2026 MHSAA BOYS LACROSSE TOURNAMENT

Tournament Plan – Key Points of Review

- Opt-out due date for entry materials is Wednesday, **April 22, 2026**.
- The tournament is conducted in two equal divisions based on enrollment among teams indicating sponsorship in March **2025**.
- Schools hosting Regional Finals are asked to hold their facilities open and available for a possible Quarterfinal game which will be assigned once Regional winners are known. A Regional host who is **not available** on the Quarterfinal date of **May 29 or 30, 2026** is asked to **notify the MHSAA Staff months in advance**.
- Beginning with the 2019 Tournament and continuing in the **2026** Tournament, the Michigan Power Rating (MPR) will be used as part of the seeding criteria. With the use of MPR, all participating schools are required to submit their varsity schedules through MHSAA.com, with schedule updates and final scores submitted throughout the season. **Accurate schedules and game results are required for the late season seeding of the tournament.**
- The Lacrosse Committee will determine brackets & pairings on **May 6, 2026** based on games played on or before **Monday, May 4**.
- Pre-Regional games between 8th and 9th seeds in regions with 9 teams, and 7th and 10th seeds in regions with 10 teams, are to be played on or before **May 14** at the home site of the higher-seeded team (8th or 7th).
- Regional First Round games are **May 14-18, 2026** or earlier at home site of team on top line.
- First Round Regional games at home sites may be played by mutual agreement of both teams and the MHSAA before the earliest date listed but must be played before the last date allowed for that round.
- Regional Semifinal games are **May 20-22, 2026** at Regional Host.
- Regional Final games are **May 26 or 27, 2026** at Regional Host.
- **Pre-Regional through the Regional Finals, the home teams or hosts will hire three officials from the MHSAA-approved list.**
- Officials for Quarter Finals through Finals are assigned by the MHSAA.

TOURNAMENT MANAGERS MANUAL

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(Alpha by topic, forms follow topics)

ADMISSION & TICKETS – For the Pre-Regional and Regional First Round games at home sites, the home team will sell tickets just like a regular season home game. All tickets for MHSAA Boys Lacrosse tournament games from the Regional Semifinal rounds through the State Final will be sold through the GoFan digital ticketing platform.

https://gofan.co/search

Ticket prices are as follows:

Level	Price	Good For (Game/Session)
Regionals	**$7**	Single Game/Session
Quarterfinals	**$7**	Single Game/Session
Semifinals	**$9**	Single Game/Session
Finals	**$11**	2 Games

General Policies – Infants in arms not requiring individual seats shall be admitted free of charge. No reduced rates are allowed for elementary school students, senior citizens, etc. All seating is general admission. There will be no reserved seating. No effort should be made to reserve special sections for season ticket holders, etc. Host schools may designate seating areas for the opposing team's fans, but there should be no special reserved seating. Managers should make provision for re-entry to the field since one ticket will allow a spectator to see competition throughout the entire day. The policies of the local host site shall prevail with respect to pets/animals. In the absence of local host policy, animals or pets shall not be permitted to enter MHSAA tournament venues; including spectator and team areas. However, properly marked or documented service animals that are leashed or harnessed at all times may accompany spectators paying admission or attending with other approved team or school personnel. Individuals who bring service animals are asked to bring their own waste disposal bags and request special seating in advance of the event if this is needed.

ASSIGNED SCHOOLS – Only those schools assigned to your Regional Tournament are allowed to compete. Any other requests for entry must be referred to the MHSAA office before competition is granted.

AWARDS PRESENTATION – Regional and Finals Managers shall make arrangements for a brief awards presentation. Presenters may be school administrators, tournament managers, Representative Council members, MHSAA staff members, or other persons who are representative of the MHSAA philosophy of interscholastic competition. Only MHSAA-approved awards are to be presented to student-athletes or others at MHSAA tournaments.

CONCUSSION PROTOCOL – "Any athlete who exhibits signs, symptoms, or behaviors consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion, or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the contest and shall not return to play until cleared by an appropriate health care professional."

The language above, which appears in all National Federation sports rule books, reflects a strengthening of rules regarding the safety of athletes suspected of having a concussion. Previously, some sports rules required officials to remove from play any athlete who was "unconscious or apparently unconscious." This new language reflects an increasing focus on safety, given that the vast majority of concussions do not involve a loss of consciousness. This protocol is intended to provide the mechanics to follow during the course of contests when an athlete sustains an apparent concussion.

