

2024 GIRLS LACROSSE BULLETIN





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Girls Lacrosse Athletic Directors, Coaches and Officials:

Welcome to the 2024 CHSAA Girls 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 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. 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 website.

Best wishes to all fifty-four of our CHSAA Member Girls Lacrosse schools during the upcoming season.

Sincerely,

Justin Saylor
Assistant Commissioner
Colorado High School Activities Association



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2024 Girls Lacrosse Calendar

February 26	First Practice
March 2	First Scrimmage
March 4	Girls Lacrosse Academic eligibility regain date
March 7	First Contest
March 9	SAT test date
March 18	Girls 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 9	4A Second Round games (higher seed hosts)
May 10	5A Quarterfinal games (higher seed hosts)
May 11	4A Quarterfinal games (higher seed hosts)
May 13	Semifinals Planning Meeting (via Zoom)
May 14	5A Semifinal games at Englewood HS
May 15	4A Semifinal games at Englewood HS
May 16	Finals Planning Meeting (via Zoom)
May 17	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)

Tuesday, May 14, at Englewood High School

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

5A Semifinal #2 at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15, at Englewood High School

4A Semifinal #1 at 5:00 p.m.

4A Semifinal #2 at 7:00 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIPS (Date/time/location subject to change)

Friday, May 17, 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 GIRLS LACROSSE COMMITTEE

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TERRY ELLIS – VALOR CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL (2025)

KALI MAXWELL – AIR ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL (2026)

The 2023-2024 Girls Lacrosse Committee meeting was Thursday, January 25, 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 1800.1page 65
3. ***CLARIFYING ATHLETIC TRANSFERS***
 - Constitution & Bylaws, Article 18, Rule 1800.4page 68
4. ***PROTECTION FOR GAME OFFICIALS***
 - Constitution & Bylaws, Article 22, Rule 2230.1page 91
5. ***SUNDAY CONTACT***
 - Constitution & Bylaws, Article 23, Rule 2310.5page 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, under Info.

MAJOR COMMITTEE CHANGES FOR GIRLS LACROSSE

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.

I. MAJOR CHANGES FROM 2021-2022 REPORT:

- 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.

II. 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 GIRLS LACROSSE RULES CHANGES

2-4-5: Requires that stick check requests be made before the official's hand is in contact with both centers' sticks for the draw.

Rationale: Clarifies when a stick check request may be made and eliminates potential interruption of administration of the draw.

2-6-1: Requires goalkeeper's thigh padding to be shorts or pants manufactured with integrated protective padding.

Rationale: Clarifies the requirements of thigh padding for the protection of goalkeepers.

2-7-1: Reorganizes tooth and mouth protector rules, aligns them with other NFHS sport rules, and eliminates restrictions related to color and graphics.

Rationale: Creates consistency and follows NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee's recommendation for tooth and mouth protector guidelines.

2-7-4 NOTE, 2-9-5: Allows field players to wear compression shirts that meet the NOCSAE ND200 lacrosse standard under the uniform and does not require these shirts to meet the color requirements of visible undergarments.

Rationale: Allows field players to wear padding intended to protect against commotio cordis.

2-9-4e (NEW): Establishes that only school related or player identifying names (school's name, nickname, logo, mascot and/or team member's name) will be allowed on the team jersey above the uniform number beginning in 2027.

Rationale: Creates consistency in uniform rules among other NFHS sport rules.

4-1-1: Changes the duration of play for a game from two 50-minute halves to four 12-minute quarters.

Rationale: Allows coaches to provide instruction more frequently and aligns with NFHS Boys Lacrosse.

4-2-2 EXCEPTION: Establishes that an official's time-out shall not be called when there is a 10-goal differential when the following occur: offside foul, inadvertent whistle, or alternate possession.

Rationale: Allows the clock to run in these situations when the 10-goal rule is in effect.

4-2-3: Allows coaches to coach their players during an injury time-out.

Rationale: Allows coaches to address their players during an injury time-out and eliminates the need for officials to monitor coach/player interactions for potential coaching during this time.

