



# 2024 BOYS LACROSSE BULLETIN



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Boys Lacrosse Athletic Directors, Coaches and Officials:

Welcome to the 2024 CHSAA Boys Lacrosse Season! Over the past several years, the growth of the sport in Colorado has been tremendous. We currently have a record number of schools participating in boys lacrosse, increased attendance throughout the postseason, along with enhanced postseason venues across each classification.

This season marks the second year of the two-year cycle. The key highlight will be the Seeding and Tournament Capture process that was approved for both 4A and 5A postseasons beginning last year. Additionally, we've had several schools add new programs, as well as a change for some in their classification placement from the previous cycle. Throughout the Bulletin you will find detailed information on all these changes, along with specifics on the upcoming season.

The online Bulletin is published yearly to offer information on the regular and post season, important dates, along with CHSAA and NFHS rules and procedures. It is your responsibility to review and make yourself familiar with the information contained within this Bulletin. Should you have any questions throughout the season, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. You will also be able to find relevant information on the [www.CHSAANOW.com](http://www.CHSAANOW.com) website.

Best wishes to all seventy-five of our CHSAA Member Boys Lacrosse schools during the upcoming season.

Sincerely,

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## 2024 Boys Lacrosse Calendar

February 26	First Practice
March 2	First Scrimmage
March 4	Boys Lacrosse Academic eligibility regain date
March 7	First Contest
March 9	SAT test date
March 18	Boys Lacrosse Restricted Varsity eligibility regain date
April 13	ACT test date
May 4	SAT test date End of Regular Season
May 5	State Seeding Meeting/State Pairings posted on chsaanow.com
May 6	Roster/gate lists due to CHSAA
May 7	4A First Round games (higher seed hosts)
May 8	5A First Round games (higher seed hosts)
May 10	4A Second Round games (higher seed hosts)
May 11	5A Second Round games (higher seed hosts)
May 14	4A Quarterfinals (higher seed hosts)
May 15	5A Quarterfinals (higher seed hosts)
May 17	Semifinals & Finals Planning Meeting (via Zoom)
May 18	4A/5A Semifinals at TBD
May 20	4A/5A Finals at TBD

**All playoff competition in each round must be completed on the scheduled date(s).**

### **SEMIFINALS (Date/time/location subject to change)**

Saturday, May 18, at TBD

4A Semifinal #1 at 10:00 a.m.

4A Semifinal #2 at 12:30 p.m.

5A Semifinal #1 at 3:00 p.m.

5A Semifinal #2 at 5:30 p.m.

### **CHAMPIONSHIPS (Date/time/location subject to change)**

Monday, May 20, at TBD

4A Final at 5:00 p.m.

5A Final at 7:30 p.m.

In case of inclement weather in first round through quarterfinal matches the host school will make all decisions regarding playability of the field before the scheduled match time and shall notify CHSAA of any decisions. All attempts to stay on the tournament schedule should be made and not jeopardize the safety of the participants.

### **Important Reminders:**

1. Each coach must certify that players are properly and legally equipped.
2. Each player must have **3 days** of practice before participating in a game or Foundation Game.

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## 2023-2024 CHSAA BOYS LACROSSE COMMITTEE

BOBBY ECKER (CHAIR) – VAIL MOUNTAIN (1<sup>ST</sup> term - 2025)

JOSEPH SIMBOLI – THE VANGUARD (2023)

DARREN WITHEY – CHATFIELD HIGH SCHOOL (2025)

ADAM KELSEY – DENVER SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL (2025)

NATE HALLAHAN – GREEN MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL (2025)

LOGAN BOBZIEN – ARAPAHOE HIGH SCHOOL (2026)

**The 2023-2024 Boys Lacrosse Committee meeting was Wednesday, February 14, 2024.**



The CHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee’s mission is to provide information, vision, and guidance to the CHSAA while emphasizing the health, and safety of students participating in interscholastic sports and activities. For more information about the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and their policies (including Lightning Policy), [click here](#).

### **CHSAA Emergency Action Plan-**

Every member school is required to create a Venue-specific Emergency Action Plan (VEAP) for each site that the member school practices and hosts athletic contest. On rSchool, there is an Emergency Action Plan under Forms that you can either upload your VEAP(s) or fill out the form on rSchool. If you would like to fill out one to upload, you may use this [template for each venue](#).

### **The Americans Disability Act**

**Please note:** All rules and policies contained within this bulletin are subject to the ADA’s requirement to provide reasonable modifications for a disabled student(s). A reasonable modification(s) shall provide a disabled student with equally effective access [to the activity] unless the provision of such reasonable modification would constitute a fundamental alteration of the essential elements of the activity involved. Please refer to CHSAA bylaw 500 for more detailed information.

# MAJOR BYLAW CHANGES

## 2023-2024

1. ***WINTER AND SPRING REGAIN DATES***
  - Constitution & Bylaws, Article 17, Rule 1710 (d) (2).....page 51
2. ***TRANSFER 365 DAYS FROM THE LAST DATE OF PARTICIPATION***
  - Constitution & Bylaws, Article 18, Rule 1800.1 .....page 65
3. ***CLARIFYING ATHLETIC TRANSFERS***
  - Constitution & Bylaws, Article 18, Rule 1800.4 .....page 68
4. ***PROTECTION FOR GAME OFFICIALS***
  - Constitution & Bylaws, Article 22, Rule 2230.1 .....page 91
5. ***SUNDAY CONTACT***
  - Constitution & Bylaws, Article 23, Rule 2310.5 .....page 99

Please note that the CHSAA staff continually updates the CHSAA Constitution and Bylaws as needed. The most updated document can be found at [CHSAANOW.com](http://CHSAANOW.com), under Info.

## **MAJOR LACROSSE COMMITTEE REPORT CHANGES:**

***There were no major changes to the 2022-2023 Lacrosse report by the committee. A reminder on changes from previous year's report is below.***

- A. Beginning Spring 2023, seeding of the State Tournament Bracket will mirror the capture process in each classification (4A & 5A) using the CHSAA Selection & Seeding Index. The CHSAA Board of Directors has implemented a 50/50 split between MaxPreps and RPI Rankings to capture all State Tournament Brackets. This same formula will be used to seed the bracket for consistency.

### **I. RATIONALE:**

- A. Avoids confusion for schools that see one ranking throughout the season and then a completely different ranking when the bracket is released. If the Board of Directors and the committee they put together believes that the CHSAA Selection & Seeding Index most accurately ranks the top teams in Colorado, it would only make sense to use it to seed the bracket as well.

# NFHS 2023-2024 BOYS LACROSSE RULES CHANGES

## 1-6-1: ART. 1 . . . Field Players Crosse

The crosse shall be an overall fixed length of either 40 to 42 inches (short crosse) or 52 to 72 inches (long crosse), ~~except for the goalkeeper's crosse, which may be 40 to 72 inches long.~~ The circumference of the crosse handle shall be no more than 3½ inches. The head of the crosse at its widest point shall measure between 6 and 10 inches, inside measurement, at the top and the bottom of the wall (Figure 2). ~~There shall be one crosse 10 to 12 inches, inside measurement at its widest point, at the top and bottom of the wall. This crosse shall be used by the required designated goalkeeper.~~ The walls of any crosse shall not be more than 2 inches high.

**1-6-1 (NEW) 2: ART. 2 . . . Goalkeepers Crosse** The measurements of the goalkeepers crosse shall be: Length 40-72 inches, head 10-12 inches wide, maximum 16 ½ inches long. Additionally, there are no restrictions on stringing, (other than a hanging length no longer than 2 inches) and no restrictions on pocket depth. Renumber remaining articles

**Rationale:** This change separates the stick to be used by the goalkeeper from all other sticks used. This proposal simplifies the reading of rule and eliminates confusion of legality of pocket, stringing etc. unique to the goalkeeper.

**1-9-1... ART. 1... Mandatory equipment.** Each player shall wear the following pieces of equipment which shall be professionally manufactured, ~~and not altered~~ and shall be worn as the manufacturer intended.