1. The officials will have no role in determining concussion other than the obvious one where a player is either unconscious or apparently unconscious as is provided for under the current rule. Officials will merely point out to a coach that a player is apparently injured and advise that the player should be examined by a health care provider for an exact determination of the extent of injury.

2. If it is confirmed by the school's designated health care professional that the student did not sustain a concussion, the head coach may so advise the officials during an appropriate stoppage of play and the athlete may reenter competition pursuant to the contest rules.

3. Otherwise, if competition continues while the athlete is withheld for an apparent concussion, that athlete may not be returned to competition that day but is subject to the return to play protocol.

- The clearance may not be on the same date on which the athlete was removed from play.
- Only an M.D., D.O., Physician's Assistant or Nurse Practitioner may clear the individual to return to activity.
- The clearance must be in writing and must be an unconditional return to unrestricted activity.
- Individual school, districts and leagues may have more stringent requirements and protocols.

4. In cases where an assigned MHSAA tournament physician (MD/DO) is present, his or her decision to not allow an athlete to return to competition may not be overruled.

Return to Activity & Post-Concussion Form -

https://www.mhsaa.com/sites/default/files/Administrators/returntoplay.pdf

ENTRY MATERIALS – There are two obligations for participating schools as follows:

a. Schools must notify their tournament managers by the **opt-out due date (April 22, 2026)** if they DO NOT intend to participate in a previously assigned MHSAA tournament, and;
b. Schools must see that tournament managers receive an accurate Eligibility List and Team Roster by the opt-out due date. These forms are available at MHSAA.com or a school can use their own form with the same information. These may be emailed. Failure to fulfill the above obligations by the specified opt-out due date will result in MHSAA penalties as stipulated in the MHSAA *Handbook*. The opt-out due date is **Wednesday, April 22, 2026** for lacrosse. No additions to the Master Eligibility List can take place after tournament has begun for any team in your Regional (**Pre-Regional play begins May 9, 2026** (can be earlier by mutual agreement) and Regional play begins **May 14, 2026**).
c. For the purposes of MHSAA *Handbook* regulations, the draw meeting for boys lacrosse will be considered the MON following the Spring Lacrosse Committee Meeting (**Mon., May 11, 2026**).

INJUNCTION/RESTRAINING ORDER POLICY – If an injunction or restraining order is served or presented at an MHSAA tournament site and such purports to require the eligibility of or participation by

a student or team which a school and/or the MHSAA has ruled to be ineligible under MHSAA regulations, the on-site tournament manager is to suspend the entire competition (team competition) or events in which that student is intending to participate (individual competition). If the meet has begun, it shall be completed.

FORFEITURE – Failure to be ready for competition by thirty minutes after the scheduled starting time of the tournament will result in forfeiture unless the team in question has communicated with tournament management about a delay due to unforeseen circumstances.

FINANCIAL POLICIES – All expenses of member schools that host MHSAA Lacrosse tournaments will be reimbursed by a scale determined by the MHSAA Representative Council. The scale is listed on the Host School Expense Form.

Hospitality rooms, lunches at drawings for order of competition, refreshments for teams, etc., are not to be included in tournament expenses to the MHSAA. Hosts are asked to make every effort to reduce costs. Some expenses are not reimbursable expenses.

The MHSAA does not reimburse workers who are hired by the local tournament manager for any activity that produces revenue for the local site. This includes concession workers, sellers of programs or merchandise, and parking attendants. Rental fees are not reimbursed. Please file your report within seven (7) days after the conclusion of your tournament.

GOAL MARGIN – TOURNAMENT GAME TERMINATION – An MHSAA tournament game in boys lacrosse will end when an **18-goal margin is reached any time after the third quarter is completed**. The **12-goal differential running clock rule in the second half continues**. NFHS Rule 3.5 also states: By mutual agreement of the opposing coaches, and approval of the referee, any period may be shortened or the game terminated at any time.

LOCKER ROOM PRIVACY POLICY – Using devices of any kind to capture or transmit images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms, dressing areas, training rooms, weigh-in rooms, showers, restrooms, or other areas where there is an expectation of privacy during MHSAA tournament events. Tournament managers or athletic directors that discover such use should move immediately to have the device removed and inform the head coach or athletic director of the identity and nature of the activity of the person involved.