5-4-1: Eliminates the requirement of players awarded a free position outside of the critical scoring area to come to a stop and settled stance when self-starting.

Rationale: Improves the flow of play and reduces a potential advantage created when the defense has time to set up while the attack player must stop for the free position.

5-4-5, 10-1j: Eliminates the false start penalty when a player self-starts when it is not an option outside the critical scoring area and allows officials to reset play without a penalty.

Rationale: Eliminates assessment of a major foul for self-starting outside the critical scoring area when it is not an option.

10-1y – Three Seconds PENALTIES: Clarifies free position locations for three-second violations and requires a free position to be awarded at the closest dot for a three-second violation when the spot of the ball is outside the critical scoring area and below the goal line extended.

Rationale: Adds clarity and consistency to the rules for three-second violations.

2024 Girls Lacrosse Editorial Changes

1-1-4b, 2-8-1, 2-9-3, 2-9-4d, 5-4-2, 7-3-1 PENALTIES 3b (NEW)

2023-2024 POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. Stick to Body Contact
2. Dangerous Play in the 8 Meter Arc

COLORADO STATE RULE ADOPTIONS

Interruption of Game During Regular Season - Once play begins the officials shall have the authority to interrupt or suspend the game due to dangerous weather or field conditions. The official's decision is final. A game is considered legal and complete if 75 percent of playing time has elapsed. An interrupted game continued on the same day shall be restarted from its point of interruption.

If a suspended game (one in which less than 75 percent of playing time has elapsed) is replayed on another day, it must be played from the point of interruption. A suspended game may be terminated and considered complete by mutual agreement of the opposing coaches. The score at the point of termination will be the official score of the game.

Mercy Rule - If a team is leading by 10 or more goals, the clock will continue to run after goals and when there is a foul called in the critical scoring area during the last two minutes of the second and fourth quarters. If time runs out prior to the complete administration of a free position, then it shall not be administered. If the difference becomes less than 10 goals, the clock will resume stopping for fouls in the critical scoring area.

Overtime Procedure (Regular & Post-season) - When the score is tied at the end of regular playing time and overtime is to be played, both teams will have a five-minute rest and toss a coin (visiting captain calls) for choice of ends. The alternate possession shall continue from regulation. The game will be restarted by a center draw. The winner will be decided by "sudden victory." The team scoring the first goal wins the game. Each overtime period shall be two three-minute halves. The clock stops on official time-outs or fouls in the critical scoring area. After the first half of the overtime period, teams shall change ends with no delay for coaching. The game will be restarted by a center draw. If the teams are still tied after six minutes have elapsed, the teams will have a three-minute rest and change ends. Play will continue with "sudden victory" until a winning goal is scored. Each overtime period shall be two three-minute halves. After the first half of the overtime period, teams shall change ends with no delay for coaching.

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 GIRLS LACROSSE UNIFORMS

Front View



Back View



Side View



A SHIRT COLOR

1. Shirt shall be a **single, solid color**.
2. Goalkeeper's shirt must be worn over protective equipment.
3. Shirts shall be of contrasting colors for opposing teams. The coaches/schools shall agree on uniform colors prior to the day of the game. If both teams should have similar colors the home team will be obligated to change or wear numbered pinnies of contrasting color.

B UNIFORM TRIM

1. Collar, cuffs, and waistband may be of contrasting colors, but not more than **1 inch wide**.
2. Side inserts (armpit to waistband) may be of contrasting colors, but not more than **3 inches wide**.

C NUMBERS

1. Numbers shall be centered vertically and horizontally and must be a minimum of **6 inches** tall on the front and a minimum of **8 inches** tall on the back.
2. Numbers must be a solid color but may contain contrasting color trim not to exceed **1 inch** (the number shall contrast with the body of the shirt).
3. Duplicate numbers on shirts shall not be permitted on the same team.

D KILT/SHORTS/PANT

1. All players on the same team shall wear kilts/shorts/pants of the same dominant color.
2. Goalkeeper may wear the team's dominant color or black or gray.

