXTRA MEDAL ORDER FORM](#)

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.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY: If a school withdraws or fails to show for scheduled competition after the draw is completed if the first level of the MHSAA tournament in a sport, the MHSAA staff person will request from the school principal a written explanation for the no-show/withdrawal. If the reason is determined to be unacceptable by MHSAA staff, the MHSAA Executive Director will place the school on probation for the next two school years. A second offense within the two-year probationary period will cause the school to be prohibited from tournament play in the sport for the two years following the second offense.

YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY: During the MHSAA Tournament events, the MHSAA expects all designated managers, volunteer 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.

Pre-regional tournament games (May 16-18 or 20) are played at the home site (team on top of bracket) or regional site. If any regional games are not played at the regional site, all administrative expenses are to be borne by the home team (top line of bracket). Each team will assume its own expenses for competition in the tournament as all levels of play.

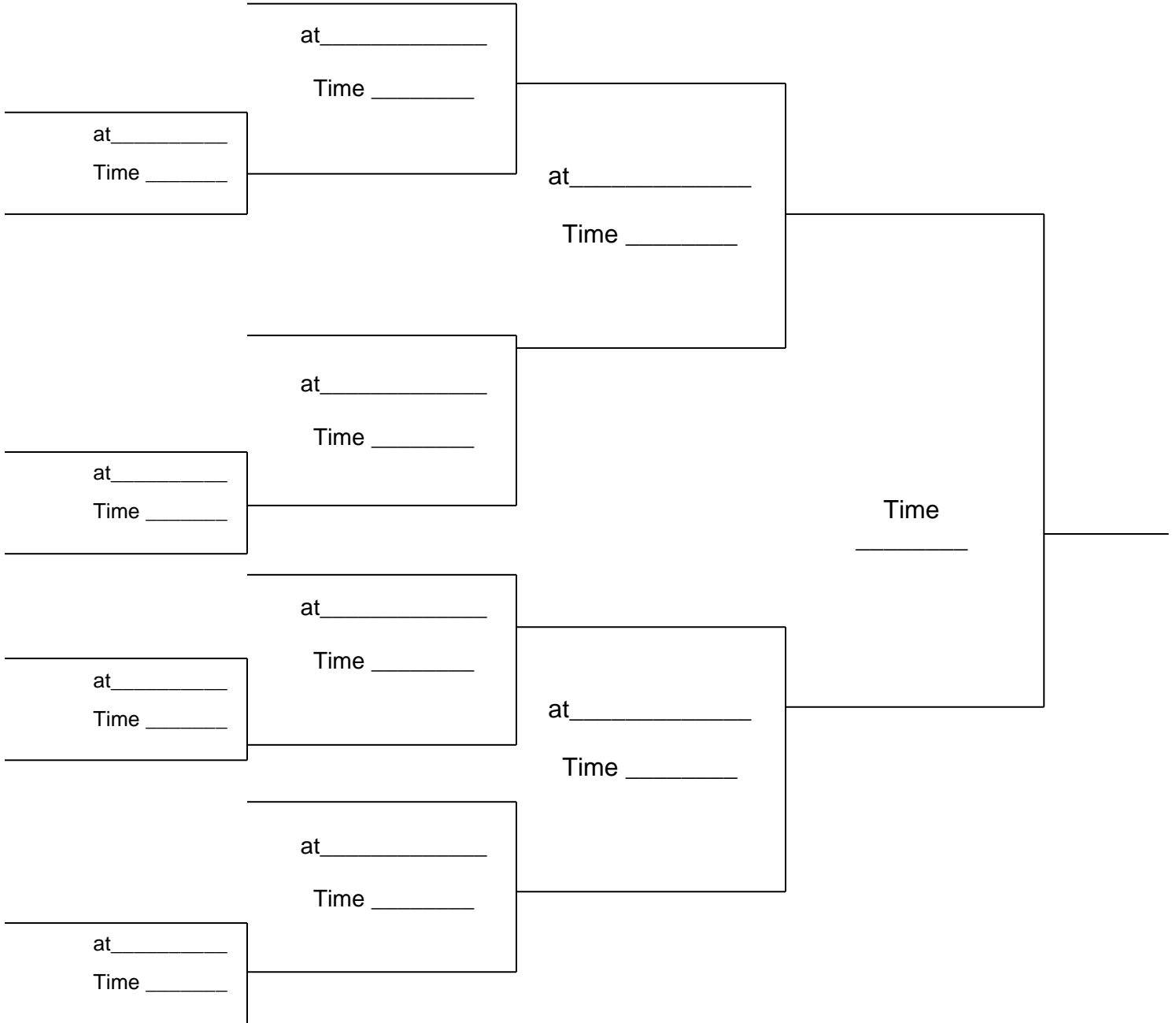
REGIONAL NO. _____ DIVISION _____ HELD AT _____

DATE _____
Pre-regional
May 16-18 or 20, 2024

DATE _____
Regional First Round
May 22-24, 2024

DATE _____
Regional Semifinals
May 28 or 29, 2024

DATE _____
Regional Finals
May 31 or June 1, 2024



NOTE: If a pre-regional or a 1st round regional game is not played at the regional site and a school draws into the top line of the bracket (and thus would be the host) but does not have a field which is a minimum of 60 yards wide x 110 yards long, the game will be held at site of the school which draws to the bottom line of the bracket. If neither school has a field at least 60 yards wide x 110 yards long, the game will be held at the field of the school on the top line of bracket.

EMAIL (kwestdorp@mhsaa.com) IMMEDIATELY AFTER DRAW DATES/TIMES HAVE BEEN DETERMINED

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