OFFICIALS FEES & ASSIGNING – Only approved MHSAA registered officials may officiate at MHSAA tournament games. The number of officials who may be scheduled for the tournament games may not exceed the following without advanced approval of MHSAA staff:

Pre-Regional and 1st Round:	**3**	(Hired and paid by home team)
Regional Semifinals & Finals:	**3**	(Hired and paid by home team)
Quarterfinals:	**3**	(Assigned by MHSAA staff, paid by manager)
Semifinals:	**3 + 1 CBO**	(Assigned by MHSAA staff, paid by MHSAA)
Finals:	**3 + 1 CBO**	(Assigned by MHSAA staff, paid by MHSAA)

The MHSAA will assign all officials to Quarterfinals through Finals. Officials from the Pre- Regional through the Regional Final rounds will receive $70 plus $.40 per mile after a 50-mile deductible. Quarterfinal officials will receive $75 plus $.40 per mile after a 50-mile deductible. Semifinal officials will receive $80 plus $.40 per mile after a 50-mile deductible. Final officials will receive $90 plus $.40 per mile after a 50-mile deductible. If an official declines an assignment, please notify the MHSAA (517-332-5046) or dan@mhsaa.com

OFFICIALS ACCOMMODATIONS – Managers should provide the following for contest officials:

- An escort to meet the officials on arrival and provide security to and from the field
- A secure, private dressing area preferably with access to showers not adjacent to team areas

- Security from fans, media, players and coaches after the conclusion of competition
- Refreshments such as water, soda, or sports drinks at halftime and post-game

MEDIA NOTES – Media credentials for Regional through Semifinal games are coordinated and issued by local tournament managers. Media requests for Finals tournament games are handled by the MHSAA office.

For complete information on credentials, drones, locker room privacy policy, microphones, photographers, flash photography, postgame interviews, press box, results, streaming (audio and video), and videotaping, go to this Media/Streaming Information PDF.

Here are a few important sections, some specific to lacrosse:

- **PHOTOGRPAHY** – Media (including photographers) are not allowed behind the end lines, immediately behind the bench area, within or immediately behind the table area, or within the limit lines at any time during a contest.
- **RESULTS/SCORE REPORTING** – Tournament results should be reported to the MHSAA immediately after games, not the next morning. Scores of bracketed tournaments should be entered in Scores on MHSAA.com or emailed to results@mhsaa.com. Host schools are responsible for informing local media and the major daily newspapers.
- **STREAMING – AUDIO & RADIO** – Outlets are required to submit a broadcast application for postseason events with the MHSAA. Approval or denial emails will be sent to both the outlet and host school. Outlets are encouraged to check with the host school before applying to check on space/equipment needs. There is no limit to the number of outlets that may stream audio – as long as the host can accommodate them. In the regular season, outlets do not need to submit broadcast applications but need permission from the host school to provide an audio stream.
- **STREAMING – VIDEO (REGULAR SEASON)** – Video streaming during the regular season is allowed by the home/host school in a couple of different ways. If the home/host school is a member of the NFHS Network, they must stream games to the NFHS Network first and foremost. They can also produce a stream to broadcast on a school-controlled page (separate from the NFHS stream). Additionally, NFHS Network members can partner with local media to broadcast regular season home games on the media outlet's channel/website. Schools that are not members of the NFHS Network can stream regular season home games to a school-controlled webpage. Refer to the Multimedia Regulations for more information.
- **STREAMING – VIDEO (POSTSEASON)** –The broadcast and streaming rights of MHSAA postseason tournament events belong exclusively to the NFHS Network, Bally Sports Detroit, the MHSAA, and those media outlets that have pre-arranged to secure those rights. Teams participating in MHSAA Tournaments are prohibited from streaming live video of any portion of an event over the Internet – including using social media platforms or any other method. Likewise, individual spectators are also prohibited from live streaming video through any means. Participating schools are responsible for informing their students, parents, and other fans of this policy and to assist the MHSAA upon request in enforcing it.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY POLICY – Host school tournament managers should follow all local school district policies regarding medical emergencies for participating athletes, coaches, students, and adult spectators for competitions conducted in school facilities. **All MHSAA tournament venues are required to have an AED on site, and it must be readily accessible during all competition**.
In addition:

- Trainers are an allowed expense and encouraged.
- All MHSAA concussion protocols shall be followed.
- MHSAA policy on tornado watches and warnings shall be followed.
- MHSAA policy on managing heat and humidity shall be followed.