E MANUFACTURER'S LOGO INFORMATION

1. The following will apply to NFHS affiliated schools: A visible manufacturer's logo/trademark may not exceed **2 ¼ square inches** and **2 ¼ inches** in any direction on the shirt and/or kilt/shorts/pant. No more than one manufacturer's logo/trademark or reference on the outside of each item.

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.

Sleeveless Option Front



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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 CWLOA

The Colorado Women's Lacrosse Officials Association (CWLOA) is a volunteer organization that recruits, trains, and rates certified girls high-school lacrosse officials in Colorado. As Board Chair (2021-2023) of the CWLOA, Marie Zecca has had a goal to bring more organization and expansion to the chapter and continues to place heavy emphasis on attracting more officials for girls' lacrosse and helping the sport of lacrosse expand in Colorado as a whole. Over the last year our chapter has successfully trained new officials, fostered the continued training of existing officials, and are excited to train even more officials that have joined our chapter due to the New Official program launched by CHSAA this year.

Working together with our partners including CHSAA, USAL, RMLOA, our assignors, and Colorado coaches towards the growth of lacrosse has really gotten us excited for the 2023 lacrosse season. We have seen so many coaches working hard in this state to increase their knowledge of the game and its rules; and the student talent on the field is better than ever. Due to this, I am happy to announce that over the last year, many of our veteran officials sought out additional training and increased their lacrosse rating in order to provide even more higher rated officials to help match the higher level of play seen across Colorado. As a board, we are looking forward to receiving suggestions on how the chapter can better serve the lacrosse community and are excited to see what we can call accomplish together in the future.

Marie Zecca
CWLOA Board Chair

COLORADO WOMEN'S LACROSSE OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

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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 Champion); 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 \$.50/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 Colorado Women's 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 CHSAANow 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

CWLOA 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@chsa.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). More information and a user guide may be found on the CHSAA homepage: 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 team bench area is defined as the area from the end of the substitution area to the team's restraining line, and even with the level of the scorer's table extended (at least 4 meters from the sideline) and does not include the area directly behind the scorer's table. Non-playing team personnel must remain in their team bench area. Violation of this rule will be assessed as a misconduct foul.
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 books on page 11-13. Located there is the NFHS diagram for marking a girls' 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 - A scorer's/timer's table will be set up at midfield, at least 4 meters from the designated playing boundaries on the team's bench side. An accurate visible score must be continuously displayed. A visible clock is recommended. A visible possession indicator is required. This may be a small cone or other object moved from side to side on the scorer's table to indicate team's possession. The officials may choose to have the indicator point in the direction the team is attacking or be on the side of the table closest to the bench area of the team. It is recommended that an additional clock be used for time-outs. A portable horn or access to the game clock/horn shall be available. If the official timer is not seated at field level, the home team must ensure that direct two-way communication is available at all times between the press box and the scorer's table.
12. The Teams - A game is played between two teams. Twelve players constitute a full team. Any number up to 12 players of each team may be on the field of play at the same time. One of the 12 players on each team may be a goalkeeper.
13. Officials will record the starting lineups of both teams 10 minutes prior to the game and make sure the numbers of the players on the field correspond to the numbers in the book. Changes to the lineup cannot be made until the game starts. A roster with names and numbers of all players must be at the scorer's table prior to the start of the game.
14. Uniforms - Jerseys shall be of contrasting colors for opposing teams. The coaches/schools shall agree upon uniform colors prior to the day of the game. If both teams have uniform jerseys of the same or similar color, the home team shall be obligated to change or wear numbered pinnies of a contrasting color. Home team jerseys shall be light and visitor jerseys shall be dark.
15. Mercy Rule - If a team is leading by 10 or more goals, the clock will continue to run after goals and when there is a foul called in the critical scoring area during the last two minutes of the second and fourth quarters. If time runs out prior to the complete administration of a free position, then it shall not be administered. If the difference becomes less than 10 goals, the clock will resume stopping for fouls in the critical scoring area.
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If a suspended game (one in which less than 75 percent of playing time has elapsed) is replayed on another day, it must be played from the point of interruption. A suspended game may be terminated and considered complete by mutual agreement of the opposing coaches. The score at the point of termination will be the official score of the game.

