

2016 Procedure & Criteria for Boys Lacrosse Regional Team Placement & Tournament Seeding

PRE-SEASON SEEDING DETERMINED BY THE LACROSSE COMMITTEE OCT. 15, 2015

Division 1 Pre-Season Seeded Teams:

1. Birmingham Brother Rice
2. Detroit Country Day
3. Detroit Catholic Central
4. U of D Jesuit
5. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern
6. Birmingham
7. Brighton
8. Troy

Division 2 Pre-Season Seeded Teams:

1. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood
2. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central
3. Okemos
4. East Grand Rapids
5. Grosse Pointe South
6. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep
7. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard
8. Warren De La Salle Collegiate

At the **October 15, 2015** meeting the boys lacrosse committee determined the 2015-16 regions based on the criteria defined below and finalized spring bracket placement criteria.

Beginning in 2015-16 teams 9-16 will play a first round pre-regional game at the home site of the higher seed on Mon.-Wed. May 16-18, 2016 prior to the traditional pre-regional start (three days earlier). Likely teams 9-16 must save two dates this week. The winners of the 9-16 games will play the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th seeds later that week (May 20, 21 or 23, 2016). Region assignments and seeds 1-8 in Division 1 and Division 2 will be released on Oct. 15. The final seeding meeting will be held one day earlier on Wed May, 11, 2016 for games played through Mon. May 9, 2016. Teams would then be placed on the bracket based on the established criteria including games played on or before Mon. May 9, 2016. A teams seeding may change from the fall pre-season seeding **within that region only**. NOTE: Teams may play non-tournament games during the MHSAA tournament – even if you are eliminated from the tournament (always stay within the limits of three in games in a week and 18 non-MHSAA tournament games in a season).

On **Wednesday, May 11, 2016** the Lacrosse Tournament Committee will meet a final time to seed each bracket, finalize officials and confirm tournament details. Thirteen to fourteen teams per division, (**58 in Div. 1; 59 in Div. 2**) will be placed in a Region with play order to include **1 vs. 8; 2 vs. 7, 3 vs. 6 and 4 vs. 5**.

Criteria for Determining Regions at Pre-Season Tournament Committee Meeting

Top Eight Teams by MHSAA Division ranked in descending order, assigned two per Region (see below)

Two Year Performance (**2014 and 2015**) 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
- Head to Head Competition & Common Opponents for games between MHSAA member schools
- Lax Power Rankings (non-affiliated computer) all criteria included for games involving MHSAA
- Strength of schedule for games involving MHSAA member schools only
- Professional Judgment of the Committee

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

Following the selection of and ranking of the top eight (8) seeded teams, two (2) shall be placed in each Region. The non-seeded teams shall then be placed equally into the four regions with the primary consideration being geography. Consideration will be given to geography when assigning the top eight (8) seeds, but travel may be necessitated and consideration will be given to rotating the seed that travels from east to west Michigan every other year.

Late Season Seeding Meeting (Wednesday May 11, 2016)

Based on competition played during the current season and on or before Monday, May 9, 2016, all teams (including pre-season selected seeds) in each Region shall be seeded and ranked within the Region and placed on the tournament bracket for their Region. Brackets will be posted on MHSAA.com by noon the day following the late season seeding committee meeting. Note: It may be necessary for a small number of games to be played after the May 9, 2016 meeting and schedule a possible conference call of committee members to finalize seeding.

At the May 11, 2016 meeting, to relieve some of the travel within a region, the Lacrosse Committee may rearrange seeded teams below the 9th seed within the bracket if travel is excessive and other options exist. These adjustments are at the sole discretion of the committee and in the pre-regional first round only.

Criteria for Late Season Seeding of Regional Brackets (May 11, 2016) - All Teams by Region (EDITED 1/20/11)

- 2016 Season Performance against MHSAA member schools only
- Lax Power 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
- Discretion of the Committee including the possible use of blind draw

Determination of Semi Final Bracket Pairings

On May 11, 2016 Semi Final Brackets will also be aligned (1 vs. 4; 2 vs. 3) for tournament play using the criteria above for Late Season Seeding to determine the rank order of the Regional #1 seeds as determined in May. The decisions of the Tournament Committee are final and not subject to appeal.

Prior to the May Meeting MHSAA Staff will present Tentative Possible Semi Final Sites (Wed, June 3, 2015)

Division 1 - 2016 Boys Lacrosse Regional Assignments

59 teams Preseason seeded teams (boldface) selected by the Lacrosse Committee Oct. 15, 2015

Pre Regional Round 1: May 16-18 or earlier (at home sites of top team) Seeds 9-16
Pre Regional Round 2: May 20-21, 23 or earlier (at home sites of top team)
Regional 1st Round: May 25-28 or earlier (at home sites of top team)
Regional Semifinal: May 31 or June 1 at Regional Host
Regional Final: June 3 or 4 at Regional Host
MHSAA Semifinal: June 8, 2016
MHSAA Final: June 11, 4:30 pm Final Site: Howell Parker

Region 1-1 Howell-Parker MS or Grandville HS Dan Hutcheson & Brian Parsons ADs

Wed. June 1 – 5 & 7pm; Fri. June 3 – 7pm (DH)

Detroit U of D Jesuit[^] (4)

Grand Haven

Grand Ledge

Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern[^] (5)

