NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Route 130, P.O. Box 487, Robbinsville, NJ 08691

2019 NJSIAA GIRLS LACROSSE TOURNAMENT

(COACHES MUST HAVE A COPY OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS AVAILABLE AT EACH GAME)

TO QUALIFY

- Teams will be seeded based solely on power points in the first (13) thirteen games. Teams playing less than 13 games will be seeded according to their power points. The power calculation procedure for 2019 is described below. Cutoff is 11:59pm on May 8th, 2019.
- 2. Teams now wishing to enter the girl's lacrosse tournament must notify NJSIAA by May 8, 2019 using the **Tournament Refusal Designation** (AD login required).
- 3. Seventy percent (70%) of games played on or before the cutoff date (May 8th) must be against New Jersey schools.
- 4. Any player with two (2) or more disqualifications in the current season, prior to the start of the NJSIAA tournament, will be unable to compete in said tournament.
- 5. Any varsity team accumulating three (3) or more player or coach disqualifications for flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct prior to the start of the NJSIAA tournament will not be permitted to participate in same. Seeded teams will forfeit their right to compete if a disqualification limit is reached prior to the start of the tournament for the team.
- 6. All schedules and results must be entered on <u>www.njschoolsports.com</u> following each game. All out of state/non-member school opponents records (first 13 games) must be entered on <u>www.njschoolsports.com</u>
- 7. Power Points will be used in the seeding process. Please check to see that all games and scores have been entered on <u>www.njschoolsports.com</u> before May 8th by 11:59pm. If you do not know your school code, or you encounter problems, please contact <u>hssupport@njadvancemedia.com</u> or call 1-732-902-4545 or the NJSIAA. Original ranking from May 8th will be used to seed the Tournament of Champions.

NEW FOR 2019

Power Point Calculation Procedure: First 13 Games

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

Win = 6 points, Tie = 3 points, Lose = 0 points

- 2. Residual Points Each team will receive residual points from <u>one</u> of the categories below based on the result of the game.
 - A. Each school will receive "Residual Points" from a team they defeated. For each win or tie your opponent has from the first 13 games, you will receive the following (see examples 1 & 2):

Win = 3 points, Tie = 1.5 points, Lose = 0 points

B. Each school will receive "Residual Points" from a team they tied. For each win or tie your opponent has from the first thirteen games, you will receive the following (see examples 3 & 4):

Win = 1.5 points, Tie = .75 points (See note below), Lose = 0 points

Note: No points will be rewarded when calculating "Residual Points" when your game Is the opponent's only tie, since you already have been awarded points for that tie.

C. Each school will receive "Residual Points" from a team they lost to. For each win your opponent has that defeated you (not including your game) from the first thirteen games, you will receive the following (see example 5):

Win = 1 point, Tie = 0 points, Lose = 0 points

- 3. Tie Breaker after goal differential tie.
 - 1) Winning % first 13 games
 - 2) Head to head competition
 - 3) Common opponent
 - 4) Coin toss

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

SPECIFIC SPORTS REGULATIONS (found in the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Handbook 2018-2019 Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules & Regulations

Program Regulations: Girls Lacrosse

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

SECTION 2 START OF PRACTICE: First Friday in March. (March 1st)

SECTION 3 START OF REGULAR SEASON: March 27, 2019

SECTION 4 END OF SEASON: As provided for in Program Regulations – Section 10 (June 9th)

SECTION 5 TRANSFERS: On or after April 19, 2019 not eligible for post-season play. (See Article V, Section 4.K.(2).d.)

SECTION 6 SCRIMMAGES: Interschool scrimmages are to be limited to three (3) per week until the first starting date; thereafter, including the week of the first starting date, scrimmages will be subject to the provisions of Rule 12, Sect. 6

CL 1 Scrimmages during the regular season count toward the allowable number of games.

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

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

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

Throughout the entire season, scores must be reported following each game to <u>www.njschoolsports.com</u>. If you do not know your school code, or encounter problems, please contact <u>support@njschoolsports.com</u> or the NJSIAA. The Seeding Committee will use these results to determine that all games have been entered, and for advancing the brackets.