17. Length of Game - The maximum regulation playing time is 48 minutes divided into four 12-minute quarters, or such time as agreed upon by the coaches with 2 minutes between quarters. Halftime will be 10 minutes but may be less than 10 minutes if agreed upon by the coaches prior to the start of the game. Players must change ends between each quarter.
18. Overtime Procedure - When the score is tied at the end of regular playing time and overtime is to be played, both teams will have a five-minute rest and toss a coin (visiting captain calls) for choice of ends. The alternate possession shall continue from regulation. The game will be restarted by a center draw. The winner will be decided by "sudden victory." The team scoring the first goal wins the game. Each overtime period shall be two three-minute halves. The clock stops on official time-outs or fouls in the critical scoring area. After the first half of the overtime period, teams shall change ends with no delay for coaching. The game will be restarted by a center draw. If the teams are still tied after six minutes have elapsed, the teams will have a three-minute rest and change ends. Play will continue with "sudden victory" until a winning goal is scored. Each overtime period shall be two three-minute halves. After the first half of the overtime period, teams shall change ends with no delay for coaching.
19. JV Overtime - NO Overtime for JV/Sub-Varsity: If tied at the end of regulation, the game will end in a tie.
20. Maximum Student Participation - A student may not participate in more than 72 quarters (across all levels) exclusive of the state tournament. Example: A player who played 36 JV quarters and 40 Varsity quarters would've violated this rule.
21. Maximum Team Contests - No member school shall permit its Girls 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).
22. 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.
23. 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.
24. Team Cards - Each player, coach and bench misconduct card shall be recorded and tallied. If a team receives a fourth card, it will play short for the remainder of the game.
25. 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.

26. 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.

27. Reporting Cards and Ejections for Athletes & Coaches - Game Officials are responsible for submitting game reports to notify the CHSAA Assistant Commissioner in charge of Girls Lacrosse when a member of the coaching staff at a school is given a card, including any coach ejections. Game Officials are also responsible for submitting a game report for each game with all athlete cards, including any disqualified/ineligible students. 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.

28. 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.
29. 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**.
30. 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).
31. 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).
32. 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 Girls' 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 Girls 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.

In addition to league automatic qualifier, the CHSAA Selection & Seeding Index (50/50 Split MaxPreps & RPI Rankings) will be utilized to capture at-large qualifiers to the State Tournament bracket. League automatic qualifiers not ranked in the top 24 teams by the CHSAA Selection & Seeding Index in 4A and the top 16 in 5A will replace the lowest ranked non-automatic qualifiers in the top 24 (4A) and 16 (5A) in the CHSAA Selection & Seeding Index. The CHSAA Selection & Seeding Index will seed teams 1-24 in 4A and 1-16 in 5A. There will be no movement 1-16 for 4A and 1-8 for 5A on the bracket based on the CHSAA Selection & Seeding Index. The placement of 4A teams listed 17-24 and 5A teams listed 9-16 may be moved on the bracket due to geography and first round league opponents. The Seeding Committee will avoid league matchups in the 1st 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 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 semifinal or 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.

TRAINER

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

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.

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 semifinals and championship 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 Girls 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.

Participating schools may have no more than 45 players in uniform and no more than 53 people on the sideline at any time. Only these players and team personnel listed on the gate list will be admitted free at the host site.

DUE DATE: Monday, May 6, 2024

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.

AWARDS

Awards for the 2024 Girls' 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 Girls Lacrosse. If you are a host school for a Girls 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 Girls 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.

