2021 Boys Lacrosse Bulletin

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Boys Lacrosse Athletic Directors and Coaches:

It is with a tremendous amount of excitement that I welcome you all to the 2021 Boys Lacrosse Season on behalf of the Colorado High School Activities Association. The upcoming season will present challenges that we have not had to face during any point in our careers. Collectively, we will overcome these challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic and be better for it on the other side. I look forward to working with all the coaches, administrators, and officials throughout the year.

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 both the www.CHSAANOW.com and www2.CHSAA.org websites.

Due to the uncertainty around COVID-19, the location of the 2021 CHSAA Boys Lacrosse Championships are yet to be determined. We look forward to hosting an event worthy of its significance after the conclusion of the Regular Season on June 12th.

Best wishes to all 71 of our CHSAA Member Boys Lacrosse schools during the upcoming season. It will not be one that we soon forget.

Sincerely,

Justin Saylor
Assistant Commissioner
Colorado High School Activities Association
2021 Boys Lacrosse Calendar

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SEMIFINALS
Saturday, June 19, 2021 at Englewood High School
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
Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at Englewood High School
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.
MAJOR COMMITTEE CHANGES FOR 2021 BOYS LACROSSE

I. MAJOR CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR’S REPORT:

A. 4A and 5A Boys Lacrosse will increase their playoff brackets from 16 to 24 teams starting with the Spring 2021 season (will take effect in 2021-2022 due to COVID).

B. New Playoff Seeding Formula starting with the Spring 2021 Boys Lacrosse season.

II. RATIONALE:

A. This puts Boys Lacrosse in line with other sports regarding the percentage of teams that qualify for the post season.

B. Seeding Committees have multiple data points available to them. By utilizing a Coaches Poll (12 Teams Ranked in All Classifications), MaxPreps, and RPI in creating a seeding formula, a more accurate bracket is achieved.

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CHRIS MURRAY – TELLURIDE HIGH SCHOOL (2022)

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KARL BUCK – OVERLAND HIGH SCHOOL (2023)

BOBBY ECKER – VAIL MOUNTAIN (2023)

JOSEPH SIMBOLI – THE VANGUARD (2023)

NATE SMITH – ENGLEWOOD (2023)
MAJOR BYLAW CHANGES 2020-2021

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Please note that the CHSAA staff continually updates the CHSAA Constitution and Bylaws when errors are found. The most updated document can be found at CHSAANOW.com, then clicking on CHSAA.org, Member School Info + Tools, then Bylaws.

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, 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. (Please use this template that has been created for consistency).
LIGHTNING POLICY AND PROCEDURES

DEFINITION

LIGHTNING

In the United States, an average of 300 people are struck by lightning each year. Of those struck, there are approximately 40 fatalities from lightning each year. Approximately 50-60% of lightning casualties occur during organized sports or recreational activities according to the National Weather Service. Most of these fatalities can be prevented.

Weather Apps

- It is strongly recommended that an independent and objectively verified weather app (such as the WeatherBug® SparkTM App, Storm by Weather Underground, or the National Weather Service app) be available at all outdoor activities, including practices and contests. This should be part of your venue-specific emergency action plan.
- Acceptable alternatives to the verified weather apps include but are not limited to: immediate contact with the local weather services, local television or radio. Access to these sources can be through the Internet, cellular telephone and/or any other means that provides the information needed for real time decisions to be made.

GUIDELINES/PROCEDURES

In your venue-specific emergency action plan, you must:

1. Assign a staff member to monitor local weather conditions before and during practices and contests. This staff member is designated to make the final call on suspending and resuming the game.
2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby safer areas and determine the amount of time needed to get everyone to a designated safer area:
   a. Utilize announcements/public address announcer to help guide teams and fans to the appropriate shelter and identifying safe places as noted below.
   b. Safe locations need to be identified and shared with teams, spectators and workers prior to the start of the activity or athletic event.
   c. A designated safer place is a substantial building with plumbing and wiring where people live or work, such as a school, gymnasium, locker rooms or buses/cars. An alternate safer place from the threat of lightning is a fully enclosed (not convertible or soft top) metal car or school bus.
   d. Unsafe locations include but are not limited to: Picnic areas, parks, open sided shelters (dugouts), storage sheds, open garages, tents, press boxes, areas close to open water, tall objects such as trees, poles, towers, and elevated areas.
3. When a thunderstorm seems imminent, lightning is seen or heard, or the weather app indicates that lightning is within 8-10 miles, the outdoor venue (small or large) needs to be evacuated. Proceed to a lightning safe area.
4. Activities shall be suspended, and all personnel are directed to move to safe locations. At a minimum, by the time the lightning storm has reached 8 miles away from the location of the outdoor activity, all individuals should have left the outdoor athletic site and reached a safe location. Weather monitoring subscriptions should be set at an 8-10 mile radius from the center of the sporting event (venue specific).
5. Criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
   a. When thunder is heard or lightning is seen*, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for at least 30 minutes and vacate the outdoor activity to the previously designated safer location immediately.
b. 30-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or lightning is witnessed* prior to resuming play.
c. Any subsequent thunder or lightning* after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
d. When lightning-detection devices or mobile phone apps are available, this technology could be used to assist in making a decision to suspend play if a lightning strike is noted to be within 10 miles of the event location. However, you should never depend on the reliability of these devices and, thus, hearing thunder or seeing lightning* should always take precedence over information from a mobile app or lightning-detection device.

