

2023 Girls Lacrosse Tournament Regulations

NOTE: The following regulations apply to all levels of tournament competition unless otherwise specified. They were adopted by the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors on February 16, 2023. The Lacrosse Administrator is authorized to modify these regulations when deemed necessary, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors.

I. Organization of Tournaments

- A. The Board of Directors of the OHSAA authorizes the Executive Director's office to manage and administer the girls' lacrosse tournaments.
- B. There will be two divisions (I & II) in girls lacrosse.
- C. Site selection for Regional Tournaments is at the discretion of the Lacrosse Administrator and may be changed at any time.
- D. There is no restriction/requirement at any level of play regarding artificial or natural field surfaces. Sites must meet minimum requirements of the NFHS.
- E. The OHSAA maintains the authority to change the site, date, or time of any Regional or State tournament assignment.
- F. Submitting the acknowledgement of OHSAA Tournament Participation in myOHSAA is the school's agreement to play at the site, day and time assigned by the Lacrosse Administrator.

II. Eligibility of Students and Coaches

- A. All participants must be eligible under the Bylaws and Sports Regulations of the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Only one school team sponsored by a member school is eligible to participate.
- B. Unlimited players may be in uniform for each tournament game. The players may be changed from game to game throughout the tournament but must be eligible per OHSAA rules.
- C. A student who uses anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs is ineligible for interscholastic competition until such time as medical evidence can be presented that the student's system is free of anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs.
- D. Only Board of Education approved coaches with valid Pupil Activity Coaching Permits issued by the Ohio Department of Education are permitted to be in the bench area or locker room prior to, during, and after any tournament contest.
- E. The only other team personnel permitted on the sideline during the contest are all players, coaches, managers, trainers, statistician and statistician spotters and any other personnel designated by the head coach. These additional individuals must be identified with official OHSAA bag tags or on the OHSAA Travel Party List identified in XIII-b.

III. Tournament Entry

Member schools wanting to participate in the 2023 OHSAA Girls Lacrosse Tournaments must indicate their intent to participate on their 2022-23 OHSAA Sports Participation Card in **myOHSAA**. Tournament entry confirmation begins August 1, 2022 and ends May 1, 2023. Schools that change their tournament participation after May 1, 2023 will be subject to a \$150 penalty per sport.

IV. Tournament Dates

- A. Regional Qualifying Tournaments – May 12-21, 2023
- B. Regional Semifinal and Final Tournaments – May 22-28, 2023
- C. State Semi and Finals Tournaments – May 30 – June 3, 2023
- D. Game dates have been determined by the OHSAA office, the OHSAA office will make every effort to accommodate graduation and academic ceremonies. Game dates will not be moved to accommodate prom or other social events.

V. Tournament Participants

List of schools are subject to change based upon tournament participation changes.

Girls Division 1

Region 1 – Anthony Wayne, Brunswick, Delaware Hayes, Findlay, Medina, New Albany, Olentangy, Olentangy Berlin, Olentangy Liberty, Olentangy Orange, Perrysburg, Strongsville, Sylvania Northview, Wadsworth, Westerville Central, Westerville North, Westerville South (17 Teams)

Region 2 – Avon, Cleveland Heights, Glenoak, Hoover, Hudson, Jackson, Lakewood, Magnificat, Mentor, Riverside, Shaker Heights, Solon, St. Joseph Academy, Stow-Munroe Falls (14 Teams)

Region 3 – Beavercreek, Centerville, Dublin Coffman, Dublin Jerome, Dublin Scioto, Gahanna Lincoln, Hilliard Bradley, Hilliard Darby, Hilliard Davidson, Kettering Fairmont, Marysville, Miamisburg, Newark, Northmont, Pickerington High School Central, Pickerington High School North, Thomas Worthington, Upper Arlington, Worthington Kilbourne (19 Teams)

Region 4 – Anderson, Fairfield, Kings, Lakota East, Lakota West, Lebanon, Little Miami, Loveland, Mason, Milford, Mount Notre Dame, Oak Hills, Cin. St Ursula Academy, Seton, Springboro, Sycamore, Walnut Hills (17 Teams)