**1-9-1a... a.** A protective helmet, designed for lacrosse, which met the NOCSAE standard at the time of manufacture and has a visible, exterior warning label regarding the risk of injury. ~~Both the chin pad and chin strap shall be firmly attached to the mask as designed.~~ The chin strap shall be worn under the chin and shall be firmly attached at all the helmet's manufactured attachment points, securely enough so that the helmet is unable to be removed without detaching the chin strap from the attachment point(s).

**1-9-1c\_c.** Protective gloves designed for lacrosse

**1-9-1e\_e.** Arm pads designed for lacrosse (optional for goalkeeper)

4. Numbers may contain contrasting color trim(s) not to exceed 2 inches ~~(the number shall contrast with the body of the jersey)~~ The body of the number shall be a single solid color that clearly contrasts with the body color of the jersey.

**Rationale:** Clarifies the equipment used

**1-9-3... Art. 3 . . . Play shall be suspended immediately if a player loses any of the mandatory equipment in a scrimmage area. Otherwise, the official shall delay the whistle but not drop a flag, in the same manner as set forth in Rule 7-8.**

**Rationale:** This is now addressed in more specific detail in 4-24-7 from a previous rule change

**2-2... Each team shall designate a captain, or captains, who shall act as that team's sole representative(s) on the field of play during the game. The captain's privilege does not grant a captain the right to enter into an argument with or criticize any decision of an official. ~~Should the captain leave the field of play, either the captain or the captain's coach shall designate to an official the name and number of the replacing captain. If a team is without a designated captain at any time during the play of the game, an official may designate an acting captain. When a team has co-captains, before the game one of the cocaptains shall be designated as the official representative of that team on the field.~~**

**Rationale:** Cleans up language to match the current practice

**2-7-2... ART. 2... The assigned chief bench official also shall be empowered to count crosses when requested and call the following:**

**2-7-2i... i) ~~Count crosses when requested.~~ Too many long crosses on the field.**

**Rationale:** Counting crosses is included as item 'i' in list of things the CBO is empowered to call so is redundant prior to the list. Also, should not need to be requested for CBO to make this call as none of the other CBO calls are restricted.

**2-8-1... ART. 1 . . . In the absence of a chief bench official, the official timekeeper will assume all timing duties. ART. 21 . . . The duties of the official timekeeper shall include: .....**

**Rationale:** The CBO should not be responsible for timekeeping

**3-3... 3 . . . During the final two minutes of regulation play, stalling rules will be in effect for a team that is ahead by four goals or less. Get it in/keep it in procedures will apply (see 431) . ~~The team that is ahead by four goals or less will be warned to "keep it in" once the ball has been brought into the respective goal area.~~**

**Rationale:** Clarifying language which currently does not include 'get it in' language.

**4-3-3i... ART. 3i . . . Upon the whistle starting play, players shall not initiate a body check against their opponent; a body check against a crouched player is an illegal body check.**

**4-3-3j... ART. 3j . . . A violation will be called if a player picks up and carries the ball on the back of the stick. It is legal to clamp the ball with the back of the stick, but it must be moved, raked or directed immediately within one step. ~~Immediately is defined as within one step.~~**

**Rationale:** Clarifies what an attempt is during a face-off. Further defines what a player can and cannot do for body checks and when they can start movement.

**4-6-3c...** c . . . When a loose ball goes out of bounds as a result of a shot or deflected shot at the goal, it shall be awarded to the team that had an inbounds player's body nearest to the ball when it became an out-of-bounds ball, at the point where it was declared out of bounds. ~~If two inbound players of opposite teams are equidistant from the ball when it goes out of bounds, play shall resume according to the alternate-possession rule.~~ In determining which player is nearest, the ball is considered out of bounds when it crosses the plane of the end line or sideline. Other rules affected 4-3-2... ART. 2 . . . The faceoff is considered to have ended when the ball crosses the defensive area line or it has gone out of bounds in the center-field area. ~~and the officials cannot determine who was responsible.~~ If the officials cannot determine who was responsible for the ball going out of bounds, the ball shall be awarded by alternate possession if it has crossed the defensive area line or refaced if it went out of bounds in the center field area.

**Rationale:** Alternate possession should be used sparingly and in situations where there has been an error made by officials or a situation that is out of the official's control (i.e. player injury, inadvertent equipment issues, etc during a loose ball situation). These changes will simplify the rulebook for officials, players, and coaches.

**4-9-2...** ART 2... A goal shall be disallowed: . . . o. The ball is deflected or batted by the free hand of an offensive player. ~~p. A goal will be allowed if the shot is released prior to the end of the period.~~

**4-9-3...** ART. 3 . . . A goal will be allowed if the shot is released prior to the end of the period. If any of the following occur between the end of the period and the shot entering the goal, the goal will be disallowed: . . .

**Rationale:** More appropriate to incorporate language into ART 3 than ART 2(p)

**4-22-1 PENALTY...** ART. 1. . . For all restarts, the game shall resume as quickly as possible . . . PENALTY: ~~Delay of game~~ Illegal Procedure technical foul

**Rationale:** Foul is more appropriate as an illegal procedure.

**4-24-11 (NEW)...** ART. 11. . . If a player has the helmet come off during play, play shall be suspended immediately, and the player shall leave the field until after the next dead ball following the resumption of play.

**Rationale:** The instances of players wearing their helmets improperly is rising rapidly. With risk minimization a major focal point of the rule book, helmets must be worn appropriately as the manufacturer intended with all straps securely attached.

**5-4-2 (NEW)...** CHECKS INVOLVING THE HEAD/NECK OR DEFENSELESS PLAYER

ART. 1. . . A player shall not initiate contact to an opponent's head or neck with a crosscheck, or with any part of the body (head, elbow, shoulder, etc). ~~Any follow-through that contacts the head or neck shall also be considered a violation of this rule.~~

ART. 2 . . . A player who makes indirect contact to an opponent's head and/or neck when the initial force of the contact is to the body of the opponent then slides up to the head and/or neck area.

PENALTY: A one-minute non-releasable foul. An excessively violent violation may result in a longer non-releasable penalty or an ejection.

~~ART. 4. . . A player shall not initiate a body check legally that slides up into or follows through to an opponent's head or neck.~~

Renumber remaining articles.

**Rationale:** The committee is seeing a reluctance to call a two-minute non-releasable penalty for incidental contact to the head/neck area. This change gives officials the ability to assess a penalty that would be more appropriate and encourage officials to make the call when contact occurs.

**5-6...** A player may not use equipment that does not conform to specifications. ~~The fingers/palms of a player's hands must be completely covered by the player's gloves and the gloves may not be altered in a way that compromises the protective features of the gloves.~~ Use of illegal equipment or failure to properly wear mandatory equipment will be penalized as a non-releasable foul.

EXCEPTION: Mouthpiece violation. (6.5.2x)

**Rationale:** Specific language on gloves does not belong in a general rule dealing with illegal equipment.

**5-10j (NEW)...** ART. 10j. . . A team's second violation of Rule 4-18-4: No defensive player, other than the properly equipped goalkeeper, can enter the player's own crease with the perceived intent on blocking a shot or acting as a goalkeeper.

**Rationale:** This is listed as a releasable Unsportsmanlike Conduct under Rule 4-18-4, but it is not listed under the actual Unsportsmanlike Conduct rule.

**6-1-1 PENALTY b...** ART. 1b . . . b ~~If the ball is loose~~ If the team fouled does not have possession of the ball (either the ball is loose or the offending team is in possession) and there is no flag down award the ball to the team that was fouled.

**Rationale:** Adds more accurate detail.

**6-6-4 (NEW)...** ART. 4. . . First team violation of Rule 4-18-4: No defensive player, other than the properly equipped goalkeeper, can enter the player's own crease with the perceived intent on blocking a shot or acting as a goalkeeper.

