

Attention Lacrosse Coaches:

With the closing of LaxPower the 2019 MHSAA Tournament will be seeded using a new ranking system **MPR** – MHSAA Power Rating – processed through the MHSAA website. Team rankings will be visible by region throughout the season.

This requires the following changes for the 2019 season:

Varsity schedules must be submitted through MHSAA.com and updated as changes are made. More information on entering schedules will come this winter.

During the season, varsity scores must be reported within 24 hours of the game being completed. This is done while logged into MHSAA.com. Accurate schedules and game results are required for the late season seeding of the MHSAA tournament.

The seeding criteria for the MHSAA tournament is very similar to years past, except that LaxPower is replaced with MPR. MPR does NOT include any score differential component (formerly up to 10 goals). The MPR is only part of the overall criteria used to seed the tournament and is a common approach to seeding which involves:

- 25 % Winning percentage
- 50 % Opponents winning percentage
- 25 % Opponent's opponents winning percentage

The pages that follow include:

1. Division 1 and Division 2 Regional Alignments. Host sites and game details will be determined and posted in the weeks ahead.
2. The criteria for the two phase seeding the tournament.

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Division 1 - 2019 Boys Lacrosse Regionals Assignments

67 teams Preseason seeded teams (boldface) selected by the Lacrosse Committee Oct. 9, 2018

Regional 1st Round: May 16-20 or earlier (at home sites of top team)
Regional Semifinal: May 22-24 at Regional Host
Regional Final: May 28 or 29 at Regional Host
MHSAA Quarter Final: May 31 or June 1 at Regional Host TBD # Possible Statewide Quarterfinal Host
MHSAA Semifinal: June 5, 2019
MHSAA Final: June 8, 2019 - 2:00 pm Final Site: TBA

Region 1-1 Host TBD

Date TBD

***Note 8 and 9th seeds play May 11, 13 or 14**

East Kentwood
Grand Haven
Grandville
Holland West Ottawa
Hudsonville
Muskegon Mona Shores (MCC, WMC, Fruitport)*

Rockford

Traverse City Central (Traverse City West)*
Zeeland West (Zeeland East)*

(9 teams)

Region 2-1 Host TBD

Date TBD

Brighton

Caledonia
Grand Ledge
Haslett (Williamston)*
Holt
Howell
Kalamazoo Central (Kalamazoo Loy Norrix)*
Waverly (Lansing Catholic, Lansing Christian)*
(8 teams)

Region 3-1 Host TBD

Date TBD

***Note 8 and 9th seeds play May 11, 13 or 14**

Ann Arbor Huron
Ann Arbor Pioneer
Ann Arbor Skyline
Belleville
Canton
Canton-Plymouth
Canton-Salem

Northville

Saline

(9 teams)

Region 4-1 Host TBD

Date TBD

Detroit Catholic Central

Livonia Stevenson (Franklin, Churchill)*
North Farmington (Farmington Hills Harrison)*
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South Lyon (South Lyon East)*
Walled Lake Central
Walled Lake Northern
West Bloomfield
White Lake Lakeland (Highland-Milford)*

(9 teams)

Up from D2 to D1: Caledonia, Haslett-Williamston,

New Teams in D1: Muskegon Mona Shores (Muskegon CC, Muskegon WMC, Fruitport)*, East Kentwood, Livonia (Stevenson, Franklin, Churchill)*

*Cooperative Program ^Opted Up a Division

Region 5-1 Host TBD

Date TBD

Bloomfield Hills

Clarkston
Oxford
Rochester
Rochester Adams
Rochester Hills Stoney Creek
Troy
Waterford Kettering (Waterford Mott)*
(8 teams)

Region 6-1 Host TBD

Date TBD

Birmingham Brother Rice[^]

Birmingham Seaholm (Groves)*
Detroit U of D Jesuit[^]
Grosse Pointe South
Sterling Heights Utica Ford II
Sterling Heights Utica Stevenson
Troy Athens
Warren Mott (Sterling Heights)*
(8 teams)

Region 7-1 Host TBD

Date TBD

Fair Haven Anchor Bay

Lake Orion

Macomb Dakota (Clinton Twp Chippewa Valley)*
Macomb L'Anse Creuse North
Port Huron (Port Huron Northern)*
Romeo
Utica
Utica Eisenhower
(8 teams)

Region 8-1 Host TBD

Date TBD

Davison
Grand Blanc
Hartland
Lapeer
Linden (Fenton)*
Midland (Midland HH Dow)*
Ortonville Brandon (Holly)*
Saginaw Heritage
(8 teams)

