NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

2020 NJSIAA GIRLS LACROSSE TOURNAMENT
(COACHES MUST HAVE A COPY OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS AVAILABLE AT EACH GAME)

TO QUALIFY

1. Teams will be seeded based solely on Lax Numbers in the first (13) thirteen games. Teams playing less than 13 games will be seeded according to Lax Numbers. Cutoff is 11:59pm on May 8th, 2020
2. Teams not wishing to enter the girl’s lacrosse tournament must notify NJSIAA by May 8, 2020 using the Tournament Refusal Designation (AD login required).
3. Sixty percent (60%) of games played on or before the cutoff date (May 8th) must be against New Jersey schools.
4. Any player with two (2) or more disqualifications in the current season, prior to the start of the NJSIAA tournament, will be unable to compete in said tournament.
5. Any varsity team accumulating three (3) or more player or coach disqualifications for flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct (DQ) prior to the start of the NJSIAA tournament will not be permitted to participate in same. Seeded teams will forfeit their right to compete if a disqualification limit is reached prior to the start of the tournament for the team.
6. All schedules and results must be entered on Lax Numbers www.laxnumbers.com and www.njschoolsports.com following each game. All out of state/non-member school opponent’s records (first 13 games) must be entered on www.njschoolsports.com. Lax Numbers and Power Points will be reviewed at the June 2020 NJSIAA Girls Lacrosse Committee Meeting.
7. The NJSIAA plan is to use Lax Numbers in the seeding process. Please check to see that all games and scores have been entered on both Lax Numbers and at www.njschoolsports.com before May 8th by 11:59pm. Contact hssupport@njadvancemedia.com or call 1-732-902-4545 or the NJSIAA. Original ranking from May 8th will be used to seed the Tournament of Champions. The tournament director and NJSIAA reserve the right to seed by committee using Lax Numbers, NJSchoolSports power points and seeding representatives.

To promote fairness in competition and the health and safety of student athletes, no NJSIAA member school will be eligible to participate in any NJSIAA Championship Tournament if it has violated the Specific Sports Regulations for the sport including, but not limited to, the start of practice, the start and ending of the sport season and the maximum contests permitted during the regular season. The application of this eligibility standard is non-appealable.


SECTION 1 RULES: The NFHS Girls Lacrosse Rules shall govern all NJSIAA games.

SECTION 2 START OF PRACTICE: First Friday in March. (March 6)

SECTION 3 START OF REGULAR SEASON: March 25, 2020

SECTION 4 END OF SEASON: As provided for in Program Regulations – Section 10 (June 13)

SECTION 5 TRANSFERS: On or after April 19, 2020 not eligible for post-season play. (See Article V, Section 4.K.(2) c.)

SECTION 6 SCRIMMAGES: Interschool scrimmages are to be limited to three (3) per week until the first starting date; thereafter, including the week of the first starting date.

CL 1 Scrimmages during the regular season count toward the allowable number of games.
SECTION 7 GAMES PER WEEK: Not more than a total of three (3) lacrosse games may be played per week beginning with the week start of the regular schedule (this includes interschool scrimmages, regular games, postponed games and tournament games, but games may not be played on three (3) consecutive days. This section does not apply to state tournament scheduling. You may play one four game week.

SECTION 8 MAXIMUM GAMES: A member school may play eighteen (18) games, plus one tournament, plus the state tournament, or twenty (20) games plus the state tournament.

SECTION 9 DURATION OF PLAY: A player shall play in no more than three (3) halves during the same calendar day. This would include freshman, sophomore, junior varsity and varsity competition.

ENTRY FEE: Eighty dollars ($80.00). Make checks payable to NJSIAA and forward to NJSIAA. Please be sure the school’s name appears on the check and indicates Girls Lacrosse.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Records must be recorded for all games played up to and including May 8, 2019 at Lax Numbers, www.Laxnumbers.com and www.njschoolsports.com. Records will be downloaded upon confirmation from Lax Numbers that the records are complete.