ENTRY FEE: Eighty dollars (\$80.00). Make checks payable to NJSIAA and forward to NJSIAA. Please be sure the school's name appears on the check and indicates Girls Lacrosse. **VOUCHERS MUST INCLUDE A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE.**

ENTRY DEADLINE: Records must be recorded for all games played up to and including May 8, 2019 on www.njschoolsports.com Records will be downloaded on May 9th at 10:00am.

ALL Tournament Refusal Designation on the NJSIAA website must be completed by May 8, 2019. AD login required to complete!

The Tournament will be seeded on May 10, 2019. Brackets will be posted on <u>www.njschoolsports.com</u> mid-day on May 10, 2019. Brackets are final on May 10th at 11:59pm. NJSIAA reserves the right to extend this deadline if the seeding committee has made an error.

Forward Officials Form (Page 7) to the Tournament Director:

Ms. Cindy Beradino 118 Liberty Street Boonton, NJ 07005 Cell: 201-323-3577

DUE: May 1, 2019 (Please do not use certified mail)

In accordance with NJSIAA by-laws, schools failing to follow directions for entering the tournament in a timely fashion will be subject to a fine. That team will be seeded according to their power points, however they will forfeit the ability to host a game even if they are the higher seeded team.

DATES: Tournament dates are Mary 13th to June 8th, 2019 ~ Seeding will be determined on Friday, May 10, 2019 School's entering the tournament WILL NOT be granted a change of date due to any conflicts with school trips, proms, banquets, SAT's and the like. THE DATES BELOW ARE PLAY-ON DATES.

1 st Round	Monday, May 13	Groups 1 & 3	Tuesday, May 14	Groups 2 & 4
2 nd Round	Thursday, May 16	Groups 1 & 3	Friday, May 17	Groups 2 & 4
Sectional Semi-Finals	Monday, May 20	Groups 1 & 3	Tuesday, May 21	Groups 2 & 4
Sectional Finals	Thursday, May 23	Groups 1 & 3	Friday, May 24	Groups 2 & 4

State Semi-Finals

Tuesday, May 28 th	Groups 1 & 3	4:30 & 6:30pm		
North I vs. North II @ Warren Hills High School				
Central vs. South @ Moorestown High School				
Wednesday, May 29thGroups 2 & 44:30 & 6:30pm				
North I vs. North II @ West Essex High School				
Central vs. South @ TBD				

Group Finals

Saturday, June 1, 2019 at Kean University (Rain Date June 2)				
10am – Group 2	12pm – Group 3 2pm – Group 4 4pm – Group 1			
PLEASE NOTE: JUNE 1 IS A S.A.T. TESTING DATE!				
Tournament of Champions Semi-Finals				
Wednesday, June 5, 2019	Monmouth University or Middletown High School North Rain Date – June 6 th			
Seeding for the T of C will be based on the original Power Points from May 8 th . #1 seed will play #4, #2 will play #3				

State Championship FinalsSaturday, June 8, 2019Kean University5:00pm

Winning teams must call Cindy Beradino 201-323-3577 following Sectional Group Semifinals.

Sites for all games up to and including the Sectional Finals, will be the home field of the higher seeded team as determined by the Seeding Committee. Sites will not be declared unsuitable merely because field conditions are less than perfect unless Leagues or Conferences have ruled such sites unsuitable for regular season games.

NEW FOR 2019: The NJSIAA Girls Lacrosse Committee strongly recommends that all sectional finals be played on a turf field. This will be <u>mandatory</u> in <u>2020</u>. Plan accordingly.

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

OFFICIALS: Officials will be assigned by the NJSIAA Tournament Director and designated assignors.

