

- (1) This is a mandatory meeting that will be conducted by the current regional director.
  - (2) The current director will then notify the NCHSAA office within 10 days after the completion of the tournament, of the host school and director for the next season.
- (l) Women's State Championship Qualifiers: 26 golfers per regional will advance to the state championship:
  - (1) Top 3 teams automatically qualify with best 3 scores.
  - (2) Top 17 individuals not on a qualifying team. **(Revised: May 2014)**
  - (3) If a school does not finish in the top 3, but qualifies at least 3 individuals, that school will also advance to the state championship as a team.
  - (4) A top 3 team could still qualify players #4 and #5, if among the top 17 individuals qualifying.
- (m) Men's State Championship Qualifiers: Since men's regionals are balanced in terms of numbers, the top three teams in a regional and the top three individuals not on one of the top three teams will qualify to the state tournament.
  - (1) A school that qualifies a team may bring any five eligible competitors. However, there may be no substitutes for those players who qualified as individuals.

#### 4.6.3 State Championship

- (a) Dates and Sites: The women's state tournaments will be held in all classes on October 27-28. The men's state tournament will be May 11-12. Sites TBA on NCHSAA website.
- (b) Pairings and Starting Times: The pairings will be made in the NCHSAA office. Tee times will not be available until Wednesday after 3pm prior to the tournament.
- (c) Conditions of Competition: Please refer to the NCHSAA website for specific conditions of competition for state championship play.
- (d) Format: Thirty-six (36) holes, stroke play.
- (e) Team Scores:
  - (1) The four lowest men's individual scores from a five-player team shall be totaled to determine the team score. **(Revised: December 2013)**
  - (2) The three lowest women's individual scores from a five player team will be totaled to determine the women's team score. 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 16
- (c) Preseason Scrimmages: Reference 4.1.3
- (d) Date of First Game: February 26
- (e) Health and Safety Guidelines: Reference General Requirements for Interscholastic Athletic Activities for a listing of Guidelines (4.1.14) and Health and Safety Guidelines (2.5) 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 4.1.4
  - (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 2.6.1 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 4.1.17.
- 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 2. Schools should also notify the NCHSAA if they plan to drop programs by this date. 2015 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 2.4.8.)
  - (c) Qualifiers: The number-one seed from a conference will be the regular season champion with the number-two seed the winner of the conference tournament.
    - (1) If a team below number two in the conference wins the conference tournament, it becomes the number-two seed.
    - (2) All other berths are determined by regular-season standings.
  - (d) 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.
  - (e) Brackets:
    - (1) In women's lacrosse, the bracket will be 40 teams.
    - (2) In men's lacrosse for 1A/2A/3A, the bracket will be 24 teams.
    - (3) In men's lacrosse for 4A, the bracket will be 40 teams.
    - (4) For pre-determined brackets, the process will be as follows:
      - (i) The higher seed will host
      - (ii) If equal seeds meet, better head-to-head win/loss record will host
      - (iii) If no head-to-head contest or contest were split, higher overall winning percentage will host

- (iv) If overall winning percentage is equal, a draw will occur; the winner of the draw will host
  - (v) If schools cannot agree on logistics of the draw, the NCHSAA will draw **(Revised: May 2014)**
- (f) Playoff Brackets: Reference 4.1.12
- (g) Schedule: Deadline for reporting qualifiers: May 4 (6:00a.m.). Dates:
 

First round	May 6	Second round	May 8
Third round	May 12	Fourth round	May 15
Regional round	May 19	State	May 22-23

  - (1) Deadlines are set for completion of each round, but competing schools may play on an earlier date by mutual consent.
- (h) Reporting Playoff Advancement:
  - (1) After the schools have qualified for the playoffs, it is their responsibility to report advancement by the appropriate method and deadline as designated by the NCHSAA.
  - (2) Failure to report a playoff advancement will result in \$400 fine to the school.
  - (3) Teams must report advancement no later than 6:00 am the day following each win. Postponements should also be reported.
- (i) Competing Schools: Competing teams should contact each other to work out details for their contest.
- (j) 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.
- (k) 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.
- (l) Admission: \$5.00 for single game, \$6.00 for two games at a single site prior to the regionals; at the regional, \$6.00 for a single game, \$8.00 for two games at a single site (all prices include a one-dollar surcharge for the endowment).
- (m) 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 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.
- (n) Ticket Accountability and Financial Forms: All forms can be found on the NCHSAA website.
- (o) 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 22-23. Site for the championship is TBA.
- (b) Admission: \$8.00 at gate for each session (includes one-dollar surcharge for the Endowment).
- (c) Officials: Will be assigned by the Supervisor of Officials.
- (d) Radio and TV Fee: Reference 2.3.17.
- (e) Gate Receipts: The net balance will be divided as follows: 20 percent 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.e).
- (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 (25 medals each).

## 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 1 (men) and February 16 (women).
- (d) Preseason Scrimmages: Reference 4.1.3
- (e) Date of First Game: August 18 (men); March 2 (women).
- (f) Health and Safety Guidelines: Reference General Requirements for Interscholastic Athletic Activities for a listing of Guidelines (4.1.14) and Health and Safety Guidelines (2.5) for all the information.
- (g) Number of Regular Season Contests: No more than three per week may be scheduled.
  - (1) Teams are limited to 23 games.
  - (2) An individual is limited to no more than one game per day.
  - (3) Junior varsity conference tournament games count toward the 23-game limit.
  - (4) Varsity conference tournament games are considered part of state playoffs.
- (h) Endowment Games: Reference 4.1.4
- (i) Starting Time: A time no earlier than 5:30 pm is recommended, unless facilities dictate otherwise.
- (j) Tournaments: Tournaments are governed by daily, weekly and seasonal limitations.
- (k) 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).
  - (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.