When MHSAA tournament contests are conducted at non-school facilities, Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) should be developed for the following needs and/or circumstances:

- Student, coach, and spectator shelter for outdoor events
- Host facility emergency equipment such as AEDs, fire escapes, etc.
- Emergency communications, i.e. phone numbers, school administration contact
- Coordination with facility management regarding evacuation, first aid, and on-site responsibilities
- Medical transport or first responder contact procedures
- Proximity/directions of nearest medical facility

MERCHANDISING – Only MHSAA-licensed vendors may sell merchandise with a protected MHSAA logo or tournament identification. Local school (non-MHSAA logo) merchandise may be sold.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION – This document is available on MHSAA.com. In addition to this Manual, each tournament manager should read the Participating School Tournament Information. Pay particular attention to Tournament Contest Rules and Tournament Manager's Policies.

ROSTERS – Each team must provide a complete line-up in **numerical order** (number, first and last name, and position of each player and substitutes) and the names of all other bench personnel. The line-up must be submitted to the scorer at least five **(5) minutes prior to game time**. Rosters may be updated at any time.

SPECTATOR VIDEO RECORDING – Spectators must receive permission from the tournament manager for any live action taken of athletic events other than snapshots. If permission is granted for spectators to record video of the entire event or take clips, it is to be with the understanding the recording may not be sold, leased, borrowed, or rented for commercial purposes, or shown on television. The tournament manager should not permit spectators to interfere with the view of other spectators or news media personnel covering the activity and is not required to provide electrical hook-ups and/or tripod space. The tournament manager may require spectator video recording from a designated location. If there is any question as to the purposes of filming or taping, the local tournament management has the right to deny the request for taping.

SOUVENIR PROGRAMS – Regional Tournament Managers shall produce a souvenir program for their site that identifies the MHSAA as the sponsor of the tournament, using the camera-ready materials provided by the MHSAA. These materials may be found on the administration page of the MHSAA Website.

Programs shall include the rosters of the participating teams, coaches, student managers, administrators, and the tournament bracket. Such information as team pictures and season scores could also be included.

Regional Tournament Managers may cover the cost of producing their programs by securing local advertising. This is an acceptable practice to keep the cost of the program to a minimum for the spectator. Advertisers should be selected with care, and should not include mention of products or services in conflict with MHSAA philosophies, such as tobacco, liquor or beer and their sale at bars, party stores, restaurants, lounges and team summer camps. If you have any questions regarding programs, please address them to Geoff Kimmerly, MHSAA Communications Director at 517-332-5046. Please forward the MHSAA a copy of your program as soon as it is printed.

SCORER AND TIMER – A qualified adult scorer and timer shall be provided by the tournament manager. The tournament manager becomes the assigning authority as per the NFHS rules. Scorers and timers should be provided copies of their duties as printed in the NFHS Lacrosse Rule Book. A

working air horn is no longer needed to signal substitutions but is still required at the scorer's table to summon the officials during dead-ball situations or stoppages and signal the end of a quarter or half.

SCOREBOARD CLOCK – It is recommended that a visible clock and scoring device be in use for all tournament games.

SEMIFINAL AND QUARTERFINAL SITES – Multiple sites are prepared to host Quarterfinal and Semifinal contests and will be selected by the MHSAA staff considering the travel of participating teams and a rotation from year to year. A site may host its own team in a state Quarterfinal, Semifinal, or Final. Two games (doubleheader) may be played at the same site.

TEAM PACKETS & SCHOOL COMMUNICATION – The Tournament Manager should prepare an informational packet for each participating team coming to the host site. This packet should include a map with directions to the venue, game time/schedule, location of dressing and shower facilities, location of restaurants, host school facility rules, and parking arrangements for buses or cars of competing schools. Hosting schools should prohibit tailgating at or near their venue.

TEAM & SPECTATOR CONDUCT – During contests, officials will penalize under applicable sportsmanship or playing rules those student-athletes or coaches who leave the field of play and contact or approach spectator areas for celebration.

Each tournament manager or the MHSAA staff may determine an acceptable number of crowd supervisors necessary for each school, depending on the situation, including inappropriate celebrations and other crowd control issues.