* – PER NFHS At night, under certain atmospheric conditions, lightning flashes may be seen from distant storms. In these cases, it may be safe to continue an event. If no thunder can be heard and the flashes are low on the horizon, the storm may not pose a threat. Independently verified lightning detection information would help eliminate any uncertainty.

6. Review the lightning safety policy annually with all administrators, coaches and game personnel and train all personnel.
7. Inform student-athletes and their parents of the lightning policy at start of the season in your pre-season meeting.

No App or Technology Available
When a weather app is not available, the default NFHS policy that appears in the Rules Book of each sport shall be followed. In brief, that policy requires suspension of all activity when cloud-to-ground lightning is observed, or thunder is heard. If thunder is heard, lightning is assumed to be striking within 10 miles. Implement the Thirty Minute Rule as noted in the NFHS Policy.

MANAGEMENT
People who have been struck by lightning do not carry an electrical charge and are safe to be touched by others.
- Call 911
- If possible, an injured person should be moved to a safer location before starting CPR.
- Start cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
- Lightning-strike victims with signs of cardiac or respiratory arrest need immediate emergency help.
- Activate the local emergency management system and utilize an AED if available.

Prompt, effective CPR has been highly successful for the survival of lightning strike victims.

TORNADO POLICY AND PROCEDURES

DEFINITIONS
TORNADO
- Tornado Watch - indicates tornadoes are possible
- Tornado Warning - tornado siren sounds signaling tornado sighted or tornado indicated by radar

GUIDELINES/PROCEDURES
- Develop a tornado specific EAP for each venue or event.
- Designated weather watcher (above) notifies site or athletic director of approaching storm and communicates direction and speed of storm.
• If a tornado warning is initiated, immediate event delay should be implemented, and all participants, spectators and athletic staff should SEEK SHELTER IMMEDIATELY. Once inside a secure location, tune to local weather alert radio to be informed of storm location, path and duration of tornado warning.

• Warning may be extended, or a new warning issued at any time, so continued monitoring is needed. During tornado warning, sirens will sound for 3 minutes at a time. Depending on duration of warning, sirens may re-sound multiple times.

• Safe shelter from tornado = inside lowest building level, away from exterior walls/windows, with windows closed. If outside, lie flat in a ditch or depression and cover head with hands or stay in a car with seatbelt on. Be aware of potential flooding. DO NOT take cover under an overpass or bridge. Never try to outrun a tornado in urban or congested areas. Be aware of flying debris.

All clear - tornado warning will expire after duration specified by National Weather Service and weather watcher notifies site director that warning has ended and event can resume.

REFERENCES

National Weather Service Lightning Safety Tips and Resources: https://www.weather.gov/safety/lightning
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration: http://www.noaa.gov
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!!
NOTE: Due to the cancellation of spring sports last year because of the Coronavirus, the 2020 NFHS Boys Lacrosse Rules will be used for the 2021 season. The Rules Changes and Points of Emphasis written last year will apply for the 2021 season. These changes and points, which all reference the 2020 NFHS Boys Lacrosse Rules Book, will be in effect for the 2021 season.

1-9-1: Equipment and Uniform Standards Alerts are being introduced in order to prepare schools for these changes in 2021 and 2022.

2-7-2f: The ruling states that the CBO is no longer responsible for determining if a team has too few players on the field.

4-5, 4-22 — Restart: In the effort to maintain the quicker pace of play, the committee has adopted a change in restarts. The new ruling will allow an immediate whistle (unless an offensive teammate is within 5 yards of the player in possession.) The defending player on any restart shall establish a distance of 5 yards. If the defender is within that 5-yard distance, that player may be liable to be penalized for “delay of game.” The defender not beyond the 5-yard distance may not play the player in possession or obstruct the player in possession’s direct path toward the goal. Once the 5 yards’ distance has been satisfied, the defender then may play the ball and/or the player in possession of the ball.

