

- (3) Team members may be substituted for, but not after the round has begun.
- (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 14
- (c) Preseason Scrimmages: Reference 4.1.5
- (d) Date of First Game: February 28
- (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 20 games.
 - (2) An individual is limited to no more than one game per day.
 - (3) Teams may participate in one tournament with up to three games, counting that tournament as a single contest relative to the season limitation of 20 games. Any games above and beyond the allowable three games in a single tournament must be counted toward the season limitation.
 - (4) Junior varsity conference tournament games count toward the 16-game limit.
 - (5) Varsity conference tournament games are considered part of the state playoffs.
- (g) Starting Time: A time no earlier than 5:00 pm is recommended, unless facilities dictate otherwise, e.g. no lights.
- (h) Tournaments: Tournaments are governed by daily, weekly and seasonal limitations.
- (i) 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
- (j) Uniformed Police Officer: Reference 2.5.3.a.
- (k) Schedules: Schools are required to submit varsity and junior varsity schedules to their appropriate regional supervisor by January 15.
- (l) Uniform Changing: Not allowed in area of competition. Must use locker room facilities; disqualification may occur.
- (m) 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.
- (n) 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 10. Schools should also notify the NCHSAA if they plan to drop programs by this date. The 2022 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 4.1.12.)
- (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.
 - (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: There will be 40 qualifiers per classification. For selection criteria see 4.1.18 (Playoff Berths/Qualification)

(e) Playoff Brackets: Will be posted on the NCHSAA Website once complete.

(f) Schedule: Deadline for reporting: April 28 (11:59 p.m.).

Dates: First round	May 3	Second round	May 6
Third round	May 10	Fourth round	May 13
Regional round	May 17	State	May 20-21

(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: Teams may play at any time if mutually agreed upon.

(i) If teams cannot mutually agree, the higher seeded team may choose a starting time between 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

(a) Between 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. if the visiting team is over 100 miles one-way.

(j) Admission:

(1) Early Rounds

(i) Single Game: \$7.00

(ii) Two Games: \$8.00

(2) Regional Finals

(i) Single Game: \$7.00

(ii) Two Games: \$8.00

(k) Team Expenses and Financial Arrangements:

(1) The NCHSAA receives 0% of the gross gate for men's and women's lacrosse in first round games.

(2) The NCHSAA receives 15% of the gross gate from second round, third round, fourth round games.

(3) The NCHSAA receives 25% of the gross gate from regional playoff games.

(4) 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) are set for May 20-21, 2022. Site for the championship is TBA.

(b) Admission: \$10.00

(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).

4.8 SOCCER

4.8.1 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) Conferences: Any school not currently fielding a team but wishing to participate should contact the NCHSAA office no later than March 1 in men's soccer and September 15 in women's soccer. Schools should also notify the NCHSAA if they plan to drop programs by these same dates. All soccer conferences can be found on the NCHSAA website.
- (c) Date of First Practice: August 2 (men) and February 14 (women).
- (d) Preseason Scrimmages: Reference 4.1.5
- (e) Date of First Game: August 16 (men); February 28 (women).
- (f) 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.
- (g) Number of Regular Season Contests: No more than three per week may be scheduled.
 - (1) Teams are limited to 22 games.
 - (2) An individual is limited to no more than one game per day.
 - (3) Teams may participate in one tournament with up to three games, counting that tournament as a single contest relative to the season limitation of 22 games. Any games above and beyond the allowable three games in a single tournament must be counted toward the season limitation.
 - (4) Junior varsity conference tournament games count toward the 22-game limit.
 - (5) Varsity conference tournament games are considered part of state playoffs.
- (h) Starting Time: A time no earlier than 5:30 pm is recommended, unless facilities dictate otherwise.
- (i) Tournaments: Tournaments are governed by daily, weekly and seasonal limitations.
- (j) Yellow Card Tracking and Ejections: Coaches and athletic directors will be responsible for tracking yellow cards accumulated by their players and all team personnel (including coaches). Coaches are required to enter all yellow and red cards received by players and/or coaches into MaxPreps within 24 hours following the conclusion of the contest.
 - (1) Five yellow cards accumulated by the same player will result in a suspension (miss next contest at that level and all contests in the interim). No report should be submitted to the NCHSAA.
 - (2) An additional five yellow cards accumulated by the same player (season total of 10) will result in an ejection.
 - (3) The player will be suspended from all sports for the remainder of that sports season on the 15th yellow card (or second ejection). This should be reported to the NCHSAA both after 10 and after 15.
 - (4) A red card disqualification that is not an ejection is the equivalent of two yellow cards.
 - (5) Yellow cards are reset to zero once state playoffs begin (after conference tournament); however, all previous penalties must be served.
 - (6) With three yellow cards in playoffs, player is suspended for next game.
 - (7) A total of five yellow cards means player is out for remainder of playoffs and may carry over to other sports.
 - (8) Penalties are enforced at the conclusion of the game, and an ejection report must also be filed at the appropriate time for accumulation of yellow cards.
- (k) Nine-goal Rule: If a goal differential of nine is reached by halftime or at any time in the second half, the game shall be terminated.
- (l) Suspended Game: If a game is suspended due to bad weather, light failure, etc.:
 - (1) If suspended in the first half, even if one team is ahead, the 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. If the score is tied when the game is suspended, then the game ends in a tie. If one team is ahead when the game is suspended, then it is the winner.