SEEDING MEETING
The Tournament will be seeded on May 11, 2020. Brackets will be posted on www.njschoolsports.com mid-day on May 11, 2019. Brackets are final on May 12 at 11:59 am. NJSIAA reserves the right to extend this deadline if the seeding committee has made an error.

Forward Officials Form (Page 7) to the Tournament Director:
Ms. Cindy Beradino
118 Liberty Street
Boonton, NJ 07005
Cell: 201-323-3577

DUE: May 1, 2020 (Please do not use certified mail)

CLASSIFICATIONS
Public: Group 1, 2, 3, & 4 North and South; Non-Public A & B

DATES: Tournament dates are May 14 to June 8, 2020. Seeding will be determined on May 11, 2020. School’s entering the tournament WILL NOT be granted a change of date due to any conflicts with school trips, proms, banquets, SAT’s and the like.

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Group Finals
Saturday & Sunday, May 30 & 31 at Kean University (Rain Date-TBD) Groups TBD
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Tournament of Champions Quarterfinals
Tuesday, June 2, 2020
Higher Seed #3 vs. #6 and Higher Seed #4 vs. #5
Rain Date – June 3
Seeding for the T of C will be based on the original Lax Numbers from May 8th.
Tournament of Champions Semifinals

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| Thursday, June 4, 2020: #2 vs. #3/#6 Winner @ 5:00pm and #1 vs. #4/#5 Winner @ 7:00pm (Rain Date: June 5)

State Championship Final

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THE NJSSIA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO TIMES, DATES OR SITES AS NECESSARY FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE TOURNAMENT.

Winning teams must call Cindy Beradino: 201-323-3577 from the Sectional Finals until the end of the tournament. Sites for all games up to and including the Sectional Finals, will be the home field of the higher seeded team as determined by the Seeding Committee. Sites will not be declared unsuitable merely because field conditions are less than perfect unless Leagues or Conferences have ruled such sites unsuitable for regular season games.

NEW FOR 2020: All sectional finals must be played on a Turf Field. Please plan accordingly to secure a site.

POSTPONEMENT: Responsibility for postponing a game shall rest with the person in charge of the playing site, and it shall be his/her responsibility to notify both schools and the Tournament Director at least three (3) hours prior to game time if a postponement is necessary. The Tournament Director will be responsible for postponement of final game.

NEW FOR 2020-OFFICIALS: Officials will be assigned by the NJSIAA Tournament Director and assignors beginning with the Sectional Final Round. Public: Round 1, Round 2, Round 3 and Non-Public Round 1 & 2, home team will secure the officials through their home assignor.

a) Preliminaries (Public Rounds 1,2,3 and NP Rounds 1 & 2): The home will compensate both officials and must provide and compensate and adult scorer/timer. Home Team: Please contact your local assignor.

b) Public Sectional Finals & Non-Public semi-finals: The NJSIAA will assign three officials and a table umpire. The home team will compensate the table umpire and the three officials. Check with the Regional Assignor below if you don’t have access.

c) Three officials and one timer for the Group Finals and the Tournament of Champions Quarterfinals, Semifinal and Final games, will be assigned by the Tournament Director, and compensated by NJSIAA.

Regional Assignors Information:
North: Joel Stein –lacrossestein@gmail.com Cell number 551-497-1465
South: Julie Waicus – juliewaicus@outlook.com Cell number 856-261-7300
Cindy Beradino, Girls Lacrosse Tournament Director, will assign the officials beginning with the Group Finals utilizing Account 107987.

Recommended fees per official:

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RULES: The 2020 NFHS Girls Lacrosse Rules with NJSIAA modifications will govern all tournament games.