SPORT	Fee
Girls Lacrosse	\$125.00

2024 4A GIRLS' LACROSSE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Enrollment: 1-1630 (33 schools)

West (6)	East (5)	North (5)
Conifer	Cherokee Trail #	Denver North
Evergreen	Eaglecrest #	Holy Family
Golden	Heritage #	Horizon #
Green Mountain	Overland #	Mead
Mullen	Rangeview #	Northfield
St. Mary's Academy		
South (6)	Mountain East (6)	Mountain West (5)
Castle View #	Aspen	Durango
Denver South #	Battle Mountain	Fruita Monument #
Liberty #	Eagle Valley	Grand Junction
Palmer	Roaring Fork	Montrose
Pueblo West	Steamboat Springs	Telluride
Rampart	Summit	
		# Placed down

Each league is responsible for creating a plan to determine the league's automatic qualifier. The plan for each league is due to CHSAA at the start of the season. 6 automatic qualifiers will be determined at the end of league play, with 18 at-large qualifiers determined by the CHSAA Selection & Seeding Index.

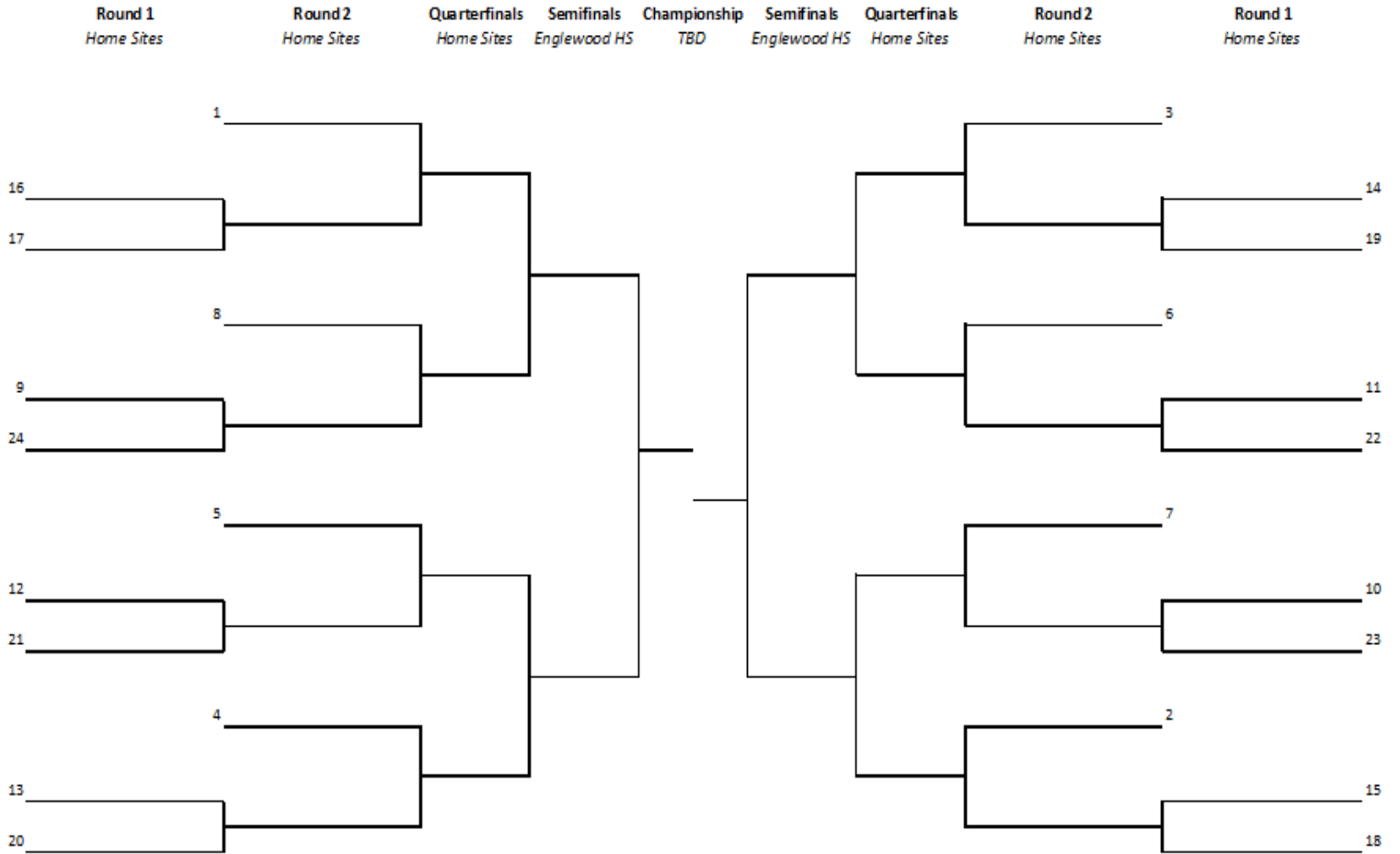
2024 5A GIRLS' LACROSSE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