The cost for repair or replacement to facilities damaged because of participant and/or spectator conduct shall be paid by the school involved directly to the host facility within 30 days of the bill being submitted to the school. MHSAA reimbursement or revenue sharing will be withheld until paid by the offending school. Future tournament hosting privileges or school reimbursement to offending schools may be withheld if payment is not made.

MHSAA Lacrosse Committee established the following as a point of emphasis beginning in 2021, and continues this season: To prevent players from contacting opponents at the end of games as they rush to their goaltender and often cross the other team, the following protocol for regular season and MHSAA tournament games was adopted:

The LOSING coach shall hold players back and allow the winning team to reach their goaltender. The WINNING team shall take the field FIRST at games end.

Tournament management should add this protocol to the list of pre-game reminders for coaches to share with their teams.

TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL POLICY – The use of alcohol or tobacco, including e-cigarettes or other smoking devices, is prohibited at MHSAA tournament events by players, coaches, and spectators. Managers should stress in coaches' meetings that they are not to use tobacco at the tournament venue.

TOURNAMENT WITHDRAWAL POLICY – A school shall not enter the MHSAA tournament if it knows in advance it cannot complete all rounds of the tournament as scheduled. Tournament management is to contact the MHSAA office if a school withdraws or fails to show for a scheduled competition after the opt-out due.

The MHSAA staff member responsible for the sport will request from the school principal a written explanation for the no-show/withdrawal. If the reason is determined to be unacceptable by the MHSAA staff, the MHSAA Executive Director will place the school on probation for the next two years. A

second offense within the two-year probationary period will cause the school to be prohibited from tournament play in that sport for the two years following the second offense.

TIME SCHEDULES & DATES – Regional Managers should contact schools for the dates and times of Pre-Regional games so winners can be advanced along brackets. Schools must submit game results in Scores on MHSAA.com and report scores to Tournament Managers, cole@mhsaa.com and results@mhsaa.com immediately following all contests.

Alternative Site Travel Accommodation: In boys' lacrosse, the MHSAA staff may change the date, time, and location of a previously scheduled tournament game if the originally scheduled game involves extensive travel for both teams and an acceptable site can be secured. The determination is that of the MHSAA staff in consultation with both teams and the tournament manager and may require that the competing teams secure an acceptable field. Financial responsibilities will fall to the original home team or host school. The above alternative site-travel accommodation does not apply to the MHSAA Quarterfinal, Semifinal, or Final.

Early round Regional games at home sites may be played by mutual agreement of both teams and the MHSAA before the earliest date listed and must be played before the last date allowed for that round.

Lacrosse Committee Sets Tournament Brackets – May 6, 2026
To be posted on MHSAA.com by Thursday, May 7, 2026

Tournament & Seeding Committee	May 6, 2026
Pre-Regional Game for 8th & 9th seeds	May 9-14, 2026 or earlier (home site of higher seed)
Regional 1st Round:	May 14-19, 2026 or earlier (home sites of top team)
Regional Semifinal:	May 20-22, 2026 at Regional Host
Regional Final:	May 26 or 27, 2026 at Regional Host
MHSAA Quarterfinal:	May 29 or 30, 2026 at Selected Reg Host or MHSAA site
MHSAA Semifinal:	June 2, 2026
MHSAA Final (SAT):	June 6, 2026 (Div. 1 at 2:00 pm; Div. 2 at 11:00 am)

TROPHIES AND MEDALS – Trophies and medals are being sent to all Regional Tournament Managers and are to be awarded to the winning team in each region. Trophies and medals should be examined immediately upon receipt by the tournament manager to make certain that the engraving is correct and that there is no shortage or breakage. All trophies and medals will be supplied by Erffmeyer and Son Company, Inc. (ESCO) of Milwaukee, Wisconsin (800-852-4266).

The MHSAA (not tournament managers) will make payment for trophies and medals directly to the above company. If trophies and medals are not received by the due date or are damaged, the manager should contact ESCO directly as soon as possible.

Only MHSAA-approved awards are to be presented to student-athletes at MHSAA tournaments. 36 team medals will be shipped to be awarded at the Regional (champion) and Final (champion and runner-up) levels of the tournament. If a school wishes to purchase additional Regional or Finals medals, they can be ordered by using the Additional Medal Order Form.

To order extra medals, use this Extra Medal Order Form.

