

- (f) Awards: The winning and runner-up teams and individuals will be given plaques. Individual awards will be given to members of the winning and runner-up teams (6 women's and 6 men's medals) as well as the third-place and fourth-place individuals.
- (g) Team Expenses: Travel will be paid at the rate of five cents per mile for each qualifier, including coach, up to a maximum of 35 cents.

4.7 LACROSSE

4.7.1 General:

- (a) Information on Mailings, Classifications, Payment of Officials, Eligibility Sheets, Ejections, Playoff Declaration, Unpaid Fines, NCHSAA Clinic Dates, Body Paint and Noisemakers are found under General Requirements for Interscholastic Activities (4.1).
- (b) Date of First Practice: February 13
- (c) Preseason Scrimmages: Reference 4.1.5
- (d) Date of First Game: February 27
- (e) Health and Safety Guidelines: Reference General Requirements for Interscholastic Athletic Activities for a listing of Guidelines (4.1.22) and Health and Safety Guidelines (2.3) for all the information.
- (f) Number of Regular Season Contests: No more than three per week may be scheduled.
 - (1) Teams are limited to 16 games.
 - (2) An individual is limited to no more than one game per day.
 - (3) Junior varsity conference tournament games count toward the 16-game limit.
 - (4) Varsity conference tournament games are considered part of the state playoffs.
- (g) Endowment Games: Reference 4.1.6
- (h) Starting Time: A time no earlier than 5:00 pm is recommended, unless facilities dictate otherwise, e.g. no lights.
- (i) Tournaments: Tournaments are governed by daily, weekly and seasonal limitations.
- (j) Game Format:

Men	Four 12-minute quarters
Women	Two 25-minute halves
JV Men	Four 10-minute quarters with no overtime
JV Women	Two 20-minute halves with no overtime
- (k) Uniformed Police Officer: Reference 2.4.1.a.
- (l) Schedules: Schools are required to submit varsity and junior varsity schedules to their appropriate regional supervisor by January 15.
- (m) Uniform Changing: Not allowed in area of competition. Must use locker room facilities; disqualification may occur.
- (n) Suspended Game: If a game is suspended due to bad weather, light failure, etc:
 - (1) If suspended in first half, even if one team is ahead, game is picked up from the point of interruption unless coaches agree to end it.
 - (2) If suspended at half time or beyond, the game is over.
 - i. If the score is tied when the game is suspended, then the game ends in a tie.
 - ii. If one team is ahead when the game is suspended, then that team is the winner.
- (o) Filming, Videotaping or Video Streaming: Reference 4.1.25.

4.7.2 Playoffs:

- (a) Conferences: Any school not currently fielding a team but wishing to participate should contact the NCHSAA office no later than September 12. Schools should also notify the NCHSAA if they plan to drop programs by this date. 2017 Lacrosse conferences can be found on the NCHSAA website after October 1.
- (b) Representatives and Ties in Standings: If two or more of the conference's teams are tied for a playoff berth at the end of the regular season, (1) the team that won from the other(s) during the season gets the berth, or (2) if the teams split during the regular season, the approved tie breaking system shall be used (see 4.1.13.)
- (c) Reporting Playoff Qualifiers: For reporting potential qualifiers to state playoffs, conference presidents are required to submit the appropriate information on the NCHSAA website immediately upon conclusion of the regular season.
 - (1) The information includes overall won-loss record and winning percentage for all conference schools. This must be submitted prior to the appropriate deadlines. The overall winning percentage and finish in conference standings will be considered when determining which schools qualify for wild-card berths in playoffs.

- (2) Upon conclusion of the conference tournament, the conference president will immediately submit the adjusted overall records of all teams. These are the records that will be listed on the brackets themselves when playoff qualifiers are posted.
- (3) Failure to comply with the initial reporting procedure will result in a \$400 fine to the conference.
- (d) **Qualifiers:** The number of qualifiers per classification is listed below. For selection criteria see 4.1.17 (Playoff Berths/Qualification)
 - (1) In women's lacrosse, there will be 40 qualifying teams.
 - (2) In men's lacrosse for 1A/2A/3A, there will be 24 qualifying teams.
 - (3) In men's lacrosse for 4A, there will be 40 qualifying teams.
- (e) **Playoff Brackets:** Reference 4.1.18 & 4.1.19
- (f) **Schedule:** Deadline for reporting qualifiers: May 1 (6:00a.m.). Dates:

First round	May 3	Second round	May 5
Third round	May 9	Fourth round	May 12
Regional round	May 16	State	May 19-20

 - (1) Deadlines are set for completion of each round, but competing schools may play on an earlier date by mutual consent.
- (g) **Competing Schools:** Competing teams should contact each other to work out details for their contest.
- (h) **Officials:**
 - (1) For the first two rounds of state playoffs, officials are to be assigned by the local officials association of the higher seeded team.
 - (2) After the first two rounds, officials must come from a neutral officials association or from an association mutually agreed upon.
 - (3) Assignments for regional and state championship games will be made by the NCHSAA office.
- (i) **Game Times:** Game time will be 7:00 p.m. unless mutually agreed upon to play at 6:00p.m.
 - (1) Where the distance is more than 100 miles for the visiting team, game time will be 6:00 p.m.
 - (2) Saturday game times may be earlier if mutually agreed upon. Any other exceptions must be approved by the NCHSAA.
- (j) **Admission:** TBD
- (k) **Team Expenses and Financial Arrangements:**
 - (1) The NCHSAA receives 15% of the gross gate for men's and women's lacrosse first round and second round games.
 - (2) The NCHSAA receives 25% of the gross gate from third round, fourth round and regional playoff games.
 - (3) In all rounds prior to the state championship, participating schools will divide the remainder equally after applying the following expense formula:
 - (i) Where the distance between the competing schools is 100 miles or less, the visiting school will pay its own transportation and meals and the host school will provide the playing facility, ticket takers, security and balls at no charge. The officials are to be paid from gate receipts.
 - (ii) Where the distance is more than 100 miles, the same plan should be followed except that the officials are paid by the host school rather than from gate receipts.
 - (iii) All concession rights belong to the host schools.
 - (iv) Participating schools are responsible for dividing any deficit or net 50-50.
 - (v) The principal of the host school or appointed game manager will forward a copy of the financial report and ticket accountability form to the NCHSAA within 10 days after the contest.
- (l) **Ticket Accountability and Financial Forms:** All forms can be found on the NCHSAA website.
- (m) **Regional Awards:** Team plaques will be presented to champion and runner-up.

4.7.3 **State Championship:**

- (a) **Dates and Sites:** The dates for the championship (men's & women's) is set for May 19-20, 2017. Site for the championship is TBA.
- (b) **Admission:** TBD
- (c) **Officials:** Will be assigned by the Supervisor of Officials.
- (d) **Radio and TV Fee:** Reference 2.2.18.
- (e) **Gate Receipts:** The net balance will be divided as follows: 20% to each of the competing teams and 60% to the NCHSAA.
- (f) **Team Expenses:** Travel and expenses for 20 players, plus a coach and manager, shall be allowed at the rate designated by the NCHSAA (see basketball section Reference 4.3.3.c).
- (g) **Awards:** Plaques will be presented to the championship and runner-up teams. Members of the championship and runner-up teams will receive individual awards (40 per each men's team, 30 per each women's team).