LACROSSE BALLS: Each school must provide six (6) new NOCSAE yellow lacrosse balls that have been approved by the NFHS for each game, including group finals. Balls will be provided for the Tournament of Champions Finals by Guardian Innovations (The Pearl).
GAMES

1. Site manager or administrator recommended attendance at all state games. Required at all pre-determined sites: Administrator and security personnel.
2. All teams selected will be assigned to brackets by the Seeding Committee and must be prepared to play in first round games. Games will begin on Thursday, May 14.
3. All weekday games shall start no later than 4:00 p.m. unless both schools agree to a different time. Regional assignors must be notified of the game time, otherwise 4:00p.m. is the default time. If a time or date conflict exists in hosting both the boys and girls state tournament games, the home team will be given authority to designate the time and date in consultation with the NJSIAA Assistant Directors, Jack DuBois and Kim DeGraw-Cole. In the Sectional Finals, any game time change must be approved by the Tournament Director, Cindy Beradino.
4. Teams shall arrive at least thirty (30) minutes before game time.
5. The home team must provide an ADULT scorer/timer for all games up to and including the Sectional Finals. A table umpire will be assigned on the clock for the Group Finals and Tournament of Champions games. Each school shall provide a student manager clock operator at the Group Finals and T of C games.
6. Every effort should be made to play all state tournament lacrosse games on fields with a visible clock. (Permanent score clock or portable acceptable).
7. A coin toss will determine choice of goal or possession.
8. The higher seeded team will wear the light color jersey unless otherwise agreed upon by the competing schools.
9. Games may not be played on 3 consecutive games unless approved by the Tournament Director and NJSIAA Assistant Director and only if we experience extreme circumstances.

RULE MODIFICATIONS: Tournament Play-When weather or other circumstances prevent the completion of a game, the following modifications shall be in place:

a) If 80% or more of the game has been played and the score is NOT tied, and the game cannot be resumed within an hour of leaving the field, the score at the time of interruption shall stand.
b) If 80% or more of the game has been played and the score is tied, and the game cannot be resumed within one hour of leaving the field, the game will resume the following day from the point of interruption.
c) If a tournament game is interrupted or suspended because of events beyond the control of the responsible authorities, it shall be continued from the point of interruption. By mutual agreement of the opposing coaches and the approval of the referee, and any period may be shortened of the game terminated.

Note: The above modification will not apply to the T of C Final.

TIE-BREAKER: In order to ensure accurate Power Points for all teams, ties must be broken during the regular season using the procedure outlined in the Girls Lacrosse Rule Modifications.

The Tie-Breaker procedure will be as provided for in the 2020 NFHS Girls Lacrosse Rules and will be used for all regular season and Tournament games, up to but not including the T of C Final.

In the TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS FINAL ONLY the following procedure will be followed:

1. When the score is tied at the end of regular playing time, both teams will have a five (5) minute rest and toss a coin for choice of ends. The alternate possession shall continue from regulation.
2. The overtime 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 will be no more than six minutes in length of stop-clock time. The clock will be stopped after 3 minutes of play in order for teams to change ends with no delay for coaching. No substitutions may occur at this time. The game will be restarted by a center draw.
3. If teams are still tied after six minutes have elapsed, the teams will have a 3 minute rest and change ends. Substitutions may occur at this time.

4. The winner will then be decided on a “sudden victory” stop-clock overtime of no more than six minutes in length with the teams changing ends after 3 minutes. The game will be restarted by a center draw. The team scoring the first goal wins the game.

If a tie still exists after the two (2) six (6) minute overtime periods, a co-champion will be declared.

Note: SCHOOLS NOT WILLING OR ABLE TO COMPLY WITH THE TOURNAMENT REGUALTIONS SHOULD NOT ENTER THE TOURNAMENT.

Any member school and/or student-athlete withdrawing from competition after having officially entered an NJSIAA tournament in any sport will be disqualified from all remaining NJSIAA tournament competition in that sport in that season and barred from participating in NJSIAA tournament competition in that sport during the next school year unless truly extraordinary circumstances were present. (Program Regulations)

AWARDS:

Sectional Champions: Team trophy and thirty-five (35) certificates
State Group Champions: Team trophy and thirty-five (35) certificates
Tournament of Champions: Team trophy and thirty-five (35) certificates

Sectional Trophies will be sent to the #1 Seeded Team. You are responsible to have the trophy available at the Sectional Final site and provide for a “pass along” should you not be the host.

ADMISSION: Admission to the State Group Finals, Tournament of Champions Quarterfinals, Semifinals and Tournament of Champions Finals will be:

Adults and Students/Senior Citizens: Prices to be determined.