TEAM BENCH AREAS – Both teams shall be in designated team bench areas on one side of the field of play. Please be sure the correct field and sideline markings are present.

SUSPENSIONS/DISQUALIFICATIONS – The following shall apply:

a. **Coach**: Unless a school or the MHSAA applies additional conditions, suspension from coaching requires at least that the coach not be at or near the team bench before, during or after the contest, not be in or near the locker room before, during or after the contest, and

not give instructions directly or indirectly to coaches or players from any position in or near the gymnasium or field of play.

(1) If a school fails to enforce a suspension that is required by the MHSAA, tournament management shall require the coach to comply with the terms of suspension and shall report the school to the MHSAA for further action.
(2) If the coach fails to comply with the terms of suspension, tournament management shall report the school and coach to the MHSAA, which shall prohibit the school from the remainder of the current tournament and impose additional penalties as circumstances warrant.

Note: Suspensions are required for violations of Regulation I, Section 10 and Regulation II, Section 13(A) and 15 and may be imposed under Regulation V in all other circumstances.

(3) A coach who is ejected during a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be prohibited by his/her school from coaching for the remainder of that day of competition and from coaching at or attending at least the next day of competition for that team. This is true even if the coach is a parent of a player. By NFHS Lacrosse Rules an ejected coach shall be removed from the premises (bench and field area).
(4) If a school fails to enforce the subsequent disqualification with respect to its coach or the coach fails to comply, the tournament manager or any registered official or representative of a member school who becomes aware of the violation shall report it to the MHSAA, which shall prohibit the school from the remainder of the current tournament.

Note: Reference Regulation V, Section 3(D).

b. **Player:** Unless a school or the MHSAA applies additional conditions, a suspended player is treated as an ineligible player, which means that the student shall not participate. By NFHS Lacrosse Rules (5-12), an ejected player, substitute, or non-playing team member shall be removed from the premises if there are authorized school personnel present to supervise the ejected student. If no authorized school personnel are available, the student shall be confined to the bench area. The minimum requirement is that the suspended student shall not enter the contest as a participant.

(1) If a school fails to enforce a suspension with respect to one of its students, which is required under MHSAA regulations, tournament management or any representative of a member school who becomes aware of the violation shall report it to the MHSAA for further action, which shall include (but not be limited to) forfeiture of the contest and thus elimination from the remainder of the tournament.

Note: Suspensions are required for violations under Regulation I, Sections 10, 11, 12 and 13 and Regulation II, Section 15 may be imposed under Regulation V in all other circumstances.

(2) A player who is ejected during a contest for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be withheld by his/her school for the remainder of that day of competition and for at least the next day of competition for that team.
(3) If a school fails to enforce the subsequent disqualification with respect to one of its students, the tournament managers or any registered official or representative of a member school who becomes aware of the violation shall report it to the MHSAA, which shall prohibit the school from the remainder of the current tournament.

Note: Reference Regulation V, Section 3(D).

c. **Coach & Player: Disqualification from MHSAA Tournament:** Any coach who is disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct two or more times during a season, any player who is disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct three or more times during a season, and any coach or player who is ejected for spitting at, hitting, slapping, kicking, pushing or intentionally and aggressively physically contacting an official at any time during that season, is not eligible to participate in the MHSAA tournament for that sport that season. If

the tournament disqualifying ejection for that individual occurs during the MHSAA tournament, that player or coach is ineligible for the remainder of that tournament.

The school of the disqualified coach or player must prohibit that person from being present on the property of the tournament venue for the remainder of the tournament series. If that school fails to enforce this, the tournament manager, any registered official, or representative of a member school who becomes aware of the violation shall report it to the MHSAA, which shall prohibit the school from the remainder of the current tournament.

d. If disqualification of a coach or player occurs during an MHSAA tournament, the next day of disqualification must be served during the next day of that team's MHSAA tournament participation that season as well as the next non-MHSAA tournament contest (if any) prior to the next day of competition in the MHSAA tournament for that team. MHSAA Tournament disqualification does not carry over to the next MHSAA tournament in another sport.

SUSPENDED GAME-POSTPONED GAME – When MHSAA tournament lacrosse games must be postponed due to severe weather conditions or hazardous field conditions that may be injurious to players, the tournament manager has the authority to postpone the game and schedule it on the next playable day. Sunday competition may be considered.