4-24-6: A time-out charge for concussion-type symptoms will be designated as an official’s time-out.

5-5 - Illegal crosse: In an effort to simplify the penalty for crosse violations, all crosse violations will be assessed a two-minute non-releasable penalty. The crosse may be adjusted and allowed to be used in the game. Every crosse in the bench area is subject to be inspected and need not have been used in the game in order to be inspected.

5-10: In an effort to prevent a player from throwing a crosse under any circumstance, a clarification has been written to explain the penalty for throwing of the crosse. Throwing a crosse at a player, the ball or other game personnel regardless of contact will result in a penalty of one-,two- or three-minute non-releasable unsportsmanlike conduct.

6-1-1, 6-2-1: These changes are relocated to be consistent with the Rule 7-8-2 changes regarding slow-whistle technique from 2018.

6-5-2: A player throwing a crosse for other reasons, i.e., personal frustration or poor player/coach crosse exchange, shall be ruled as a technical foul.

Points of Emphasis:

Sportsmanship and Conduct
The NFHS Boys Lacrosse Rules Committee advocates for continued commitment by players and coaches to respect the game and each other, on and off the field. Head coaches are asked to monitor and discuss sportsmanship with their players and assistant coaches to ensure the game is held to the highest standard. The committee expects all participants to continue to work together to exhibit good sportsmanship from pregame through postgame.

Pace of Play
A 2019 questionnaire completed by both coaches and officials indicated a concern regarding pace of play. In an effort to address these concerns, the committee took the following steps:

- Officials shall restart play as soon as possible.
- Restarts: Play may restart with defensive player(s) within 5 yards of a player in possession of the ball. However, the defensive player may not play him until a distance of 5 yards has been established. Play will not resume with an offensive player(s) within 5 yards of the ball.
- Particular attention should continue to be given to the definition and application of stalling rules.
Player Safety
Continued emphasis is needed regarding player safety rules, particularly contact to the head/neck as well as contact against defenseless or unsuspecting players.

- Contact to Head/Neck: Shall result in a two- or three-minute non-releasable penalty. Excessive violence may result in ejection.
- Defenseless Player: Player shall not body-check a player in a defenseless position. Hitting a defenseless player will result in a two- to three-minute non-releasable penalty or ejection.
- Targeting: When a player intentionally takes aim at an opponent’s head/neck. Targeting shall result in a three-minute non-releasable penalty or ejection.
- Targeting a Defenseless Player: Targeting a defenseless player shall result in a three-minute non-releasable penalty or ejection.

Future Equipment and Uniform Changes

- Effective January 1, 2021, all goalkeepers shall wear chest protectors designed for lacrosse that meet the NOCSAE ND200 standard at the time of manufacture.
- Effective January 1, 2022, all field players shall wear shoulder pads designed for lacrosse that meet the NOCSAE ND200 standard at the time of manufacture.
- Effective January 1, 2022, The Home team will be required to wear WHITE jerseys, and the away team will be required to wear non-white jerseys.

Rules Corrections:

4-22-1 – For all restarts, the game shall resume as quickly as possible and nearest to the spot of the ball when play stopped. All offensive players shall be 5 yards or more away from the player in possession of the ball. On the official’s whistle, play restarts.

Comment: As an editorial clarification the word offensive has been added.

5-10-1e – Throwing a crosse at the ball, at player or other game personnel.

PENALTY: One-to three-minute, non-releasable

Comment: Throwing the crosse, as a personal foul, is a non-releasable penalty, under any circumstance.

5.11 SITUATION – The situation should read:

A1 receives a two-minute illegal crosse penalty and a one-minute non-releasable penalty for wearing football shoulder pads during the first quarter. In the second half, A1 receives a two-minute, non-releasable penalty.

RULING: A1 has fouled out of the game, but has not been ejected.

Comment: With the updated rule allowing for corrections to a crosse with a two-minute non-releasable penalty, this situation would no longer be accurate.
NFHS BOYS LACROSSE UNIFORMS

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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Message from Mark Giusti, President, RMLOA

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

I am the newly elected President of RMLOA and look forward to working with CHSAA and the high school lacrosse community in my new role. I been playing lacrosse for nearly fifty years, which included playing goalie at University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and have been a high school, youth and NCAA referee in Colorado since 2015.

