

CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE  
6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL 2009 CIAC GIRLS LACROSSE TOURNAMENT  
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**ALERT PAGE**

**As was announced in last year's packet – effective this season (2009) -- all scheduled games against out-of-state teams who are members of their state association will count for CIAC tournament qualification.**

**IMPORTANT TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE CHANGE – If only 16 teams or less qualify in a division, the first round begins on Thursday, June 4 and the quarter-finals will be played on Saturday, June 6 for that division.**

**Regular Season Games**, if interrupted (suspended) before the completion of 80% (40 minutes) the game must be started from the beginning with the score 0-0. If ended after 80% of the game has been completed, it will be declared an official game. If the score is tied after 80% of the game has been completed, it will be declared an official game.

**By state adoption, in CIAC tournament play**, a game suspended either in the first half or the second half will be continued from the point of suspension with the score the same as when the game was suspended. A suspended game after 80% of the game has been completed may be ruled an “official game” by the mutual agreement of both coaches.

**Regular Season Overtime Procedure**

After a five-minutes rest and coin toss for choice of ends, six minutes (two three minute periods) of stop-clock overtime will be played. The team which is ahead at the end of six minutes wins the game. If the overtime period ends in a tie, the game will be declared an official game. By state adoption, No “Sudden Victory” will be played during the regular season.

**CIAC Tournament Overtime Procedure**

The first overtime period in the CIAC tournament is the same as in the regular season. If, at the conclusion of the first overtime, the teams remain tied, after a three minute rest the teams will change ends. The winner will be decided on a “Sudden Victory” stop-clock overtime period of no more than six minutes.

The procedure will continue with “Sudden Victory” stop-clock overtime periods until a winning goal is scored. **The detailed version of this procedure is in Rule 4, Section 7 of the USL rule book.**

The host school in the playdown, first round, and quarter-final games must call Pat Javorski, Coordinator of Officials, and request that officials be assigned. The officials fee for the playdowns through the quarter-final round is \$93.76.

Expenses for playdown, first round and quarter-final games will be borne by the participating teams. The host team will pay game expenses including officials, and shall provide the site director who should be someone other than the coach.

## **PROMOTING SPORTSMANSHIP**

Points of Emphasis – In an effort to continue to promote good sportsmanship the CIAC Lacrosse Committee would like to emphasize the following regulations which apply to all CIAC schools in all sports.

- Any team that accumulates five (5) or more disqualifications for unsportsmanlike acts such as, but not limited to flagrant misconduct, including taunting, initiating a fight, retaliating in a fight, or physically assaulting an official, coach, opposing player or spectator during the course of one season will be barred from CIAC post season competition.
- Any athlete upon receiving two (2) disqualifications, either for initiating a fight or retaliating in a fight (as determined by the game official), will be dismissed from the team for the remainder of the season.
- In addition, if there is a pattern of unsportsmanlike conduct exhibited by a member school team or lacrosse program, at any level of play, the schools' principal, athletic director, and coach could be requested to meet with the CIAC Lacrosse Committee which may result in further sanctions. The school will be required to present a written action plan to the committee that addresses the conduct and sportsmanship of their team and program since the school administration is ultimately responsible for the conduct of their players, coaches, and team followers.

## RULE CHANGES FOR 2009

A screened background identifies each change or altered area of the rules. Figures to the left below indicate the Rule and Section where the change has been made, while the page number is listed on the right. Throughout the book, the notation “AR” means “Approved Ruling.”

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### Points of Emphasis

Dangerous Checks and Slashing – Dangerous checks, those that are uncontrolled, rough or reckless, are major fouls that must be called by the officials. Officials must carefully evaluate each situation, deciding if the foul warrants an immediate whistle or if a held whistle is appropriate. A card may also be given for a dangerous check. Slashing, or the swinging of the crosse at an opponent’s body or crosse with deliberate viciousness or recklessness, must not only be called, but a mandatory card must be given. Whether the crosse hits the opponent’s body or crosse has no bearing on the call being made and a card being given.