Grandville

Hartland

Holland West Ottawa

Holt

Howell

Hudsonville (Hudsonville Unity Christian)*

Kalamazoo Central (Kalamazoo Loy Norrix)*

Rockford

Waverly (Lansing Catholic, Lansing Christian)*

Zeeland West (Zeeland East)*

(14 teams)

Region 2-1 West Bloomfield HS

Eric Pierce, AD – Tournament Manager

Wed. June 1 – 5 & 7pm; Fri. June 3 – 7pm

Birmingham Brother Rice[^] (1)

Bloomfield Hills

Clarkston

Davison

Grand Blanc

Lake Orion

Lapeer

Linden (Fenton)*

Midland (Midland-HH Dow)*

Oxford

Troy (8)

Walled Lake Central

Waterford Kettering (Waterford Mott)*

West Bloomfield

White Lake Lakeland (Highland-Milford)*

(15 teams)

Region 3-1 North Farmington HS

Todd Schultz, AD – Tournament Manager

Wed. June 1 – 5 & 7pm; Fri. June 3 – 6pm

Ann Arbor Huron

Ann Arbor Pioneer

Ann Arbor Skyline

Belleville

Brighton (7)

Canton

Canton-Plymouth

Canton-Salem

Detroit Country Day[^] (2)

North Farmington (Farmington Hills Harrison)*

Northville

Novi

Saline

South Lyon (South Lyon East)*

(14 teams)

Region 4-1 Troy Athens HS

Bob Dowd, AD – Tournament Manager

Wed. June 1 – 6 & 8pm; Fri. June 3 – 7pm

Birmingham Seaholm (Groves)* (6)

Detroit Catholic Central (3)

Fair Haven Anchor Bay

Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse

Macomb L'Anse Creuse North

Port Huron (Port Huron Northern)*

Rochester

Rochester Hills Stoney Creek

Romeo

Sterling Heights Stevenson

Sterling Heights Utica Ford II

Troy Athens

Utica

Utica Eisenhower

Warren Mott (Sterling Heights)*

(15 teams)

Up from D2 to D1: Davison, Rochester

New Teams in D1: Linden (Fenton)*

*Cooperative Program ^Opted Up a Division

Division 2 - 2016 Boys Lacrosse Regional Assignments

59 teams Preseason seeded teams (boldface) selected by the Lacrosse Committee Oct. 15, 2015

Pre Regional Round 1: May 16-18 or earlier (at home sites of top team) Seeds 9-16

Pre Regional Round 2: May 20-21, 23 or earlier (at home sites of top team)

Regional 1st Round: May 25-28 or earlier (at home sites of top team)

Regional Semifinal: May 31 or June 1 at Regional Host

Regional Final: June 3 or 4 at Regional Host

MHSAA Semifinal: June 8, 2016

MHSAA Final: June 11, 2:00 pm Final Site: Howell Parker

Region 5-2 Caledonia HS

Scott Weis, AD – Tournament Manager

Tues. May 31 – 5 & 7pm; Fri. June 3 – 6pm

Ada Forest Hills Eastern

Caledonia

Comstock Park

East Grand Rapids (4)

Grand Rapids Catholic Central

Grand Rapids Christian

Grand Rapids Northview

Grand Rapids South Christian

Grosse Pointe South (5)

Holland Christian

Lowell

Muskegon Reeths-Puffer

Spring Lake

(13 teams)

Region 7-2 Howell-Parker MS

Dan Hutcheson, AD – Tournament Manager

Tues. May 31 – 5 & 7pm; Fri. June 3 – 5pm (DH)

Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (7)

Ann Arbor Greenhills

Dearborn Divine Child

Farmington

Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central (2)

Grosse Ile

Grosse Pointe North

Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett

Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central

Riverview-Gabriel Richard

Temperance Bedford

Warren Cousino

Ypsilanti-Lincoln

(13 teams)

Region 6-2 DeWitt HS

Teri Reyburn, AD – Tournament Manager

Tues. May 31 5:30 & 7pm; Fri. June 3 6pm

Battle Creek Harper Creek

Battle Creek Lakeview

Battle Creek Pennfield (St. Phillip)*

Chelsea

DeWitt

Dexter

East Lansing

Haslett (Williamston)*

Mattawan

Okemos (3)

Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (6)

Portage Central

Portage Northern

Tecumseh

Vicksburg (Kalamazoo Hackett)*

Whitmore Lake (AA Steiner, Ypsi Arbor Prep)*

(16 teams)

Region 8-2 Madison Heights Bishop Foley HS

Brian Hassler, AD – Tournament Manager

Wed. June 1-5:30 & 7:30pm; Fri. June 3 – 7pm

Auburn-Bay City Western

Auburn Hills Avondale

Bay City Central

Blmfld. Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood (1)

Flint Powers Catholic

Madison Heights Bishop Foley

Orchard Lake St. Mary Prep

Rochester Adams

Royal Oak

Royal Oak Shrine (Clarkston Everest Collegiate)*

Saginaw Heritage

St. Clair

Swartz Creek

Walled Lake Northern

Walled Lake Western

Warren De La Salle Collegiate (8)

(16 teams)

Down from D1 to D2: Walled Lake Northern, Grosse Pointe South, Rochester Adams

New Teams in D2: Riverview-Gabriel Richard, St. Clair HS

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