**Rationale:** This is listed as a conduct foul under Rule 4-18-4, but it is not listed under an actual Conduct Foul rule.

## **2023-2024 POINTS OF EMPHASIS**

### **Crosse Prohibitions**

Due to current innovations in the construction of crosse design, along with stringing at the bottom of the crosse which is designed to withhold the ball from play, the NFHS Boys Lacrosse Committee felt it necessary to emphasize Rule 1-8 (Crosse Prohibitions):

*Additionally, per Rule 1-8, no player may use a crosse that has stringing that retards the normal and free dislodgement of the ball by an opponent. The pocket shall be deemed to have sagged too deeply if the top surface of a lacrosse ball, when placed therein, is below the bottom edge of the sidewall (this prohibition does not apply to the goalkeeper's crosse). A crosse that has been altered in such a way as to give an advantage to an individual is illegal. Adjustable-length handles are illegal. Handles that have been altered in any fashion other than taping or adding another covering designed to improve the grip are illegal. The use of pull strings to alter the depth of the pocket is illegal. No more than one sidewall string on each side is allowed. A broken crosse is considered as no crosse.*

### **Eyeshade**

The NFHS Boys Lacrosse Rules Committee has aligned with other sports to standardize the use of eyeshade. Eyeshade (grease or non-glare strips or stickers) shall be a solid stroke and may not include words, numbers, logos or other symbols. It should be emphasized that eyeshade that extends outside the eye socket or below the cheekbone is prohibited. A player found to be in violation of the eyeshade rule (1-10-1h) will be subject to a one-minute non-releasable personal foul for illegal equipment.

### **Properly Worn Mandatory Equipment**

High school student-athletes are often influenced by what they see at the college and professional levels. Recently, players have started to emulate what they have seen at these levels with the wearing of improper equipment. The NFHS Boys Lacrosse Rules Committee believes the safety of high school student-athletes is paramount. Therefore, an emphasis will be placed on players wearing mandatory equipment properly. This includes the wearing of helmets, arm pads, shoulder pads, and mouthpieces as the manufacturer intended.

**NEW:** The chinstrap shall be worn under the chin and shall be firmly attached at all the helmet's manufactured attachment points, securely enough so that the helmet is unable to be removed without detaching the chinstrap from the attachment point(s).

**Rule 5-6:** A player may not use equipment that does not conform to specifications. Use of illegal equipment or failure to properly wear mandatory equipment will be penalized as a non-releasable foul.

### **Checks Involving the Head/Neck**

The NFHS Boys Lacrosse Rules Committee continues to emphasize the safety of a player's head and neck.

When the initial force of the contact is through the body of the opponent and then slides up to the head and/or neck area, this will be considered indirect contact to an opponent's head and/or neck. The result shall be a one-minute non-releasable penalty to the offending player.

Players who make direct contact to an opponent's head and/or neck shall receive a two-minute non-releasable penalty.

Players who make excessive or flagrant contact to an opponent's head and/or neck shall receive a three-minute non-releasable penalty and/or possible ejection.

## **COLORADO STATE RULE ADOPTIONS**

**Interruption of Game During Regular Season** – If a game is interrupted by events beyond the control of the responsible authorities, it shall be continued from the point of interruption. Both teams are permitted to make roster changes. By mutual agreement of the opposing coaches and approval of the referee, any period may be shortened, or the game terminated. All postseason contests must be played to completion.

**Mercy Rule** – The goal differential rule is in effect for all regular season and CHSAA bracket post-season tournament games with the exception of the State Semifinal and Championship games. A running clock shall be used when the goal differential reaches 12 goals in the second half (including penalties). The clock will only be stopped during the mercy rule for: team timeout, officials' timeout, injury or end of period.

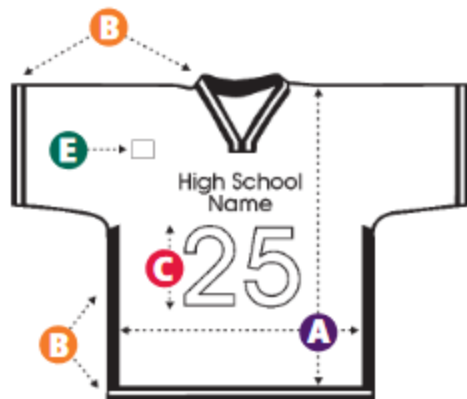
**Overtime Procedure (Regular & Post-season)** - In the event of a tie at the end of regulation, play shall be continued, after a 2-minute intermission with sudden victory overtime. In sudden victory overtime, the teams shall play periods of four minutes each until a goal is scored. The game ends upon the scoring of the first goal. There will be a 2-minute intermission between sudden victory periods.

**Ejected Player/Coach Penalty** – A player or coach ejected will be subjected to the CHSAA player/coach ejection policy, By-law 2200 and 2210.

**Student/Team Practice Requirement** – Each student competing in an interscholastic sports program must have had a minimum practice period of three days in his/her/their sport(s) (exclusive of Sundays) before representing his/her/their school in an interscholastic contest or scrimmage. A student must have a minimum of nine days of practice in football. Receiving school must have written verification on file if transfer of schools is involved.

# NFHS BOYS LACROSSE UNIFORMS

## Front View



## Back View



## Side View



### A JERSEY COLOR

1. Jerseys shall be of a **single, solid color**.
2. The jersey shall completely cover the shoulder pads.
3. Jerseys shall be of contrasting colors for opposing teams. The home team shall wear light jerseys and the visiting team shall wear its dark-color jerseys. The visiting team is responsible for avoidance of similarity of colors, but, if there is doubt, the referee may require the home team to change jerseys.

### B UNIFORM TRIM

1. Collar, cuffs and waistband may be of contrasting colors, but not more than **2 inches wide**.
2. Side inserts (no more than armpit to waistband) may be of contrasting color(s), but no more than **3 inches wide**.
3. Contrasting colored piping not to exceed **1/8-inch wide** is allowed.

### C NUMBERS

1. Numbers shall be centered vertically and horizontally and at least **8 inches** tall on the front and at least **12 inches** tall on the back.
2. Numbers may contain contrasting color trim(s) not to exceed **2 inches** (the number shall contrast with the body of the jersey).
3. Duplicate numbers on jerseys shall not be permitted on the same team.

### D UNIFORM SHORTS

1. All players on the same team shall wear uniform shorts of the same dominant color.

### E MANUFACTURER'S LOGO INFORMATION

1. A visible manufacturer's logo/trademark may not exceed **2¼ square inches** and **2¼ inches** in any direction on the jersey and/or pant/short. Beginning in 2010, no more than one manufacturer's logo/trademark or reference on the outside of each item. (The same size restriction shall apply to either the manufacturer's logo/trademark or reference).

**NOTE:** An American flag, not to exceed 2 by 3 inches, and either a commemorative or a memorial patch, not to exceed 4 square inches and with written state association approval, may be worn on the jersey provided neither the flag, nor the patch, interferes with the visibility of the number.

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# **Sportsmanship Protocol at all CHSAA Contests and Activities**

## 1. Cheerleaders/Fans/Spectators

- It is recommended that there be positive cheers only.
- Only cheerleaders may use megaphones.
- All patrons must wear shirts and shoes. Face painting is allowed.
- Cheer and tumbling routines must be in front of your team's student body. Routines that spill into the area of the opposing team are prohibited.
- Cheer squads may perform under the basket area outside the free vertical lane lines at all times.

## 2. Banners

- One cloth or vinyl banner may be used, but must be sanctioned by the game management, principal, and/or athletic director before the contest. Note: Some facilities, including venues used for CHSAA playoffs, may not allow any banners.
- Paper banners are not allowed at CHSAA sponsored playoff events. The words and graphics on banners must be positive: i.e. "beat", "outscore", "conquer", etc.; Negative banners: i.e. "kill", "maim", "scalp", etc., will be confiscated and may result in no future use of banners.
- Banners must not block the view of others.