Use of Cards – Umpires are encouraged to use cards more frequently to control and change player behavior. In addition to the fouls where a mandatory card must be given, umpires are instructed to card for excessively rough, overly aggressive, and dangerous play. Officials must take into account repeated fouls by the same team or player and upgrade to cards in order to alter player behavior. Additionally, if yellow cards are not having the intended effect, red cards must be used to control the game.

Stick to Body/Body to Stick Contact – While calling these types of fouls has improved, the Rules Committee continues to place an emphasis on strict enforcement of the rules that prohibit this type of play. Players are not allowed to hit, hold, push or detain opposing players with their stick. Attack players who use their body to push or back through a defender must be called for charging.

New Officiating Procedures – Though not a change to the rules per se, there will be a change in how umpires handle and penalize offsetting fouls versus subsequent fouls. Offsetting fouls are considered to be fouls that are occurring or have been ongoing within the same time frame. For example, one umpire calls a block while the other calls a charge on the same play; or after a player has been awarded a free position because someone fouled her, she is discovered to be wearing jewelry. A subsequent foul is one that occurs after the initial foul has been called. For example, a player is awarded a free position but before play starts, this player is called for a foul, such as taunting her opponent.

Previously, if a player was fouled and then she or someone on her team was found in violation of something, such as wearing jewelry, the ball would be taken away and awarded to the opponent. The procedure now will be to take a throw. In the case of a subsequent foul, the second foul will be the one that is penalized. Further explanation and examples are available in the Umpire’s Manual.

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**1.0 CIAC VARSITY TEAMS**

**1.1 Division I (29)**

Avon	East Lyme	Mercy, Middletown	Simsbury
Branford	Fairfield Warde	Masuk, Monroe	Somers
Brookfield	Glastonbury	McMahon, Norwalk	South Windsor
Cheshire	Greenwich	New Canaan	Southington
Conard, W. Hartford	Guilford	New Fairfield	Suffield
Danbury	Hamden	Newtown	Wm. Hall, W. Hartford
Daniel Hand, Madison	Joel Barlow, Redding	Norwich Free Academy	Wilton
Darien			

**Division II (42)**

Amity, Woodbridge	Haddam-Killingworth	Norwalk	Trumbull
Bacon Ac, Colchester	Immaculate, Danbury	Old Saybrook	Valley Reg, Deep River
Berlin	Lauralton Hall, Milford	Pomperaug, Southbury	Waterford
Bethel	Ledyard	Ridgefield	West Haven
Bunnell, Stratford	Lyme-Old Lyme	Sacred Heart Ac, Hamden	Weston
E. Catholic, Manchester	Morgan, Clinton	Shelton	Wheeler, N. Stonington
Ellington	N.W. Catholic, W. Htfd.	St. Bernard, Uncasville	Windsor
Fairfield Ludlowe	New Milford	St. Joseph, Trumbull	Woodstock Academy
Farmington	Newington	Staples, Westport	
Fitch, Groton	North Branford	Stonington	
Granby Memorial	Notre Dame, Fairfield	Stratford	
Housatonic Valley			

**1.2 DIVISION PLACEMENT REVIEW**

The Girls' Lacrosse Committee will review the division placement of each member school on a yearly basis. Criteria for deciding the division placement will include, but not limited to, number of seasons as a varsity sport, number of players on the team and the number of levels (frosh, JV and varsity). In keeping with past practice, the Division II champion and runner-up will be placed in Division I. If, in the committee's review, a school is placed in another division the school in question will have the opportunity to appeal the decision to the Lacrosse Committee upon official request by the principal. The committee shall have the final judgment in determining divisional placement.

**1.3 DIVISION PLACEMENT**

CIAC member schools entering the girls lacrosse tournament for the first time may submit a written request to the girls lacrosse committee for Division I or Division II placement by October 15 of that year. If a request is not made by October 15 or the request is made after October 15, the girls lacrosse committee will decide that school's first placement or deny the requested placement.