Girls Division 2

Region 5 – Avon Lake, Bay, Brecksville Broadview-Hts., Toledo Central Catholic, Clay, Copley, Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy, Highland (Medina) Holy Name (Parma Heights), Lima Senior, Maumee Valley Country Day, Toledo Notre Dame Academy, Olmsted Falls, Ottawa Hills, Padua Franciscan, Revere, Rocky River, Toledo St Ursula Academy, Sylvania Southview, Walsh Jesuit, Westlake, Wooster (22 Teams)

Region 6 – Archbishop Hoban, Beachwood, Beaumont School, Boardman, Canfield, Cardinal Mooney, Chagrin Falls, Chardon, Gilmour Academy, Green, Hathaway Brown School, Hawken, Kenston, Lake, Lake Catholic, Laurel, Louisville, Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin, Orange, ~~Poland Seminary~~, Kent Roosevelt, St Vincent-St Mary (21 Teams)

Region 7 – Archbishop Alter (Kettering), Bellbrook, Bexley, Big Walnut, Bishop Hartley, Bishop Watterson, Buckeye Valley, Carroll, Chaminade Julianne, Chillicothe, Columbus Academy, Columbus School for Girls, Granville, Col. St Francis De Sales, Wellington School, (15 Teams)

Region 8 – Archbishop McNicholas, Bishop Fenwick, Cincinnati Country Day, Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy, Edgewood, Indian Hill, Madeira, Mariemont, Mercy McAuley, Miami Valley School, Oakwood, Roger Bacon, Seven Hills, Summit Country Day, Turpin, Ursuline Academy (Cin.), Wyoming (17 Teams)

VI. Tournament Draw and Seeding Procedure

The established date for all seeding and drawing meetings is **Sunday, May 7, 2023.**

A. Lacrosse Tournaments

1. All teams shall be seeded. For purposes of seeding, the last matches to be included in your submitted record will be those played on **May 5, 2023.**
2. All teams will receive an OHSAA approved bracket via email.

B. Voting & Seeding Procedure

1. Coaches shall seed on-line using the OHSAA web site (www.ohsaa.org) or a designated tournament management partner website, and the procedure that has been developed by the OHSAA.
2. Within the OHSAA seeding procedures, schools will submit their season-to-date record for all games played through **May 5, 2023.** These records are due by 9:00 am on May 6.
3. Tournament seed balloting begins at 10:00am on May 6 and ends at 4:00 pm on May 6. All coaches are required to participate in the seed balloting. Balloting includes the season-to-date records of all teams within a qualifying tournament. For more information about those teams including their game-by-game results, visit www.maxpreps.com
4. All head coaches shall vote **via ballot which shall be made public prior to placement of teams on brackets.** The team with greatest number of votes shall be seeded #1, second highest #2, etc, until all teams are seeded.
5. The high and low voted seeds are dropped when votes are tallied.
6. In the event of a tie the following procedures will be used:
 - a. Head-to-head competition - the winning team in head-to-head competition will become the higher seeded team. If the teams did not play each other during the regular season or had an even record in head-to-head competition, move to item b.
 - b. A coin flip shall determine the higher seeded team.

C. Placement of Teams on Brackets

1. All schools shall receive an email with seed placement on Saturday, May 6 at 8:00 pm.
2. Schools shall participate in seed meeting via conference call beginning Sunday, May 7 at a designated time. A conference call schedule will be emailed to all girls lacrosse participants in April. Each region will have a 30-minute pre-scheduled conference call beginning at a designated time. Information regarding the call schedule will be sent to all schools closer to the tournament.
3. After teams are seeded via voting, placement of the teams on the brackets shall occur during the mandatory Bracket Placement meeting. The method for placement of teams on the bracket will be as follows:
 - a. Coaches of lacrosse schools shall be advised that when it is their turn to place their school on the bracket, they should do so swiftly and without delay. Prior preparation is imperative in order that the bracket meeting shall be completed in a timely manner.
 - b. Teams shall place themselves on the bracket in order of seed.
 - c. There shall be no passing.
 - d. This procedure shall be followed until all teams have been placed on the bracket.
 - e. If a school does not have a representative on the conference call then they will be placed on the bracket last.
 - f. If one or more schools do not participate in the seeding or does not have a representative on the conference call meeting, the schools will be placed on the bracket last in alphabetical order by school name: Z to A in 2023.