## 3. Noisemakers

- All artificial noisemakers are prohibited. This includes: cowbells, drums, whistles, horns, plastic clackers, thunder sticks, etc. Exception: bleacher kicking is permitted if the facility management allows it.
- An air horn or cannon may be used on the field and only if supervised by a school designee. It should never be disruptive to the playing of the game and used only during dead ball periods at the end of playing action.
- No musical instruments and/or amplified music, including drums, shall play while the game clock is running or when a 'live-ball' situation is applicable by rule, whether the game is indoor or outdoor. This includes fanfares, drum rolls, etc. The only time the game, once started, is not "in progress" is during a timeout or intermission. This applies to the use of outdoor, in-gym, or in-arena sound systems and public address announcements. The announcer is an integral member of game administration and is a reporter of information not necessarily obvious to spectators. Great care must be exercised to see that neither team gains an advantage from announcements over the public address system. Announcers are not "play-by-play" announcers.
- There shall be no amplified instruments at any CHSAA playoff events.

## 4. A list of acceptable and unacceptable behaviors can be found on CHSAAnow.com under Activities>Sportsmanship in the Game Management and Sportsmanship Expectation Guide.

## 5. CHSAA Venue Sportsmanship Expectation Poster

All schools are strongly encouraged to post the poster/flyer at all school contest venues, with or without using the card system protocols. The Sportsmanship Expectation Poster provides a consistent message for our schools to fans and spectators in our gyms about how to treat referees, judges, umpires, and other sports officials. Any size of the poster/flyer will do. Download the 8 ½ x 11 version at Chsaanow.com.

**CHEER FOR YOUR TEAM AND NOT AGAINST THE OPPONENT!!**

## MESSAGE FROM THE RMLOA

The Rocky Mountain Lacrosse Officials Association (RMLOA) is the CHSAA-sponsored organization which recruits, trains, evaluates, and when necessary, disciplines certified high-school boys' lacrosse officials in Colorado.

I am the RMLOA Chairperson and look forward to working with CHSAA and the high school boys' lacrosse community in my new role. I work and live with my family in Edwards, Colorado. I have been an active member of RMLOA for 14 years in the Mountain Region. I have taken the USA Lacrosse Laredo Level 3 Certification and have played the game for more than 40 years.

My focus will be on recruitment of new officials to high school and on-going training of officials in conjunction with our certified trainers/observers.

I welcome feedback and an open dialogue with CHSAA boys' lacrosse coaches throughout the season.

Todd Goulding  
RMLOA Chairperson

# **ROCKY MOUNTAIN LACROSSE OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION**

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### **Western Slope**

Schools: Aspen, Battle Mountain, Eagle Valley, Glenwood Springs, Steamboat Springs, Summit, Vail Mountain

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### **Colorado Springs**

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### **All Other Areas/Schools**

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# OFFICIALS' REMINDERS

## OFFICIALS' FEES

**Officials' game fees for the 2024 season:**

2 or 3 Officials

Varsity - \$85.00

Sub-varsity - \$60.00

**MILEAGE - 50 cents per mile round trip, zip code to zip code. Exception see note 1.** Note 1: The Confluence (except Campion); The 5280 (except Gilpin County); The Colorado 7 (except Conifer, Fort Lupton, Fort Morgan, Weld Central); The Jefferson County (except Evergreen), Denver, Continental, East Metro, Front Range (except Fort Collins, Loveland, Poudre and Rocky Mountain), Frontier (except Bennett, Clear Creek, Lake County, Middle Park and Platte Canyon), Metropolitan, and Centennial leagues and Broomfield, Denver Academy, and Denver Christian schools will not pay mileage between league cities, but will pay a mileage travel stipend of \$10 to each official between league cities per day of assignments. Colorado Springs schools will pay mileage travel stipend of \$10 per day of assignments to officials selected from the Colorado Springs Officials' Association. An official that is assigned to two or more contests at a given site on the same day shall be paid one travel stipend or reimbursement.

Only ONE driver will be paid the mileage reimbursement for each contest. It will be paid to the official on the crew who travels the farthest. Issues with multiple drivers must be solved between the officials and the assignor prior to the game. Crews are expected to carpool when traveling from area to area (for example from area 1 to area 2).

In lieu of per diem, a rider fee of \$10 is paid to officials, non-drivers only, who are riding on trips of 75 miles or more one-way.

It is RECOMMENDED that, during the regular season only, assigners assign officials to a contest whose travel miles to a school is less than or equal to 75 miles round trip, thus resulting in a payment of no more than \$30 for travel. If an official travels miles more than 75 miles round trip the official should be paid at the \$.40/mile rate as listed above unless other arrangements are made with the officials by the school.

**Individual Mileage Buffer** - No mileage will be paid to an official whose town of residence is 20 miles or closer to the host school. Full mileage (including first 20 miles) will be paid to officials who travel over 20 miles. This does not apply to the metro area officials described above that receive the \$10 travel stipend.

## EVALUATE YOUR OFFICIALS

**Coaches are asked to evaluate the crew of officials after each game.** The CHSAA and the Rocky Mountain Lacrosse Officials Association value your input on the officiating in our state. You can find the [Rate Your Contest Official form here](#) or on the CHSAA Now Officials page. It is important that coaches approach this with the mindset that constructive criticism is the best way to improve officiating in Colorado.

## VOTING FOR POSTSEASON OFFICIALS

RMLOA will work to continue to bring you the best officials from their organization. To work postseason games, officials must submit an application between April 18-26 to be considered. Official postseason selection is based on voting by Coaches, Athletic Directors, Assigners, and Area Directors that will be conducted April 29-May 2. **Coaches and Athletic Directors** - it is imperative that you participate in the voting which is done online through a link that will be provided to you from the CHSAA office.

## BECOMING AN OFFICIAL

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming an official, please contact the CHSAA official's office at [mtillman@chsaa.org](mailto:mtillman@chsaa.org).

# CHSAA REGULAR SEASON GAME MANAGEMENT

1. All regular season games will be played according to the NFHS and be completed by **Saturday, May 4, 2024, for all schools.**
2. Student/Parent Information – Completed and signed documentation that parents and participants have been informed, understand and acknowledge basic CHSAA eligibility rules and knowledge of the risk of participation must be on file with the school prior to any student participating in an athletic practice, scrimmage or contest.
3. Physical Exam/Parent Consent - No student shall represent his/her schools in interscholastic athletics (practice or contest) until there is on file with the school administration a statement signed by his parent or legal guardian and a practicing physician certifying he/she has passed an adequate [physical examination](#) within the past year (12 calendar months) and is physically fit to participate in high school athletics and has the consent of his parents or legal guardian to participate.
4. Trainer's Kit - The CHSAA recommends that a trainer's kit, with all the necessary medical supplies needed for your sport, be available at all practices and contests.
5. Language - Coaches are reminded that the CHSAA focuses on exemplary behavior. The use of bad language may be penalized by disqualification. Work with your athletes at the beginning of the season to understand that whenever the uniform is worn, they represent their school and the philosophies of the CHSAA.
6. Taunting - Taunting is considered any action(s) or comments by coaches, players, or spectators which are intended to bait, anger, embarrass, ridicule or demean others, whether or not the deeds or words are vulgar or racist. Game officials shall, in all sports, follow the rules set forth by the National Federation for each sport. Penalties under these rules may include ejection or other penalties for flagrant unsporting-like behavior-like offenses. Taunting in all sports and/or activities is an unsporting-like behavior-like offense that may result in a game ejection with penalties as outlined in the student ejection policy in the CHSAA Handbook.
7. Sunday Contact – In accordance with Bylaw 2310.5, no high school interscholastic contests, practices for interscholastic contests, camps, nor association between participants and coaches/directors of any CHSAA sanctioned sport from the student's school shall take place on Sundays during the competitive high school season (start of official practice through the state tournament). The Commissioner may, when deemed advisable, allow postponed state-level events to be played on Sunday. Teams playing on Monday in district, regional or in a state-culminating event will be exempt from this rule.
8. MaxPreps is the official site we use to collect data for regular season scores and statistics. Please report all game information and team rosters to this site ([www.maxpreps.com](http://www.maxpreps.com)). More information and a user guide may be found on the CHSAA homepage: [www.chsaanow.com](http://www.chsaanow.com). All scores must be posted in MaxPreps by the home team within 24 hours of the end of the game.