For all boys lacrosse regular season and MHSAA tournament games, a regulation game consists of four 12-minute quarters unless extended because of a tie score. If darkness, rain, or other causes interfere with play so that the game is called (ended by referee), it is a regulation game if at **least three quarters of play has been completed**.

All tournament games called prior to being a regulation game (as above) shall be resumed from the point of suspension whether continued on the original date or a future date.

WEATHER SUSPENSION POLICIES FOR THUNDER/LIGHTNING:

A. On threatening days, game management should consult with contest officials about steps to be followed if conditions worsen.

B. When suspending an outdoor contest, officials and game management shall follow these guidelines.

1. Lightning necessitates that contests be suspended. The occurrence of lightning is not subject to interpretation or discussion -- *lightning is lightning*.

2. Severe weather in the form of rain or snow may make the field unplayable.

C. When a contest is suspended, the home school administration shall attempt to arrange for the security of all participants.

1. Contestants and support personnel shall be moved to appropriate indoor facilities.

2. When lightning is observed or thunder is heard and the contest is suspended, contestants shall not return to the playing field until lightning has been absent from the local sky and thunder has not been heard for 30 minutes.

3. Spectators shall be advised of the action being taken to seek shelter. (Some hosts may be able to offer shelter to spectators but are not required to do so.)

TORNADO POLICY FOR MHSAA EVENTS

I. IF THERE IS A WATCH OR WARNING AT A TOURNAMENT SITE -

A. Watch or warning issued **at least three hours** prior to the event:

1. If the local district policy closes the tournament facility, all participating teams must be called and informed of postponement with information pertaining to next playing date and time included in the call.

2. If the host district policy **does not** close the facility, all participating schools who have not called the host must be called to be sure all who are scheduled to play will be present. (The participating school local policy must prevail).

a. If one team of a dual type (i.e. Softball) competition cannot be present by their policy, no contest shall be held. The competition for that day/night must be rescheduled on the next possible day, not including Sunday.

b. If the competition is multiple team type (i.e. Track, Tennis), the meet shall be conducted as long as a reasonable number of teams (60%) can be present.

B. Watch or warning **less than three hours** before event:

1. If the competing teams are in route, no decision shall be made until both teams in a bracket have arrived or contact has been made, unless local policy forbids use of facility once the watch or warning has been issued.

2. If competing teams arrive, are on the premises, and local policy permits, play the contest when and if time permits.

3. If it is not possible that date, reschedule for next playable date, not including Sunday.

4. Local policy shall always prevail.

C. Watch or warning first issued during contest:

1. Suspend play.

2. Take necessary steps and precautions as directed by local policy.

3. Resume play at the point of suspension as soon as permitted. If not that day/night, then reschedule for the next possible date, not including Sunday.

II. IF THE WATCH OR WARNING IS IN AN AREA OF ONE OR MORE COMPETING SCHOOLS AND NOT AT A TOURNAMENT SITE:

A. It shall be the responsibility of the competing school to inform the manager of the tournament immediately.

B. The decision as to play or not to play shall be made by the tournament manager, based on the information presented and the type of sport event involved.

1. If one or more local policies do not permit travel or competition, the game, games, or tournament shall be postponed.

2. If the scheduled competition is of a multiple team nature (i.e. Track and Field), the competition may take place even though all teams are not able to be present (60% is suggested guideline).

3. The rationale for No. 1 and No. 2 hinges on the fact that in No. 1, both teams of a dual type competition must be present if a contest is to take place. No. 2 permits competition, even though all teams cannot be present.

C. If one or more schools are on the road to the tournament site at the time of watch or warning, no decision shall be made until contact has been made with all concerned. (An authorized person from the assigned schools).

D. If one school arrives on site and the opponent cannot travel due to local policy, the game shall be postponed and rescheduled on the next possible date, not including Sunday.

The local tournament manager has full jurisdiction over the policies of the tournament site. If the above guidelines do not cover a certain situation, the decision on the matter shall be that of the tournament manager.

YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY – During the MHSAA Tournament events, the MHSAA expects all designated managers, volunteer or paid staff assisting in the event, officials or any other personnel to follow local school district policy and state statute regarding the mandatory reporting of child abuse, bullying, hazing and sexual harassment. A report of such activity shall be made to legal authorities and to the MHSAA Executive Director or his designee.

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