Division 2 - 2019 Boys Lacrosse Regionals Assignments

63 teams Preseason seeded teams (boldface) selected by the Lacrosse Committee Oct. 9, 2018

Regional 1st Round: May 16-20 or earlier (at home sites of top team)
Regional Semifinal: May 22-24 at Regional Host
Regional Final: May 28 or 29 at Regional Host
MHSAA Quarter Final: May 31 or June 1 at Regional Host TBD # Possible Statewide Quarterfinal Host
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MHSAA Final: June 8, 2019 - 4:30 pm Final Site: TBA

Region 9-2 Host TBD

Date TBD

East Grand Rapids

Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills
Holland Christian (Hudsonville Unity Christian)*
Jenison
Muskegon Reeths-Puffer (North Muskegon)*
Petoskey
Spring Lake
Traverse City St. Francis
(8 teams)

Region 10-2 Host TBD

Date TBD

***Note 8 and 9th seeds play May 11, 13 or 14**

Byron Center
Comstock Park
Grand Rapids Catholic Central
Grand Rapids Christian
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern
Grand Rapids Northview
Grand Rapids South Christian (Calvin Christian)*
Lowell
(9 teams)

Region 11-2 Host TBD

Date TBD

Battle Creek Harper Creek
Battle Creek Lakeview
Battle Creek Pennfield (St. Phillip)*
Mattawan
Portage Central
Portage Northern
Vicksburg (Kalamazoo Hackett)*
(7 teams)

Region 12-2 Host TBD

Date TBD

Ada Forest Hills Eastern

Chelsea
DeWitt
Dexter
East Lansing
Okemos
Ovid Elsie (St. Johns)*
Pinckney
(8 teams)

Region 13-2 Host TBD

Date TBD

Grosse Ile
Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central
Orchard Lake St Mary's
Riverview-Gabriel Richard
Tecumseh
Temperance Bedford
Ypsilanti Arbor Prep
Ypsilanti-Lincoln
(8 teams)

Region 14-2 Host TBD

Date TBD

Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard
Ann Arbor Greenhills
Dearborn Divine Child
Detroit Country Day
Farmington
Royal Oak Shrine (Everest, Lutheran NW, OLL)*
Walled Lake Western
(7 teams)

Region 15-2 Host TBD

Date TBD

Grosse Pointe North

Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett
Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse
MH Bishop Foley (Lutheran North, Clawson)*
Royal Oak
St Clair
Warren Cousino
Warren De La Salle Collegiate
(8 teams)

Region 16-2 Host TBD

Date TBD

Auburn-Bay City Western
Auburn Hills Avondale
Blmfld. Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood
Bay City Central
Flint Powers Catholic
Goodrich (Lake Fenton)*
Pontiac Notre Dame Prep
Swartz Creek
(8 teams)

Teams Down from D1 to D2: Madison Heights Bishop Foley, Pinckney

New Teams in D2:

*Cooperative Program

2019 Procedure & Criteria for Boys Lacrosse Regional Team Placement & Tournament Seeding

ALL teams should plan on playing a tournament game May 16-20, 2019 (this is two Thursday's before Memorial Day). After this round, all games will be at the Regional Host: Semifinals May 22-24, 2019 and Regional Finals May 28 or 29. Regional semifinals may be played with MHSAA permission on Tues May 21, 2018. Host sites and game times will be posted on MHSAA.com. Only three games permitted in a week Monday-Sunday.

Seeding Meeting Wed. May 8, 2019
Regional 1st Round: May 16-20, or earlier (at home sites of top team)
Regional Semifinal: May 22-24 at Regional Host
Regional Final: May 28 or 29 at Regional Host
MHSAA Quarterfinal: May 31 or June 1 at Selected Regional Host Sites
MHSAA Semifinal: June 5 MHSAA Final: June 8 at TBA

PRE-SEASON SEEDING DETERMINED BY THE LACROSSE COMMITTEE Oct. 9, 2018

Division 1 Pre-Season Seeded Teams

1. Detroit Catholic Central
2. Birmingham Brother Rice
3. Hartland
4. Rockford
5. Brighton
6. Bloomfield Hills
7. Lake Orion
8. Northville

Division 2 Pre-Season Seeded Teams:

1. East Grand Rapids
2. Forest Hills Central
3. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook
4. Orchard Lake St Mary's
5. Detroit Country Day
6. Vicksburg
7. Forest Hills Eastern
8. Grosse Pointe North