Enrollment: 1631 – up (21 schools)

South (7)	West (7)	East (7)
Air Academy ^	Chatfield	Arapahoe
Chaparral	Colorado Academy ^	Cherry Creek
Cheyenne Mountain ^	Columbine	Denver East
Palmer Ridge ^	Dakota Ridge ^	Fairview
Pine Creek	Kent Denver ^	Grandview
Rock Canyon	Ralston Valley	Poudre School District
ThunderRidge	Valor Christian ^	Regis Jesuit ^
	^Placed up	

Each league is responsible for creating a plan to determine the league's automatic qualifier. The plan for each league is due to CHSAA at the start of the season. 3 automatic qualifiers will be determined at the end of league play, with 13 at-large qualifiers determined by the CHSAA Selection & Seeding Index.

Girls Lacrosse 4A State Tournament Bracket



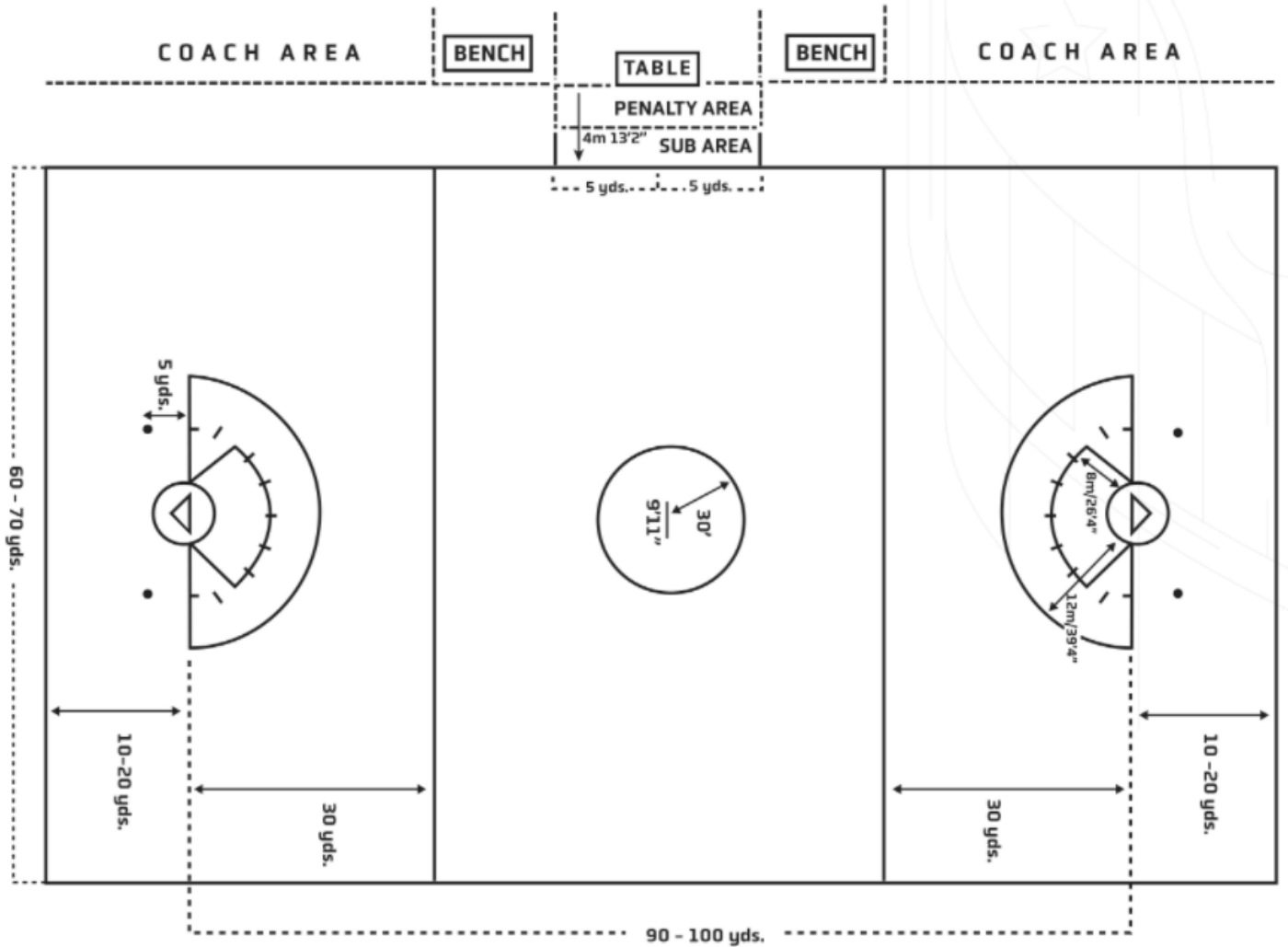
Girls Lacrosse 5A State Tournament Bracket