- a) **Preliminaries:** The home will compensate both officials, and must provide and compensate and adult scorer/timer.
- b) **Sectional Finals:** State Semi-Finals the Tournament Director will assign three officials and a table umpire. The home team will compensate the table umpire and the three officials. State Semi-Finals the designated home team will be the team with the highest power point ranking at the time of the seeding.
- c) Three officials and one timer for the Group Finals and the T of C Semifinal and Final games, will be assigned by the Tournament Director, and compensated by NJSIAA.

Regional Assignors Information:

North I/North II: Joel Stein –<u>lacrossestein@gmail.com</u> Cell number 551-497-1465 Central/South: Julie Waicus – <u>juliewaicus@outlook.com</u> Cell number 856-261-7300 Cindy Beradino, Girls Lacrosse Tournament Director, will assign the officials beginning with the Sectional Finals utilizing Account 107987.

Recommended fees per official:

\$85.00 – Preliminaries	\$95.00 – Group Finals/Semi-Finals T of C
\$90.00 – Sectional Finals & State Semi-Finals	\$100.00 – T of C Finals Table Umpire same fee as Official

RULES: The 2019 NFHS Girls Lacrosse Rules with NJSIAA modifications will govern all tournament games.

LACROSSE BALLS: Each school must provide three (3) new yellow lacrosse balls that have been approved by the NFHS (Labeling "Meets NOCSAE Standard") for each game, including semifinals. Balls will be provided for the Tournament of Champions Finals.

GAME

- 1. Site manager or administrator recommended attendance at all state games. Required at all pre-determined sites: Administrator and security personnel.
- All teams selected will be assigned to brackets by the Seeding Committee and must be prepared to play the first round games. Games will begin on Monday, May 13th or Tuesday, May 14th depending upon the group. Play-On Date.

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

<u>RULE MODIFICATIONS</u>: The following will be inserted into both the Tournament Regulations and the Rule Modifications for Tournament play only. When weather or other circumstances prevent the completion of a game, the following modifications shall be in place:

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

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

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

The Tie-Breaker procedure will be as provided for in the 2019 NFHS Girls Lacrosse Rules and will be used for all regular season and Tournament games, up to but no including the T of C Final.

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

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

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

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

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

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

AWARDS:

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

<u>ADMISSION</u>: Admission to the State Group Finals, Tournament of Champions Semifinals and Tournament of Champions Finals will be:

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

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

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

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

WWW.NJSCHOOLSPORTS.COM

These Rosters are used in the Programs – please submit! Enter at the start of the season and update periodically! Please complete by May 10th!

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

The Tournament Director is desirous of engaging the services of the best qualified lacrosse officials for assignments to the 2019 Lacrosse Tournament Sectional Finals, Group Finals and T of C games. Accordingly, the Tournament Director is seeking input from each member school's varsity lacrosse coach as to his/her recommendation relative to the lacrosse officials from his/her area. Please, therefore, list below the top six (6) officials in your area without regard to ranking, who are qualified to officiate tournament games. **Submission of these names does not imply that they will be assigned to your games.** <u>Please DO NOT fax this form</u>

HIGH SCHOOL			CITY	CITY	
(<u>Last Name</u>)	(<u>First Name</u>)	(<u>Last Name</u>)	(<u>First Name</u>)		
1		4			
2		5			
3		6			

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

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

(<u>Last Name</u>)	(<u>First Name</u>)	(<u>Last Name</u>)	(First Name)	
1	·	3		
2		4		
FORWARD THIS LIST TO ASSIGNER THAT WILL BE ASSIGNING YOUR PRELIMINARY GAMES.				

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

(Last Name) (First Name)		
1	_	
2	_	
3	_	
Our school is primarily serviced by lacrosse officials from the		Chapter.
	()	()
(PRINT - COACH)	SCHOOL PHONE ()	CELL PHONE ()
(SIGNED ATHLETIC DIRECTOR)	CELL PHONE	SCHOOL PHONE
APPROVED		
(SIGNED - PRINCIPAL)	Due: May 1, 2019 ~ Return Officials Request Form to: Ms. Cindy Beradino, Tournament Director 118 Liberty Street Boonton, NJ 07005	