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

I’d welcome any advice and feedback as we go through the season – please don’t hesitate to reach out….and if you know any referees who would like to try high school officiating, please send them my way.

Cheers

Mark Giusti
President, RMLOA
OFFICIALS’ REMINDERS

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. Under http://www2.chsaa.org/coaches/rate-contest-official.asp click on Rate Your Contest Officials link. Depending on the browser used, your coach may print the completed document in a pdf form and send to Tom Robinson at trobinson@chsaa.org. 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 by June 4 to be considered. Official postseason selection is based on voting by Coaches, Athletic Directors, Assigners, and Area Directors that will be conducted June 7-11. **Coaches and Athletic Directors** - it is imperative that you participate in the voting which is done online through a link that will be provided in early June to you from the CHSAA office.

Officials’ Fees – The fees adopted by the Legislative Council for 2020-2021 are:

- 2 or 3 officials
  - Varsity - $61.20
  - Sub-Varsity - $44.37

  Mileage - $.40/mile round trip, zip code to zip code.

  **Exception:** 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 shall pay a mileage travel stipend of $6 to each official between league cities per day of assignments. Colorado Springs schools shall pay a mileage travel stipend of $6 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.

  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 $6 travel stipend.
1. All regular season games will be played according to the NFHS and be completed by **Saturday, June 12, 2021** for all schools.

2. **Student/Parent Information** – Parents and students are required to review the Competitor’s Brochure and acknowledge their understanding of the CHSAA Bylaws by signing at the end and submitting to their school’s Athletic Director. As part of the Competitor’s Brochure, parents and students acknowledge the inherent risks of participating in athletics and activities including the risk of COVID-19. Serious, catastrophic and fatal accidents may occur.

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 school year. 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 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:** The out-of-state opponents and scores must be verified by the Colorado team and entered on the MaxPreps website.

9. **Team Bench Areas** - Coaches must remain in regular team box, but box width for student-athletes and other bench personnel can be flexible to allow social distancing.
   - There must be minimum 15 feet between spectators and team benches.
   - Extend team benches to the 10-yard line and have kids line up behind each other to promote greater social distancing when available. See diagram at the end of document.
   - Coaches/administration should assess and determine appropriate sideline spacing for each individual site. How can you best spread out bench personnel? What is best for your site?
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 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. **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 Championship game. 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. If the goal differential is reduced to fewer than 12 goals, then normal play will resume.

13. **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 unless there are conference, league, or state association rules to cover the situation. 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.

14. **Length of Game** - The regulation playing time of a high school varsity Boys Lacrosse game should be four periods of 12 minutes.

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.

15. **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.

16. **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.

17. **JV Overtime** - NO Overtime for JV/Sub-Varsity: If tied at the end of regulation, the game will end in a tie.

18. **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.

19. **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.

20. **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.

21. **Maximum Student/Team Participation** - For the 2021 season, no member school shall permit its Boys Lacrosse team to participate in more than 10 games, exclusive of the state tournament. A student may not participate in more than 48 quarters/periods exclusive of district and state tournaments. Further, no member school shall permit its lacrosse team to play after the state championship tournament has been completed.

22. **Ejected Player Penalty** - Any player ejected from a contest (regular or post-season) by an official for any unsportsmanlike act will be removed from that contest and will be ineligible for the next contest. If a player
is ejected or disqualified for a second time during the season he/she will be required to miss the next two contests. A third ejection during the same season will result in consequence determined by the Commissioner. **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 ejection occurs in the final match or contest of the season, then the player shall be ineligible for the first match or 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.)

Game officials will report all player ejections to the CHSAA Commissioner in charge of Boys Lacrosse.

**23. 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% (1 game) of the season’s regularly scheduled matches or contests of the same level. 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% (2 games) of the season’s contests of the same level (CHSAA Bylaw 2210.1 & 2210.2). **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 2210.22 - 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.

Game officials will report all coach ejections to the CHSAA Commissioner in charge of Boys Lacrosse.

**24. 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**.

**25. 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 considered to be final and official. Coaches and Administrators are encouraged to use the official evaluation form available on the officials’ page of chsaa.org for evaluation of all contests.
26. **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.

27. **OUTSIDE COMPETITION** - Players certified to participate as members of any high school sport team may compete on any other team, in any non-school activity or event in that sport during that sports season with the express written permission of the principal, which permission shall be granted if:

(a) The student’s class attendance is not compromised; and
(b) The student is in good academic standing under the school’s activities policy applicable to all students.