**1.4 DIVISION CHANGE**

Schools in Division II may request placement in Division I by making this request to the girls lacrosse committee by October 15 of that season via the password-protected online eligibility center. If the request is approved by the committee the school must remain in Division I for a minimum of two (2) seasons.

Schools in Division I may request placement in Division II by making this request to the girls lacrosse committee by October 15 of that season via the password-protected online eligibility center.

Criteria to be used, but not limited to consider the change:

- Number of players in the program
- Number of years playing a varsity program
- 75% losses for two (2) consecutive seasons
- 50% (or more) losses to Division I teams
- 25% (minimum) losses to Division II teams

**2.0 SITES / DATES / TIMES**

- 2.1 Member schools may start practice on, but not before, March 23, 2009
- 2.2 Member schools may play the first game on, but not before, April 8, 2009.
- 2.3 The maximum games per week is 2. However, member schools may schedule and play three (3) games per week twice during the regular season excluding the first and last weeks of the season.
- 2.4 Member schools may not schedule more than sixteen (16) games during the regular season.
- 2.5 The last day for games to count for the girls' lacrosse tournament will be Saturday, May 30, 2009. Games played after this date shall not count for tournament entry, regardless of the reason for playing such games.

**2.6 TOURNAMENT SITES / DATES / TIMES**

**Sites** – Playdown, first round and quarter-final games will be played at the home field of the higher ranked teams. Sites for the semi-finals and final games will be determined by the tournament director.

**Game Dates / Times**

**Division I & II**

Playdown	Thursday, June 4	5:00 p.m.
First Round	Saturday, June 6	5:00 p.m.
Quarter-finals	Monday, June 8	5:00 p.m.
Semi-finals	Wednesday, June 10	Time - TBA
Finals	Saturday, June 13	Time - TBA

**IMPORTANT TOURNAMENT SCHEDULING CHANGE**– If only 16 teams or less qualify in a division, the first round begins on Thursday, June 4 and the quarter-finals will be played on Saturday, June 6 for that division.

If two games are played back-to-back at the same site, the second game will start no later than 30 minutes following the conclusion of the first game.

**Time changes to be reviewed by the Tournament Director. The site director shall confirm with the tournament director before any site/time change has been proposed. The tournament director has the final authority in these cases.**

## 2.7 INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather, the site director has the authority to postpone the game. The site director will immediately notify the tournament director. The postponed game will be played on the next day excluding Sunday, except in the case of the championship final games. The rain date for the finals would be Sunday, June 14, 2009.

## 3.0 ENTRY PROCEDURE / QUALIFYING

- 3.1 Game Results – Must be submitted on a weekly basis (scores for all games through Saturday must be entered no later than the following Monday via the password-protected online eligibility center. Regardless of regular season postponed games, Saturday, May 30, 2009, is the final day to count games for tournament play.

Member schools must make every effort to complete their season as scheduled, including make-up games. Any effort to gain an advantage in tournament play by not playing a game is unacceptable and is subject to action by the CIAC board of control. Cancellation of any regular season contest/make-up to play in a league tournament will not be allowed.

- 3.2 Tournament Rosters -- Must be submitted via password-protected online eligibility center by Friday, May 22, 2009. Any request for changes after the initial roster is submitted must be made on a “support ticket” via the online eligibility center before the first tournament game.

- 3.3 Entry Fee -- An entry fee of \$75.00, payable to CIAC, must be mailed to CIAC, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410. If a school needs an invoice in order to pay its tournament fee, one can be downloaded by using the “Generate Tournament Invoice” link under the girls lacrosse options in the password-protected online eligibility center.

- 3.4 To qualify for the CIAC tournament, a team must play a minimum of ten (10) games against CIAC member schools and have a winning percentage of 50% or better against CIAC member teams. If more than 16 teams qualify, a play down round will occur.

If less than 16 teams qualify in a division, additional teams with a 40% winning percentage against CIAC opponents will be added by numerical ranking, until a field of 16 is achieved. Teams that are tied for the 16<sup>th</sup> spot will be included in the tournament field, in which case a play down round will occur.