VII. Home-Visitor

- A. **The higher seed on each bracket shall be the home team.** The home team shall be responsible for all game arrangements along with the tournament manager, except the selection of game officials.
- B. Dates of games have been pre-determined by the OHSAA office. Times of the game shall be the following unless otherwise mutually agreed upon by both participating schools and pending game officials' availability for proposed time:
 - a. Monday – Friday: 6:00 PM
 - b. Saturday & Sunday: 12:00 PM
- C. The "home" athletic director or other designee shall serve as the site manager and fulfill all obligations of site manager duties as designated by the OHSAA office.
- D. All tournament games through the regional finals will be played at "home sites."
- E. The OHSAA reserves the right to adjust game times and dates as necessary.
- F. Participating schools are responsible for agreement to changes in game time no later than 12:00 PM the day prior to the contest. The home school must also confirm officials' availability for proposed change in game time. The home school is required to report any agreed upon game changes to the OHSAA Lacrosse Administrator so that all tournament management platforms may be updated to reflect the time change.

VIII. Result Reporting

Immediately following the completion of each game, the results shall be reported by the "home" athletic director or head coach to Beau Rugg via email at brugg@ohsaa.org. Results will be posted on the OHSAA website brackets as they are received.

IX. Participating School Administrative Responsibilities

- A. A school administrator or a person designated by the school shall assist the tournament site manager with crowd supervision when asked. The school administrator or designee should report to the tournament site manager upon arrival to the site. Knowing in some cases this person may be the coach, the coach should be informed of this responsibility prior to the contest and reviewed at the seed meeting.
- B. No team will be permitted to compete in a tournament contest unless accompanied by the coach or a person authorized by the Board of Education. This school representative shall be present throughout the tournament contest. Teams unaccompanied by such school representative will be disqualified.
- C. If a girls' team coach is male, it is recommended that a female (non-high school student) accompany the team.

X. Officials

- A. Game officials will be assigned by the OHSAA office from guidelines established by the Board of Directors. Officials are required to be thoroughly familiar with all contest rules and shall review the overtime procedures with each other and with the head coaches prior to any overtime period.
- B. Alternate officials will be assigned and paid by the OHSAA office to all regional finals, state semifinals and state finals.

XI. Failure to Appear

If a team fails to appear or is not ready to play within 30 minutes of the scheduled starting time of a tournament game, the space on the bracket may be declared vacant. A “no contest” will be declared, and the opposing team will advance into the next round of competition. See No Contest under Section 32 of the General Sports regulations.

XII. Game Regulations

A. Rules – National Federation 2023 Girls Lacrosse Rules shall be used in all games.

B. Game Ball – The ball color for all OHSAA girls’ lacrosse tournament games shall be yellow unless both coaches mutually agree. All other ball related rules shall follow 2023 NFHS Girls Lacrosse Rule 2-1.

C. Tournament Overtime Procedures

When the score is tied at the end of regular playing time and overtime is to be played, 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.

- a. The game will be restarted by a center draw.
- b. The winner will be decided by “sudden victory.” The team scoring the first goal wins the game.
- c. Each overtime period will be no more than six minutes in length. The clock stops on every whistle. The clock will be stopped after 3 minutes of play in order for teams to change ends with no delay for coaching. No substitutions may occur at this time. The game will be restarted by a center draw.
- d. If the teams are still tied after six minutes have elapsed, the teams will have a 3-minute rest and change ends. Substitutions may occur at this time.
- e. Play will continue with “sudden victory” stop-clock 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.