28. **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 contests. *(Please use the template link that has been created for consistency)*. This plan must be completed for all on-site and off-site practice/competition venues.

The VEAP must include location, emergency access, emergency contact information and a listing of each member in protocol's duties. Annual VEAP training must take place no less than one time a year.

29. **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.”

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).

**OFFICIALS**

**Dressing Room** - The officials’ dressing room shall be used as a changing area for game officials only. No other individuals shall have access to this area for any purposes unless they can be identified as game management, CHSAA personnel, and/or the officiating observer.

**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 LACROSSE POSTSEASON INFORMATION**

**HOME SITES**
In all classifications the higher seeded team will be the home team throughout the playoff bracket and will host the 1st and Quarterfinal Round matches. The higher seed in all classifications will be designated as the home team in semifinal and final matches.

It is required by the CHSAA that 4A/5A Quarterfinal post-season 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.

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 quarterfinal matches in each classification.

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.

**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 post-season matches are to be played on a Saturday, between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. is the preferred scheduled times.
- b. When post-season matches are to be played on a weekday, 3:30 or 4:00 p.m. is the preferred time for non-lighted fields. The preferred time is 6:00 p.m. for lighted fields.
- c. The 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, will be considered.
- d. All schools, both home and visitor, will be provided the opportunity to supply input in the match time scheduling process.
- e. The CHSAA post-season calendar will be adhered to when match conditions permit. When available, host schools shall attempt to locate an artificial turf site that will be as an alternative to stay on schedule.

**QUALIFYING FORMAT AND ASSIGNMENT BY CLASS:**
The 4A/5A State playoff brackets and matchups will be determined by the Assistant Commissioner overseeing Boys Lacrosse based on the New Seeding Formula and geographic location (an attempt to avoid 1st Rd league matchups will be made; however, they are a possibility).

Each league will receive one Automatic Qualifier into the postseason. Each league will have sole responsibility for determining the Auto Qualifier for their league.

- o The 5A school with the highest ranking in the new seeding formula among 5A League #1, Boulder, Prairie View, Fruita Monument and Grand Junction will qualify automatically into the postseason.
- o The 4A team that finishes with the best League record in the Mountain League will earn an automatic berth into the 4A field of 12, regardless of whether they finish behind Grand Junction and/or Fruita Monument in the final League standings.
The CHSAA New Seeding Formula (MaxPreps, Coaches Poll, RPI) will determine the At-Large qualifiers for each classification (Bracket released Sunday, June 13).

CONFERENCE STANDINGS AND TIE-BREAKER – BOYS:

A. Conference standings and tie-breaker:
   1. When teams are placed on the bracket it is based on their finish within the conferences. Conference games will determine conference standings. A point total will be determined from the following: 2 points for a win; 1 point for an OT loss; 0 points for a loss.
   2. Ties in conference standings will be resolved using the following conference procedures.

   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.

POSTSEASON ROSTER/GATE LISTS:
Participating schools may have no more than 45 players in uniform and no more than 53 people on the sideline at any time. Gate lists will be developed from roster information requested in this bulletin and submitted to the CHSAA. Only 45 players and the 8 additional team personnel listed on the official team roster will be admitted free at the host site. It will be the responsibility of the visiting school to present a copy of the official team roster to gate personnel when arriving at away contests. Official team rosters for the semifinal and final contests will be compiled by the CHSAA.

The gate list/roster form is NOT included in this bulletin. It can be found on the CHSAA.org web site: GATE LIST FOR BOYS LACROSSE
DUE DATE: Monday, June 14, 2021
TICKETING & TOURNAMENT FINANCES
4A/5A schools are not required to charge a gate for the 1st & QF Rd. No fee needs to be paid to CHSAA. Please communicate to your opponents whether or not a gate will be charged.

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Reimbursement Pause – Post-season TP&F
After reviewing post-season financials for Season A, the Budget Committee and Board of Directors supported and voted to do a reimbursement pause on home site post-season events. The CHSAA will not collect its percentage of adjusted gross receipts or percentage of net proceeds for playoff rounds (4A/5A 1st Rd. and Quarterfinals) while the reimbursement pause is in place. This includes visiting team reimbursements at away sites. State Championship and Semi Final (4A/5A) events will not reimburse qualifying individuals or teams. Tournament Playoff and Finance (TP&F) Report Forms do not need to be submitted (4A/5A 1st Rd. and Quarterfinals) for Season D.
### 2021 4A BOYS’ LACROSSE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS
Enrollment: 1-1521 (34 schools)

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### 2021 5A BOYS’ LACROSSE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS
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