NOTE: All schools competing against an out-of-state opponent must submit an out-of-state opponents form (located on rSchool) which must be submitted before the date of the game.

9. Team Bench Areas - The bench areas shall be on either side of the table area. Each Bench area shall extend from the table area 15 yards parallel to the sideline. Each bench area shall be bounded on the field side by the coaches area. Benches for the competing teams shall be placed on either

side of the scorer's table at least 10 yards from the table and, where physically possible, at least 10 yards from the sideline, parallel to the sideline.

10. Field Markings - The CHSAA asks that you work with your maintenance and field staffs to make sure your field of play is marked as per the NFHS rule book guidelines, which are found in the NFHS rule book on the page following the table of contents. Located there is the NFHS diagram for marking a lacrosse field. It is the responsibility of each school and their athletic department, in cooperation with their grounds staff, to ensure their lacrosse field is marked in accordance to the rules of the game.
11. Game Administration - At the beginning of the game, the home team is required to provide a scorebook, a timing device, a table and a working horn. Failing to provide any of these items is penalized by illegal procedure.
12. Number and Designation of Players - Ten players shall constitute a full team. They shall be designated as follows: Goalkeeper, Defense, Midfield, Attack. A team shall begin the game with at least 10 players and must have a legally equipped goalkeeper on the field at all times, or it forfeits the game.
13. Uniforms - The home team must wear white or light-colored jerseys; the visiting team must wear dark colored jerseys. If your school has only one set of uniforms, it is then your responsibility to bring pull-over practice vest pennies.
14. Mercy Rule - The goal differential rule is in effect for all regular season and CHSAA bracket post-season tournament games with the exception of the State Semifinal and Championship games. A running clock shall be used when the goal differential reaches 12 goals in the second half (including penalties). The clock will only be stopped during the mercy rule for: team timeout, officials' timeout, injury or end of period.
15. Interruption of Game - If a game is interrupted by events beyond the control of the responsible authorities, it shall be continued from the point of interruption. Both teams are permitted to make roster changes. By mutual agreement of the opposing coaches and approval of the referee, any period may be shortened, or the game terminated.
16. Length of Game - The regulation playing time of a high school varsity Boys Lacrosse game should be four periods of 12 minutes.

For all lower-level games, the regulation playing time should be four periods of 12 minutes with a running clock or four periods of 10 minutes with a stop clock.

There shall be 2-minute intervals between the first and second periods and between the third and fourth periods of the game. The intermission between the second and third periods (halftime) shall be 10 minutes.

17. Overtime Procedure - In the event of a tie at the end of regulation, play shall be continued, after a 2-minute intermission with sudden victory overtime. In sudden victory overtime, the teams shall play periods of four minutes each until a goal is scored. The game ends upon the scoring of the first goal. There will be a 2-minute intermission between sudden victory periods.
18. JV Overtime - NO Overtime for JV/Sub-Varsity: If tied at the end of regulation, the game will end in a tie.

19. Maximum Student Participation - A student may not participate in more than 72 quarters/periods (across all levels) exclusive of the state tournament. Example: A player who played 20 JV quarters/periods and 60 Varsity quarters/periods during the regular season would've violated this rule.
20. Maximum Team Contests - No member school shall permit its Boys Lacrosse team to participate in more than 15 regular season games. Further, no member school shall permit its lacrosse team as a representative of the school to play after the state championship tournament has been completed (CHSAA Bylaw 2300.1 & 3920).
21. JV Schedules - If some member schools elect to play junior varsity schedules only, they will not be included in the CHSAA state post season tournaments.
22. Forfeits - If the offended team is ahead the score stands; if the offended team is behind or tied, the official score shall be offended team 1, opponent 0.
23. Stalling Rules - During the final two minutes of regulation play, stalling rules will be in effect. The team that is ahead by 4 goals or less will be warned to "keep it in" once the ball has been brought into it's respective goal area.
24. Ejected Player Penalty - Any player ejected from a contest (regular or post-season) by an official will be removed from that contest and will be ineligible for the next contest. The athlete may not take part in any other games at any level during this time (CHSAA By-law 2200.11). **If a player disqualification occurs, it is the responsibility of the coach and school to declare the individual ineligible for the next contest(s) of that level regardless of whether you have been notified by the CHSAA.** Failure to do so and allowing a disqualified player to participate in the next contest(s) of that level could result in a forfeiture and possible playoff restriction for the team.

If a player receives a game disqualification in the last regular season contest, he/she must miss the first game of the playoffs. If you have questions about potentially ineligible participants, seek answers from CHSAA before allowing the individual to compete interscholastically. NOTE: Sitting out scrimmages or foundation games does not satisfy the penalty for player ejections.

Any player ejected from a second contest during the same season shall be suspended from competition for the next two matches or contests of the same level. Any player ejected from a third contest during the same season shall be subject to a penalty to be determined by the Commissioner.

If a player ejection occurs in the final contest of the season, then the player shall be ineligible for the first contest of the next season of sport that player elects to play. In satisfying the penalty, the player must sit out a game in a sport in which he/she completes the season. See the CHSAA Handbook for more information.

25. Ejection of a Coach - CHSAA By-laws require that a credentialed (registered) coach under contract with the school must assume supervisory responsibility for all interscholastic contests. If a coach is ejected and no credentialed (registered) person from that school is available, the contest shall be forfeited.

A coach ejected from a contest for committing an unsportsmanlike act shall be suspended from coaching for 10% (2 games) of the season's regularly scheduled matches or contests of the

same level (CHSAA Bylaw 2210.1). He/she/they may not coach in any other contest at any level during this time. A coach ejected from a second contest during the same season shall be suspended from coaching for 20% (3 games) of the season's contests of the same level (CHSAA Bylaw 2210.3). **If a coach ejection occurs, it is the responsibility of the coach and school to declare the individual ineligible for the next contest of that level regardless of whether you have been notified by the CHSAA.**

***CHSAA By-law Article 22, Rule 2210.21*** - A coach ejected from a game is required to complete the following courses offered on-line by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS): Sportsmanship; Teaching and Modeling Behavior. These courses shall be completed before he/she will be removed from probation and must be finished in a reasonable amount of time during the season to be determined by the school's athletic director.

A coach ejected from two contests during a five-year period shall be required to appear at a hearing before the Commissioner or his/her/their designee and shall be subject to a penalty to be determined by the Commissioner (CHSAA Bylaw 2210.4). A coach ejected from three contests in a five-year period shall be placed on restriction (no playoffs) per CHSAA Bylaw 2210.5.

