



# Ohio High School Athletic Association

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**TO:** Boys and Girls Lacrosse Coaches and Directors of Athletics

**FROM:** Kate Barnett, Sport Administrator

**DATE:** December 13, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Boys and Girls Lacrosse Pre-Season Update

## **OHSAA LACROSSE UPDATES**

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### 2024 Important Dates - **UPDATED**

Feb. 7	Online State Rules Interpretation information is available
Feb. 19	First Day of Coaching
Mar. 15	First date of competition
Mar. 25	Non-Interscholastic Date
April 22	Deadline to indicate OHSAA Tournament Entry
<b>May 10</b>	<b>OHSAA Tournament Draw</b>
May 16-22	Regional Qualifying Tournament
May 23- June 1	Regional Tournament
June 4-5	Boys and Girls State Semifinals
<b>June 7</b>	<b>Girls State Finals at Historic Crew Stadium, Columbus OH</b>
<b>June 8</b>	<b>Boys State Finals at Historic Crew Stadium, Columbus OH</b>

### 2024 NFHS Lacrosse Rule Books

The 2024 NFHS Lacrosse Rule Books are scheduled to ship next month. If you are interested in purchasing additional NFHS publications, please visit the NFHS website [HERE](#).

### State Rules Interpretation Meeting

All head lacrosse coaches are required to participate in a State Rules Interpretation Meeting. This meeting will be completed online and accessed through each coach's individual myOHSAA account. The meeting will be made available beginning **Wednesday February 7, 2024**. Coaches and administrators will be notified when the meeting is accessible.

Failure to complete this meeting prior to Friday March 15, 2024, at 11:59pm ET will result in a late fee.

Failure to complete the meeting prior to the Tournament Entry date will result in removal from the OHSAA Tournament.

## REGULAR SEASON INFORMATION

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### Regular Season Reminders

- **First permissible practice:** Monday February 19, 2024
- **Required acclimatization period (boys only):** 3-days (no physical contact)
- **First permissible contest:** Friday March 15, 2024
- **Maximum number of regular season contests:** 18
- **Maximum number of scrimmages:** 3
- **Maximum number of quarters per individual:** 92 (OHSAA Tournament games do not count toward the max.)
- **Regular season roster limit:** No restrictions (Limit established for OHSAA Tournament only)

### Reporting Regular Season Results

Coaches are asked to update MaxPreps and LaxNumbers with team information and game scores. Please include the varsity schedule, rosters including name, number, and position, and provide final scores after games. These platforms serve as a reference for coaches to review schedules and team results leading up to the tournament seeding.

## OHSAA TOURNAMENT

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### 2024 Tournament Seeding

For the 2024 tournament, it was recommended to keep the current seeding process (coaches vote) and transition to using LaxNumbers for seeding in 2025. The rationale for making the transition to automated seeding in 2025 was to allow for coaches to evaluate their future schedules with consideration given to opponents and strength of schedule.

### Tournament Draw Meeting (bracket placement) – Friday May 10, 2024

After further review of the tournament draw date, it was recommended to shift from May 5<sup>th</sup> to May 10<sup>th</sup> to include as many regular season contest scores/records as possible for coaches to review before voting and provide sufficient time to assign officials for the first-round games. Below are the dates for the seeding, voting and bracket placement meetings/deadlines.

Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> – Teams submit results/record (including results from games played May 8<sup>th</sup>)

Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> – Voting opens for coaches

Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> – Tournament Draw (bracket placement) after 4pm

### 2024 OHSAA State Finals

The 2024 OHSAA State Lacrosse Finals will be conducted over two days with the girls games being Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> and the boys games Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>. The following are the designated divisions and times.

#### Friday June 7<sup>th</sup>

Girls Division 2 – 4:00PM

Girls Division 1 – 7:00PM

#### Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup>

Boys Division 2 – 1:00PM

Boys Division 1 – 4:00PM

## SPORT REGULATION HIGHLIGHTS AND REMINDERS

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### General Lacrosse Resources:

- [OHSAA 2023-24 Handbook](#)
- [OHSAA 2023-24 General Sport Regulations](#)
- [OHSAA Coache Memos](#)
- [OHSAA Coach Requirements](#)

### Girls Lacrosse Resources:

- [OHSAA 2024 Girls Lacrosse Regulations](#)
- [OHSAA 2024 Girls Lacrosse Pre-Season Coaches Manual](#)
- OHSAA 2024 Girls Lacrosse Tournament Regulations (Coming soon)

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**\*Note:** The tournament regulations will be approved by the Board of Directors in February.

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