D. Interrupted Tournament Games

- 1. Tournament games interrupted because of events beyond the control of the responsible administrative authority shall be continued from the point of interruption.
- 2. A game is considered legal and complete if 80% of playing time has elapsed.
- 3. Any suspended (two yellows) or ejected (red) player or coach cannot participate in the resumed game.
- 4. Teams playing short a player will continue to play short.
- 5. A suspended game may be terminated and considered complete by mutual agreement of the opposing coaches.

E. Warm-Up Time and Timing of the Pre-Match Sportsmanship Conference

- 1. Both teams are guaranteed a minimum of 30 minutes of uninterrupted warm-up time. The 30-minute clock will begin 40 minutes prior to game start, guaranteeing the minimum 30-minute warm-up.
- 2. Both teams may be permitted access to the field one (1) hour prior to game start (presuming there is not another match immediately prior).
- 3. The remaining 10 minutes prior to game start will be utilized for the coin toss, pre-game introductions, and the national anthem.
- 4. A sample pre-game schedule is as follows for a 7:00 pm start:

Real Time	Clock	Item
6:00 pm	50:00	Teams permitted to take the field (if available)
6:20 pm	30:00	Guaranteed 30 minutes of uninterrupted warm-up time begins
6:45 pm	05:00	Captains Meeting
6:50 pm	00:00	Teams clear the field. Stick Checks Pre-Game Introductions/Line-Ups Announced National Anthem
7:00 pm	00:00	Game Start – Opening Draw

F. Goal Differential

During any tournament contest, any time the score differential reaches 10 goals or more, a running clock shall be used, including in the last two minutes of each half. After the 10-goal differential has been met but the score drops below 10 goals, the clock reverts to regular timing. The clock shall be stopped only for an injured player on the field or when there is any unusual delay deemed necessary by the officials.

XIII. Team Regulations

- A. Size of Squads – Squad size is unlimited. Players must be in a jersey to be part of the “squad”.
- B. **Bench Area** – All players in jerseys and 11 (eleven) non-uniformed people (the “Plus 11”) are permitted to be in the bench area and/or on the field during team warm-up for any contest. The “Plus 11” are to include all players, coaches, managers, trainers, statistician and statistician spotters and any other personnel designated by the head coach. Players serving a suspension for a red card ejection may be on the sideline in a jersey but may not be on the field at any time during warm-up. It is the responsibility of the coaches **and** tournament manager to ensure that the number of individuals does not exceed the “Plus 11”.
- C. Team Expenses
There will be no team expenses paid in **2023** unless approved stipends are granted by the OHSAA Executive Director.
- D. Uniforms
 1. The home team shall wear light jerseys, and the visiting team shall wear dark jerseys.
 2. If other visible apparel is worn under the uniform, it shall conform to NFHS Rule 2-9-5. All team members do not have to wear the additional apparel.
 3. All aspects of the uniform must conform to NFHS Rule 2-9.
- E. Unsporting Conduct Requirements and Penalties
 1. Participation in athletic contests is a privilege. Each individual is expected to conduct him /herself in an exemplary manner while participating.
 2. During participation in OHSAA Tournaments, any student or coach ejected for unsporting conduct or flagrant foul shall be ineligible for contests for the remainder of that day as well as for all contests in that sport until two regular season/tournament contests are played at the same level as the ejection.
 3. Individuals ejected for unsporting conduct shall be reported to the OHSAA Lacrosse Administrator by the tournament manager. The Lacrosse Administrator will investigate the situation and may impose additional penalties in accordance with Bylaw 12 if the situation warrants.
 4. All participants are required to respectfully participate in awards presentations at the conclusion of Regional and State Final contests. This includes attention to opposing team presentations of individual and team trophy awards. Coaches and school administrators are expected to enforce this requirement.