26. Reporting Ejections for Athletes & Coaches - Game Officials are responsible for submitting game reports to notify the CHSAA Assistant Commissioner in charge of Boys Lacrosse when an athlete or a member of the coaching staff at a school is ejected. CHSAA will notify schools of the reports for both coaches and athletes; **the coach/school is responsible for implementing the penalty regardless of notification from CHSAA.**
27. Protests/Appeals - NO protests involving the judgment or possible misapplication of a rule by a game official will be considered by the CHSAA. However, coaches may direct questions to the game officials as they pertain to possible misapplication of the rules at the time of the occurrence, in accordance with the National Federation rules. Once a game has been declared as completed, the outcome is final and official. Coaches and Administrators are encouraged to use the [official evaluation form](#) available on CHSAANow.com for evaluation of all contests.
28. ALL Registered Coaches - Carefully review CHSAA Bylaw 1620 in the CHSAA Handbook regarding the qualification of coaches. Do not allow your athletes to receive instruction from anyone who does not meet the requirements established in CHSAA Bylaw 1620. Assistant coaches must be registered by the school's AD in accordance with CHSAA policy and must be under contract to the school. To allow a "volunteer" who is not under contract to work with your athletes exposes the "volunteer", the head coach and the school to increased liability and is a **CHSAA violation**.
29. Out of State Travel - A school group, team, or individual representing a school in athletic competition may travel outside of the state to compete upon recommendation of the school district administration and upon written approval of the CHSAA Liaison. Schools may fill out the form for out of state travel on [rSchool](#) (click to go to Forms page).
30. The host school has the responsibility to ensure that an event is governed in a manner that emphasizes the educational values inherent in interscholastic activities. It is the host school's responsibility to remove any individual(s) creating a disturbance, which disrupt(s) the educational goals of the event and does not keep in mind the positive aspect of sporting behavior. Individuals, who by their actions, have become a constant disruption to the orderly governance of a high school activity shall be barred indefinitely by the school's principal, or his/her designee, from attending all high school activities at member school(s) and all sectional, district, region, and

state playoff events. The CHSAA, the league, and offender must receive written notification of such action (CHSAA Bylaw 2240).

31. CHSAA Drone Policy - "The use of drones, also known as unmanned aerial vehicles, is prohibited for any purpose by any persons at all CHSAA-sanctioned events, unless express written permission is obtained: 1) from the host school district during regular season contests, or 2) the CHSAA for any postseason/playoff contest. This policy includes not only the restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium/field/arena structure. For the purposes of this policy, a drone is any aircraft without a human pilot on board."

## **OFFICIALS**

Dressing Room - The officials' dressing room shall be used as a changing area for game officials only and should have the most direct access to the playing field. No other individuals shall have access to this area for any purposes unless they can be identified as game management. The room should be stocked with water.

Security - It is the responsibility of game management to provide security escort for game officials to and from the playing field. If possible, the officials should be escorted to the parking lot.

Arrival at Site - Game officials are required to arrive at the game site per their officiating association's policy.

Communication with Officials - Except for contact as is necessary by game management all others are prohibited from talking to the officials before, during, at halftime or after games concerning matters related to the game. Officials are asked to report any such violations to the CHSAA office.

Halftime - Game officials will delay leaving the playing field until players and coaches have left at halftime. A security escort is to be provided to take officials to their dressing room and prevent contact or conversation between coaches and officials.

## **CHSAA POSTSEASON GUIDELINES**

The following information is relative to the 2024 Boys' Lacrosse Playoff Season. It is expected that coaches and Athletic Directors will review and become familiar with all information contained within.

In each classification, the results of regular season play will determine automatic qualifiers and respective seeds in the postseason. Leagues may use the results of their regular season schedule or a system developed and approved by the league membership. This qualifying system must be submitted to the CHSAA office by the league prior to March 20, 2024.

If ties exist within the league, either the CHSAA qualifying point system or a tiebreaker developed by the league and submitted to the CHSAA office prior to March 20, 2024, or a regular season game or league Bylaws must be used to break the tie. The committee recommends that each league review their tie-breaking procedures prior to the beginning of the season. In the event a league does not file a tiebreaker system, or have it listed in the league Bylaws, the CHSAA universal tiebreaker will be used to break the tie (see CHSAA Constitution and Bylaws).

Regular season matches must be completed and reported in MaxPreps by Saturday, May 4, 2024. All postseason qualifiers must be determined no later than Saturday, May 4, 2024, with the pairings being determined on Sunday, May 5, 2024. The CHSAA staff can approve alternate dates in extreme situations.

**It is the responsibility of each league representative to correctly list the Automatic Qualifiers from their respective league in applicable classifications and verify that they appear on the tournament bracket.**

### **LEAGUE STANDINGS AND TIE-BREAKER:**

If no other method has been established, league standings will be established by awarding 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss.

Leagues that break ties in the standings without additional play will do so by the league's adopted tiebreaker system, a copy of which is to be on file with the CHSAA office for review. In the event a league does not file a tiebreaker system, it must break ties in the following manner:

1. Head-to-head (record against each of the teams involved).
2. Record against top team in the league.
3. Record against the next highest common league opponent above tie.
4. Record against next lower common league opponent below the tie.
5. Goals given up against varsity teams within the league.
6. Goals given up against varsity teams against teams in the same classification.
7. Goals given up in all varsity contests.
8. Coin flip by CHSAA Assistant Commissioner in charge of Boys Lacrosse.

### **Tie Breaker for Seeding Based on Division Play Only**

- A. If two teams have the same point total, the tie will be broken by the following procedure:
  1. Head-to-Head result between the two tied teams in League Play.

- B. If more than two teams have the same point total, the tie will be broken by the following procedure:
1. Head-to-Head result between the tied teams only in League Play. *Example: If Team A beat both B and C, their point total would be 4. If Team B beat C, but lost to A, their point total would be 2. Team C would have 0 points. In this example, Team A would be the highest seed. B and C would revert back to #A above to be seeded.*
  2. If the tie remains unbroken, the highest seed will be the team(s) which gave up the fewest goals in League Play between the tied teams. The remaining tied teams (if necessary) would revert to #A above and proceed through the steps listed until the tie is broken. *Example: If A, B and C are still tied. "A" gave up 2 goals when playing B and 3 goals when playing C for a total of 5 goals scored against. "B" had a total of 4 goals scored against and "C" a total of 6 goals scored against. "B" would be the highest seed among the tied teams. A & C would revert back to #A above to be seeded.*
  3. If the tie remains unbroken, the highest seed will be the team, which gave up the fewest goals in their game against the next highest seeded conference opponent. If unbroken, the goals given up against the next highest league opponent would break the tie proceeding through as many conference teams as necessary to break the tie. The remaining tied teams would revert to #A above and proceed through the steps listed until the tie is broken.
  4. If the tie remains unbroken, a coin flip will identify one team as the highest seed among the tied teams. The remaining tied teams would revert to #A above and proceed through the steps listed until the tie is broken.

### **QUALIFYING FORMAT AND ASSIGNMENT BY CLASS:**

The seeding committee will be made up of one (1) administrator from each league in each classification. The administrator shall be selected by the league president and nominated to the CHSAA office for approval.

4A/5A Playoff Qualifying Procedures – Each league will receive one automatic qualifier. League automatic qualifiers not ranked in the top 24 teams by the CHSAA Selection & Seeding Index, will replace the lowest ranked non-automatic qualifiers in the top 24 in CHSAA Selection & Seeding Index. The CHSAA Selection & Seeding Index will seed teams 1-24. There will be no movement for teams 1-16 on the bracket based on the CHSAA Selection & Seeding index. The placement of teams listed 17-24 may be moved on the bracket due to geography and first round league opponents. The Seeding Committee will avoid league matchups in the 1<sup>st</sup> Round ONLY.

### **What happens if two teams are tied in the final CHSAA Selection & Seeding Index standings?**

We have created a tiebreaker for this unlikely scenario. It is as follows:

1. Head-to-head result between the two teams
2. Highest ranked team in the MaxPreps Rankings
3. Highest ranked team in the RPI Rankings
4. Coin flip

### **EQUAL FACILITIES**

Although it is necessary that one team be designated as the home team at common sites, it shall be kept in mind that the game belongs equally to both competing schools. It is strongly advised that a pre-game planning meeting be held to cover all details connected with the staging of every postseason contest. Game fields must be legal size fields for high school lacrosse and be in safe and playable condition. The CHSAA reserves the right to make sure all playoff fields are legal fields, as per NFHS rules and recommendations for high school field size. This will allow both teams a fair

opportunity to compete and ensure proper seating for spectators with a restricted area between participants and fans.

### **HOST SITES/VENUES**

In all classifications the higher seeded team will be the home team throughout the playoff bracket and will host all rounds except for the semifinals and finals. The higher seed in all classifications will be designated as the home team in semifinal and final contests.