ALL TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE GATE. SCHOOLS MUST INFORM THEIR STUDENTS AND LOCAL NEWS MEDIA OF THE ADMISSION POLICY.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL OF COMPETING SCHOOLS AND SECTIONAL REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE ADMITTED BY IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES TO THE GATE PERSONNEL.

ROSTERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE DATE OF THE FIRST TOURNAMENT GAME USING THE ROSTER SITE VIA:

WWW.NJSCHOOLSPORTS.COM

These Rosters are used in the Programs – please submit!
Enter at the start of the season and update periodically!
Please complete by May 14th!
NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
1161 Route 130 North, Robbinsville, NJ 08691

GIRLS LACROSSE OFFICIALS FORM – PLEASE PRINT ONLY – STAMPED SIGNATURES NOT ACCEPTABLE

The Tournament Director is desirous of engaging the services of the best qualified lacrosse officials for assignments to the 2020 Lacrosse Tournament Sectional Finals, Group Finals and T of C games. Accordingly, the Tournament Director is seeking input from each member school’s varsity lacrosse coach as to his/her recommendation relative to the lacrosse officials from his/her area. Please, therefore, list below the top six (6) officials in your area without regard to ranking, who are qualified to officiate tournament games. Submission of these names does not imply that they will be assigned to your games. Please DO NOT fax this form.

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Please list below the names of the officials whom you prefer not to have assigned to your Sectional, Group, or T of C games. Assignments will be made at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Only two names may be listed. Listing more will invalidate the entire list.

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PLEASE list any officials who are affiliated with your school. Affiliation is defined as follows: Employed in the district, close relative employed in the system; child attending this secondary school; former student or coach; graduate of school within the last ten (10) years. If officials are listed who are NOT affiliated with your district, your entire list will be disregarded.

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FORWARD THIS LIST TO ASSIGNER THAT WILL BE ASSIGNING YOUR PRELIMINARY GAMES.

Please list below the names of the officials whom you prefer not to have assigned to your preliminary games up to and including the sectional final. Only two names may be listed. Listing more will invalidate the entire list.

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Our school is primarily serviced by lacrosse officials from the ______________________ Chapter.

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APPROVED __________________________

(SIGNED - PRINCIPAL)

Due: May 1, 2020 ~ Return Officials Request Form to:
Ms. Cindy Beradino, Tournament Director
118 Liberty Street
Boonton, NJ 07005
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### Power Point Calculation Procedure: First 13 Games

This was used for the 2019 season to seed and will be used in the 2020 season for comparison purposes or for assistance in seeding if needed.

1. **Quality Points** – Each school will receive the following “Quality Points” for a win or tie from the first thirteen games:

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   \text{Win} = 6 \text{ points}, \text{Tie} = 3 \text{ points}, \text{Lose} = 0 \text{ points}
   \]

2. **Residual Points** – Each team will receive residual points from one of the categories below based on the result of the game.
   - **A.** Each school will receive “Residual Points” from a team they defeated. For each win or tie your opponent has from the first 13 games, you will receive the following (see examples 1 & 2):
     
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     \text{Win} = 3 \text{ points}, \text{Tie} = 1.5 \text{ points}, \text{Lose} = 0 \text{ points}
     \]
   - **B.** Each school will receive “Residual Points” from a team they tied. For each win or tie your opponent has from the first thirteen games, you will receive the following (see examples 3 & 4):
     
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     \text{Win} = 1.5 \text{ points}, \text{Tie} = .75 \text{ points (See note below)}, \text{Lose} = 0 \text{ points}
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     **Note:** No points will be rewarded when calculating “Residual Points” when your game is the opponent’s only tie, since you already have been awarded points for that tie.
   - **C.** Each school will receive “Residual Points” from a team they lost to. For each win your opponent has that defeated you (not including your game) from the first thirteen games, you will receive the following (see example 5):
     
     \[
     \text{Win} = 1 \text{ point}, \text{Tie} = 0 \text{ points}, \text{Lose} = 0 \text{ points}
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3. **Tie Breaker after goal differential tie.**

   1) Winning % first 13 games
   2) Head to head competition
   3) Common opponent
   4) Coin toss