XIV. School Regulations

- A. Cheerleaders & Mascots
 1. Eight (8) cheerleaders in uniform, one student mascot and one sponsor will be admitted free provided a certified list is filed at the pass gate by the high school principal.
 2. Only cheerleaders in uniform are permitted to lead cheers at field level.
 3. Mascots will not be permitted on the playing field or near the team benches.
- B. Property Damage
 1. There is no insurance covering property damage.
 2. If property is damaged at a tournament site by competing school teams, student body or spectators, the school from which the students and/or spectators come shall be liable and pay the cost of repair or replacement.
 3. Other damages to facilities not attributed to a competing school could be a legitimate tournament expense and may be deducted from tournament receipts.
 4. If damage is extensive, the Board of Directors will become involved.
 5. Student crowd control at state sponsored tournaments is the responsibility of the Principals of the competing schools.
- C. Videotaping by Schools
 1. Filming or videotaping of tournament games by one or both of the schools playing the game is permitted providing the permission of the tournament manager is secured, and it is done at the expense of the school involved and a maximum of one individual per school is permitted.
 2. Videotaping of a potential opponent’s tournament game is PROHIBITED.

XV. Site Regulations

Spectator Admission

The admission fee for regional tournament tickets shall be \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students. Ticket sales will be available for sale online only.

NOTE: Children under the age of five are provided complimentary admission.

A. **Team Admission**

1. Regionals – Unlimited players and eleven (11) others (to include the bus driver) will be admitted at the pass gate by the approved OHSAA Travel Party List.
2. State - Unlimited players and eleven (11) others will be admitted at the pass gate via Commemorative “Bag Tags” provided in the Finalist Packet. There will be **no PASS LIST Used at the State Semi-final or Final games.**

B. Banners and Signs

1. Banners and signs will be permitted provided they are not personal, negative, unsportsmanlike, or vulgar.
2. All signs must be coordinated with site managers according to facility policies. If signs are permitted by the site manager, the visiting school representatives who hung the signs are responsible for removing them, and all evidence of them, following the contest.
3. If signs are permitted by the site manager, they must be permitted for both the visitor and home teams.

C. Noisemakers

1. Noisemakers are permitted provided they do not interfere with the game as determined by the site manager.
2. Air horns and noisemakers that required electric or alternate sources of power are not permitted in the facility.

D. Videotaping by Spectators

1. Any and all videotaping by spectators shall be for personal use.
2. Videotaping shall not be for the purpose of scouting or coaching.
3. Any and all videotaping shall not interfere with the view of the athletic contest by other spectators.
4. The tournament site shall not permit the use of more than the seating space for which the spectator has paid when seating is needed for paying fans.
5. The tournament site accepts no liability for damage or theft of spectator equipment or injury as a result of privately owned equipment.
6. Equipment shall not be permitted in any playing area – only in the spectator seating area.
7. The tournament site shall not provide power sources for video equipment.
8. Violation of this regulation may result in the removal of the offender from the premises.

E. Pass-Outs – No pass-outs will be provided at any game site.

F. Prohibited Advertising – There shall be no advertising through printed media, billboards, radio or television that includes beer, wine, liquor, tobacco, political parties or candidates or any other advertising contrary to the philosophy of interscholastic athletics.

G. Prohibited Sales – The sale of the distribution of, or the consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is not permitted at the site of any contest involving OHSAA member schools.

H. Raffles Prohibited – There shall be no raffles or any type of games of chance permitted at the site of tournament contests.

- I. A. Drones (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) - The use of drones is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at OHSAA tournament contests. Tournament management shall remove anyone attempting to use a drone and/or confiscate the drone until the event has been completed.
Note: An exception to this policy may be made in specific cases for OHSAA broadcast partners, provided the management of the tournament facility permits the presence of drones for broadcast purposes under the control of the OHSAA.

XVI. Media

- A. Radio, Press and Photographers – All requests for space shall be directed to the tournament manager for Regional games. Credential requests for State Tournament games shall be Directed to Tim Stried,

OHSAA Director of Media Relations. Proper credentials must be presented for admission at the pass gate.

- B. **Television** – Tape-delayed requests shall be directed to the appropriate tournament manager. Live request shall be directed to the Executive Director’s office.

XVII. Awards

Only awards furnished by the OHSAA may be presented at the OHSAA tournament site.