It is required by the CHSAA that quarterfinal postseason host sites follow all CHSAA playoff requirements including, but not limited to charging admission and all other amenities of a championship game, including bleacher seating, lighted venue and a secure playing field for players, coaches and officials.

Enclosed fields with suitable seating and where an admission can be charged is the preferred venue for postseason games. Field conditions must meet minimum NFHS rules and recommendations regarding size of the field. The field should be secured in a manner to limit fan access to players, coaches, and officials.

### **POST SEASON DATES & TIMES**

CHSAA will establish match dates. It is the desire of the CHSAA that schools **mutually establish** match times that best accommodate the interests of each school and community. Schools must consider the conditions in which the match will be played and make the best decision to accommodate the schools involved. **NOTE:** All **mutually established** match times are subject to final approval by the CHSAA office as needed. When mutual agreement for the match time cannot be reached, the following statements will apply:

- a. When postseason matches are to be played on a Saturday, games will be played at 1:00 p.m. when mutual agreement for the match time cannot be reached. In scenarios where the host facility is not available at 1:00 p.m., games will be played at 3:00 p.m. for non-lighted fields and 6:00 p.m. for lighted fields.
- b. When postseason matches are to be played on a weekday, games will be played at 4:00 p.m. when mutual agreement for the match time cannot be reached for non-lighted fields. Games will be played at 6:00 p.m. when mutual agreement for the match time cannot be reached for lighted fields.
- c. The Assistant Commissioner shall have the sole province to designate match times and sites, including when a school district is hosting more than one match. Conflicts, which could have a venue, academic or financial impact on the match, may be considered.
- d. All schools, both home and visitor, will be provided the opportunity to mutually establish the match time during the scheduling process. When mutual agreement cannot be reached, the above scenarios (a-c) will apply.
- e. The CHSAA postseason calendar will be adhered to when match conditions permit. When available, host schools shall attempt locate an artificial turf site that will be an alternative to stay on schedule.
- f. **Under no circumstances may a school host any type of ceremony during a CHSAA Postseason Lacrosse contest (examples include but are not limited to – Senior Night, Alumni Night, Homecoming Recognition, etc.).**

### **TEAM ARRIVALS & WARM-UP**

For all postseason games, teams should arrive at their designated/agreed upon time. Teams may not begin warm-ups on the field prior to 30 minutes before the game time for semifinals/finals; for all

other rounds, teams should mutually agree upon a warm-up schedule. No running around the track during game play. Warm-up location will be given to teams upon checking in at the stadium. When multiple games are played at a venue, 30 minutes on the field for warm-ups is guaranteed prior to the start of each game.

### **PRACTICE**

Participating teams will not be allowed to practice at the state championship site at any point during the state championships.

### **ANNOUNCER**

The announcer should be a school staff member or responsible individual who can set the tone of the game by calling the fans' attention to the following points of reference: (1) CHSAA playoff contests are conducted under the strictest code of good sportsmanlike behavior; (2) The officials are neutral individuals and have been selected because of demonstrated ability; (3) Fans are to be encouraged by the announcer to support their own team and display proper protocol and sportsmanlike behavior.

### **OFFICIALS' ASSIGNMENTS & PAYMENT**

The CHSAA is responsible for the assignment of officials in ALL ROUNDS of the state tournament. All post-season matches are to be played as per the specific bracket dates in each classification. Host schools are responsible for the payment of officials through the quarterfinals in each classification. Payments to officials in the semifinals and finals will be made by the CHSAA office. All the assignments will be listed on the Arbiter site.

To access the officials that CHSAA has assigned, Athletic Directors need to access "The Arbiter Sports" web site: [www.arbitersports.com](http://www.arbitersports.com).

### **TRAINER**

A trainer will be provided at the semifinal and final matches by the CHSAA.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER & SUSPENDED PLAY POLICY**

In the event inclement weather prevents postseason games from being held on the regularly scheduled date(s), the CHSAA office will work with the host site to select the next available date for competition. The game(s) will be rescheduled as quickly as possible and will be played close to the originally scheduled date depending on facility constraints. If play is suspended for any reason in a postseason game, the contest will be restarted at the point of interruption.

If a weather element affects the field condition or safety of the athletes, by NFHS Rule, the home site management has responsibility to determine if the game is to be started. Once the game has started, the game referee then has sole responsibility to continue or terminate the contest.

### **ROSTER**

Maximum total of game participants/support staff in the team and coaching area is 53; this includes 45 players, and 8 additional support staff members will be admitted without charge for all postseason games. The support staff will include coaches, trainers or team managers.

### **GATE LIST & PROGRAM INFORMATION**

It is imperative that each team that has a chance to qualify for the CHSAA Boys Lacrosse Postseason complete the gate list that will be sent to you from CHSAA (you will also be asked to send a team photo). All gate lists and team photos MUST be received by **May 6, 2024**. This information is very

important, as it will be used to develop the program as well as any press releases. You will **not be allowed to make any changes or additions to your gate list at the event**. Any changes **MUST** be submitted via the gate list or emailing CHSAA.

**DUE DATE: Monday, May 6, 2024**

### **AWARDS**

Awards for the 2024 Boys' Lacrosse Playoffs will include a championship team trophy and a runner-up team trophy in each classification.

### **AWARDS CEREMONY**

The CHSAA will have an awards ceremony at the conclusion of the championship game in each classification. The awards ceremony will be in the center of the field. School administrators and coaches are expected to assist in the awards ceremony by **NOT** allowing students and fans to join their team on the field.

### **CHEERLEADERS**

Twenty-eight (28) cheerleaders in uniform and two coaches may be admitted at no charge to state semifinal and state championship games. The group should enter the gates all together and must be accompanied by their coach.

**NOTE:** Due to varying sizes of facilities used at state semifinal and state championship games, certain restrictions or more limited numbers may be imposed.

### **PEP BAND ADMISSION INFORMATION**

Only 35 pep band members, and the director, will be admitted at no charge to the state playoffs, providing each member of said groups complies with the following conditions. Additional members may attend at the student fee at the discretion of host administrator based on facility space consideration.

Marching Bands/Pep Bands are asked to observe the following:

- Play only at pre-game, timeouts, and intermissions during games. At no time can bands, percussion, or any part of an instrument be played while the ball is in play.
- Respect/consider other bands in attendance. Every school should have the opportunity to complete a cheer and to have its band play (a meeting of the band directors prior to the start of the contest always helps to ensure good sportsmanship).
- Do not allow band instruments, drums, etc., to be used as noisemakers. Only a maximum of 2 amplifiers can be used for the purpose of amplifying a piano, guitar, or bass.

### **TICKETING & TOURNAMENT FINANCES**

Please refer to the Legislative Council Approved Reports for information regarding the Tournament and Playoff Financial Report when you are a host school in the first round through quarterfinals in Boys Lacrosse. If you are a host school for a Boys Lacrosse playoff game, you will receive the report to fill out from the CHSAA office. T&PF Reports are due within 10 days of the playoff game and only take a few minutes to complete.

During postseason for all classifications, schools are required to charge admission. If it is not possible to charge admission, permission may be requested prior to the game to pay the CHSAA a fee in lieu

of charging admission. When paying the No Gate Fee, host schools are still responsible for travel reimbursements due to the opponent, as well as all other costs associated with hosting these contests. Pre-approval from CHSAA is required for implementation, so please contact Justin Saylor for Boys Lacrosse.

\*This is a per game fee when hosting multiple games at one site. Fees are collected for each game. Approved for the 2023-2024 school year.