CHSAA Girls Lacrosse Champions

<u>Year</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Champion</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>	<u>Score</u>
2023	5A	Colorado Academy	Regis Jesuit	11-6
	4A	Mead	Castle View	13-5
2022	5A	Colorado Academy	Valor Christian	13-9
	4A	Green Mountain	Thompson Valley	16-10
2021	5A	Colorado Academy	Valor Christian	14-3
	4A	Evergreen	Castle View	19-5
2019	Unclassified	Colorado Academy	Cherry Creek	9-5
2018	Unclassified	Colorado Academy	Cherry Creek	13-7
2017	Unclassified	Colorado Academy	Cherry Creek	8-5
2016	Unclassified	Colorado Academy	Cherry Creek	9-8
2015	Unclassified	Colorado Academy	Cherry Creek	8-3
2014	Unclassified	Air Academy	Cherry Creek	11-10
2013	Unclassified	Cherry Creek	Centaurus	20-10
2012	Unclassified	Air Academy	Cherry Creek	14-8
2011	Unclassified	Cherry Creek	Air Academy	16-11
2010	Unclassified	Cherry Creek	Denver East	18-8
2009	Unclassified	Air Academy	Cherry Creek	17-14
2008	Unclassified	Cherry Creek	Heritage/Littleton	15-12
2007	Unclassified	Cherry Creek	Kent Denver	14-13 OT
2006	Unclassified	Cherry Creek	Kent Denver	9-7
2005	Unclassified	Kent Denver	Cherry Creek	10-8
2004	Unclassified	Cherry Creek	Air Academy	20-8
2003	Unclassified	Cherry Creek	Kent Denver	19-8
2002	Unclassified	Kent Denver	Cherry Creek	12-10
2001	Unclassified	Cherry Creek	Kent Denver	12-10
2000	Unclassified	Colorado Academy	Cherry Creek	10-9
1999	Unclassified	Cherry Creek	Kent Denver	12-7
1998	Unclassified	Kent Denver	Cherry Creek	12-7 OT

Girls Lacrosse Field Diagram



Metric Conversions

2M = 6'6"
 3M = 9'11"
 4M = 13'2"
 8M = 26'4"
 9M = 10 yd.

Other Information

Hash Marks = 1'
 Guidelines = 6.5'
 Goal Line Width = 2"
 Width of Other Lines = 2-4"
 (Goal is placed on front of line)