Regional Finals – A trophy will be presented to the Regional winner and runner-up.

XVIII. Sponsorship and Rights

- A. The OHSAA is the sponsoring association for the Regional and State Girls Lacrosse Tournaments.
- B. The OHSAA reserves all rights in regard to the management of these tournaments and the sale of any items or any audio-visual reproductions.
- C. Any sale of food, clothing, souvenirs, or any other items is strictly prohibited without permission of the OHSAA Lacrosse Administrator for the Regional and State Tournaments.

XIX. Weather

Refer to the OHSAA Handbook regarding lightning and inclement weather on page 82.

**6th Annual
Girls Lacrosse State Tournaments
Semifinals: May 30 – June 2, Finals: June 3, 2023**

1. Regulations

The applicable regulations for the Regional Lacrosse Tournaments shall apply to the State Lacrosse Tournaments in addition to any listed below.

2. Dates, Pairings, and Order of Play

The Final State Girls Lacrosse Contests will be played on June 3, 2023 in conjunction with the Final State Boys Lacrosse Contests. The order of games for 2023 will be:

- Division II - Girls
- Division II - Boys
- Division I - Girls
- Division I – Boys

Note: The Lacrosse Administrator reserves the right to adjust games and order of play to accommodate graduations, etc.

3. Tournament Placement

Semifinal qualifiers are assigned to semifinal tournaments by the OHSAA. The Lacrosse Administrator is authorized to pre-draw pairings for geographic reasons to benefit schools travel to regional sites and to change date and/or site locations at any time.

Division I

State Qualifying winners: Region 1, Region 2, Region 3, and Region 4

Region 2	Vs.	Region 1
Region 3	Vs.	Region 4

Division II

State Qualifying winners: Region 5, Region 6, Region 7, and Region 8

Region 6	Vs.	Region 5
Region 7	Vs.	Region 8

Semifinals and Finals: Top team on the bracket will be the home team.

4. Practice

There shall be no lacrosse practice on the site that will be used during the State Lacrosse Tournaments other than usual pre-game practice.

5. Information for State Finalists

Information for state tournament finalists shall be given to the athletic administrator of each school at the conclusion of the regional final game. OHSAA Lacrosse Administrator and the tournament manager, the designated tournament manager from the state tournament site shall be available for consultation and to answer any questions between the hours of 10:30 AM and Noon on Thursday, June 1, 2023.

6. Program

The price of the official printed program for the State Lacrosse Tournaments will be \$4.00.

7. Admission

The admission fee for state semifinal contests shall be \$10.00 for a student ticket and \$13.00 for an adult ticket. The admission fee for state finals contests shall be \$12.00 for a student ticket and \$15.00 for an adult ticket.

NOTE: Children under the age of five are provided complimentary admission.

8. Team Expenses

There will be no team expenses paid in 2023 unless approved stipends are granted by the OHSAA Executive Director.

9. Managers of Tournament

The State Lacrosse Tournaments are under the supervision and sponsorship of the OHSAA. The supervision at the state tournament site is under the direction of their designated tournament manager. The OHSAA tournament manager is Tyler Brooks, OHSAA Lacrosse Administrator.

10. Postponed Games

Postponed games will be played in original order. Games MAY be scheduled on Sunday if weather delays cause postponements.

11. Media Credentials

Media members wishing to attend the state championships must apply for credentials. Applications must be submitted by the deadline to OHSAA Director of Media Relations, Tim Stried. The credential application and additional media information for the state championships is available at:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/news/credentials/lacrosse>.

Media members must show photo identification for admittance. **No credentials will be issued to freelance photographers who are not assigned to the lacrosse state tournament by a media outlet. One school-assigned photographer per school is permitted.**

12. Passes – Team and School Personnel

Unlimited players and eleven (11) others will be admitted at the pass gate by the official OHSAA bag tag credentials.

13. State Awards

Only awards furnished by the OHSAA may be presented at the State Tournament. Team trophies will be presented to the State Champion and Runner-up. Individual members, coaches and managers of both teams will be presented with gold or silver awards.