<b>SPORT</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Boys Lacrosse	\$150.00

## 2024 4A BOYS' LACROSSE LEAGUES

**Enrollment: 1-1630 (40 schools)**

<b>FOOTHILLS (6)</b>		<b>METRO (8)</b>		<b>NORTHERN (7)</b>	
Conifer		Denver North		Dawson	
Dakota Ridge		Middle Park		Erie	
Evergreen		Northfield		Holy Family	
Golden		Palmer		Jefferson Academy	
Green Mountain		Pueblo West		Resurrection Christian	
Mullen		Rangeview #		Thompson Valley	
		St. Mary's		Windsor	
		The Vanguard			
		Clear Creek (JV)			
<b>SOUTHERN (6)</b>		<b>WESTERN (7)</b>		<b>MOUNTAIN (6)</b>	
Air Academy		Aspen		Crested Butte	
Cheyenne Mountain		Battle Mountain		Durango	
Littleton		Eagle Valley		Fruita Monument #	
Lutheran		Glenwood Springs		Grand Junction	
Ponderosa		Steamboat Springs		Montrose	
Thomas Jefferson		Summit		Telluride	
		Vail Mountain			
# Placed down					

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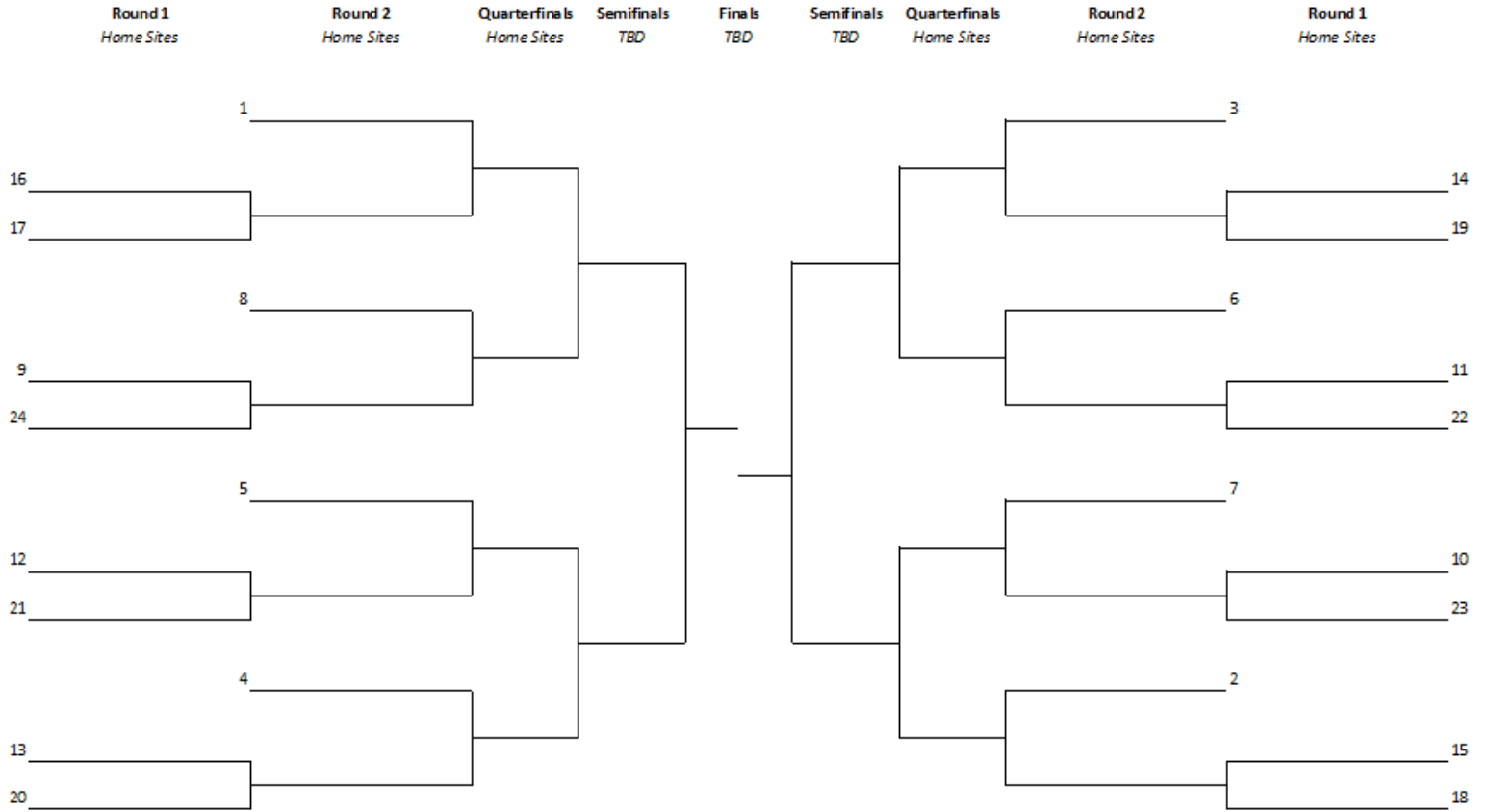
## 2024 5A BOYS' LACROSSE LEAGUES

**Enrollment: 1631 – up (34 schools)**

<b>LEAGUE #1 (9)</b>	<b>LEAGUE #2 (8)</b>	<b>LEAGUE #3 (9)</b>
Arvada West	Chatfield	Castle View
Boulder	Columbine	Chaparral
Douglas County	Fairview	Highlands Ranch
Eaglecrest	Lakewood	Legend
Heritage	Monarch	Mountain Vista
Lewis-Palmer	Mountain Range	Regis Jesuit
Pine Creek	Poudre School District	Rock Canyon
Prairie View	Ralston Valley	ThunderRidge
Smoky Hill		Valor Christian ^
	<b>LEAGUE #4 (8)</b>	
	Arapahoe	^ Placed up
	Cherry Creek	
	Cherokee Trail	
	Colorado Academy ^	
	Denver East	
	Denver South	
	Grandview	
	Kent Denver ^	

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4A/5A Boys Lacrosse State Playoff Bracket



## CHSAA Boys Lacrosse Championship Results

<b>Year</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Champion</b>	<b>Runner-up</b>	<b>Score</b>
2023	5A	Mountain Vista	Valor Christian	10-8
	4A	Cheyenne Mountain	Erie	10-9
2022	5A	Arapahoe	Mountain Vista	8-5
	4A	Cheyenne Mountain	Air Academy	10-5
2021	5A	Mountain Vista	Valor Christian	10-9
	4A	Cheyenne Mountain	Evergreen	5-4
2019	5A	Cherry Creek	Kent Denver	12-7
	4A	Golden	Cheyenne Mountain	10-9
2018	5A	Regis Jesuit	Kent Denver	10-4
	4A	Cheyenne Mountain	Dawson School	8-6
2017	5A	Cherry Creek	Regis Jesuit	17-8
	4A	Valor Christian	Dawson School	20-12
2016	5A	Regis Jesuit	Arapahoe	11-6
	4A	Valor Christian	Dawson School	10-9
2015	5A	Cherry Creek	Regis Jesuit	13-10
	4A	Aspen	Valor Christian	17-12
2014	5A	Regis Jesuit	Cherry Creek	14-7
	4A	Ponderosa	Wheat Ridge	13-11
2013	5A	Arapahoe	Cherry Creek	10-7
	4A	Wheat Ridge	Air Academy	14-2
2012	Unclassified	Arapahoe	Cherry Creek	8-4
2011	Unclassified	Regis Jesuit	Kent Denver	11-10
2010	Unclassified	Cherry Creek	Regis Jesuit	11-4
2009	Unclassified	Arapahoe	Mullen	8-5
2008	Unclassified	Kent Denver	Fort Collins	15-6
2007	Unclassified	Fort Collins	Kent Denver	7-6
2006	Unclassified	Cherry Creek	Denver East	6-2
2005	Unclassified	Cherry Creek	Kent Denver	9-6
2004	Unclassified	Kent Denver	Arapahoe	7-5
2003	Unclassified	Kent Denver	Cherry Creek	8-7
2002	Unclassified	Cherry Creek	Denver East	7-6
2001	Unclassified	Kent Denver	Cherry Creek	12-6
2000	Unclassified	Denver East	Arapahoe	9-8 (OT)
1999	Unclassified	Kent Denver	Regis Jesuit	16-3

# Boys Lacrosse Field Diagram



## MEN'S FIELD DIAGRAM