The Tournament seeding and regional placement will follow the procedure and criteria defined below:

1. Prior to the October Boys Lacrosse Committee meeting, MHSAA staff will prepare **preliminary** regional groupings based purely on geographical considerations; the 6-9 closest schools will be grouped together to form each of the 8 regions in both divisions.
2. At the October meeting, the Boys Lacrosse Committee will determine the top eight (8) teams in division based on the following criteria:

Criteria for Determining Regions at Pre-Season Tournament Committee Meeting October 2018:

Top Eight Teams by MHSAA Division ranked in descending order

Two Year Performance (2017 and 2018) which includes the following information

- Overall Win - Loss Record for games between MHSAA member schools
- Performance in MHSAA tournament possibly in a former division or as a cooperative agreement
- Lax Power Rankings (non-affiliated computer, **Reg In** power rating)
- Strength of schedule for games involving MHSAA member schools only
- Head to Head Competition & Common Opponents against MHSAA member schools
- Professional Judgment of the Committee

If a tie exists, the criteria above will be used to break the tie.

3. Following the selection of and ranking of the top eight (8) seeded teams in each division, these "pre-season seeded teams," 1-8, will be placed in one of the 8 regions.
 - a. If a pre-season seeded team falls naturally within a geographic regional grouping, that team will likely, but not always, be included in that region.
 - b. If more than one pre-season seeded team falls naturally within a geographic region, one of the seeded teams will stay within the region, and the other seeded team(s) will be placed in another region at the discretion of the committee considering geography, a yearly rotation of higher seeded teams and possible Quarterfinal matchups. The committee has full discretion to place all preseason-seeded teams.

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Late Season Seeding Determined by the Committee May 8, 2019

1. Based on competition played during the current season and on or before the Monday before the late-season seeding meeting (Mon. May 6, 2019), all teams (including pre-season seeded team) in each Region shall be seeded and ranked within the Region using the following criteria:

Criteria for Late-Season Seeding of Regional Brackets (May 8, 2019) - All Teams by Region

- 2019 Season Performance against MHSAA member schools only
- **MHSAA Power Ratings (MPR)** for games involving MHSAA member schools only
- Strength of schedule for games involving MHSAA member schools only
- Head-to-Head Competition & Common Opponents against MHSAA member schools during the season
- Discretion of the Committee including the possible use of a blind draw.

2. Based on the above criteria the teams shall be ranked and placed on a regional bracket. In the lower half of the seeded teams within each region, the committee may adjust seeding within two seeds to accommodate excessive travel for both teams in a first round home site game.
3. From the teams in each region established in October, each region will have one team designated as a seed; 1-8 determined by the committee. Based on the late season seeds and possibly the overall strength of the region in each division, regions will be matched up at the Quarterfinal level according to the 1-8, 2-7, 3-6, 4-5 formula. These 1-8, 2-7, 3-6, 4-5 Quarterfinal matchups may change from the pre-season seeding **but no team will be relocated from its original (October) region**. Regional champions carry the regional seed with them through the tournament.
4. The Semifinal brackets will also be set (1 vs. 4; 2 vs. 3) using the criteria above for Late Season Seeding.
5. Prior to the May meeting, the MHSAA will procure host sites for each region. Regional 1st Round games will be played at the home sites with the higher seed hosting. Regional Semifinal and Regional Final games will be held at host sites.
6. All 16 Regional hosts will be asked to hold their facility to host a Quarterfinal game. MHSAA staff will then select Quarterfinal sites based on the geography of advancing teams.
7. Prior to the May meeting, MHSAA will present tentative Semifinal sites. A final decision on Semifinal sites will be made after the Quarterfinals based on geographic considerations of advancing teams.
8. Alternate site policy applies to all rounds but the Final (attempting to relocate games if both teams have travel).
9. Brackets will be posted on MHSAA.com by noon the day following the late season seeding committee meeting.

Note: **Within the Committee, eight coaches are assigned two regions each from the opposite division to focus on prior to the late season seed meeting. The week prior to the meeting, these coaches will seek input via email or otherwise from the coaches in the regions they are reviewing regarding the seeding. The full Lacrosse Committee will then seed the brackets at the May meeting.** The decisions of the Lacrosse Committee are final and not subject to appeal. It may be necessary for a small number of games played after the late season seeding meeting to factor into the seeding. It is also possible that a conference call of committee members may occur to finalize seeding.