- 3.5 All varsity games against CIAC member schools **and out-of-state games whose schools are members of their respective state association** shall count for CIAC tournament qualification. Only the first two (2) games against an opponent during the regular season shall count toward CIAC tournament qualification.
- 3.6 The USL disqualification rules (Rule 7, Sections 27-32) and CIAC rules shall prevail throughout the tournament for team players and coaches.

## 4.0 EXPENSES / TICKETS

- 4.1 Expenses for playdown, first round and quarter-final games will be borne by the participating teams. The host team will pay game expenses including officials and shall provide the site director -- who should be someone other than the coach.

- 4.2 Schools will bear all traveling expenses.
- 4.3 Host schools may charge admission fees during any playdown, first or quarter-final round game. If an admission is charged, the host school should notify the principal and athletic director of the visiting school in advance. The monies collected may be used by the host school to defray game expenses. Any monies collected will not be sent to the CIAC.
- 4.4 The CIAC girls lacrosse committee will pay all expenses directly associated with the staging of the semi-final and final tournament games.
- 4.5 Charges for admission to the semi-final and final games will be:  
 Free – Children five (5) and under  
 \$5.00 – Senior citizens (age 65 and older)  
 \$5.00 – Students (grades 1-12)  
 \$7.00 – Adults (all others not in the above categories)
- 4.6 During the 2009 tournament, the following passes will be honored at all games where admission is charged.
- a. CIAC head varsity girls lacrosse coaches pass (head varsity lacrosse coaches must request a pass from the CIAC and provide a self-addressed envelope)
  - b. Principal (or designee) and athletic director of the competing schools
  - c. Press Card
  - d. CIAC Officials Association membership card -- Lacrosse officials ONLY

No other complimentary admissions will be permitted.

## 5.0 FORFEITS / DISQUALIFICATIONS PER CIAC HANDBOOK

- 5.1 Member schools will be required to submit regular season schedules via the password-protected online eligibility center. Determination of forfeitures will be based on this schedule.
- A forfeit game shall count as a victory for the team declared the winner and as a loss for the team declared a loser in determining tournament qualification and rating. For tournament qualification, only the following reasons for a forfeit shall be accepted.
- 5.2 A team shall forfeit a game or games if through a violation it is required to do so under the CIAC rules of eligibility.
- 5.3 A team shall forfeit a game if the game official declares the game a forfeit as a result of a U.S. Lacrosse rule violation, or a team refuses to play after being instructed to do so by the game official.
- 5.4 Forfeitures will be honored by each CIAC sports committee when there is mutual agreement between the principals of the two schools involved in the game not played. Each principal must submit on the official CIAC Canceled Game - Forfeiture Form his/her decision relative to the status of the game and it must be received in the CIAC office within 72 hours following the time of the scheduled contest. On the eve of a tournament when there is not sufficient time for normal administrative procedures (72 hours) if a question of team forfeiture arises the Executive Director or his designee, in consultation with the Chair of the sports committee affected and the principals of the two schools will make an appropriate ad hoc decision in consideration of the best interests of the tournament as a whole.

- 5.5 All games listed on the original schedule and submitted to the CIAC which are not played and have not been forfeited in accordance with this policy will be considered by each sport committee as No Contest and shall not count for tournament qualification and rating unless it affects the minimum number of games required to qualify for tournament participation. In this instance the sport committee shall review the evidence submitted by the teams involved and may grant an exception from the minimum game number requirement. The minimum winning percentage as determined by the individual sports committee must be met under all circumstances.

## 6.0 OFFICIALS

- 6.1 By Wednesday, May 20, 2009 each head coach must submit via the password-protected on line eligibility center a list of eight (8) officials who in her/his opinion are tournament caliber officials. At the same time you may select two (2) officials whose services you prefer not to have. **A drop down menu has been added to simplify this task.**
- 6.2 The coordinator of officials will assign USL certified officials for all tournament games, using the Master List of Officials and the modified school list as the source.
- Two officials will be assigned to playdown and first round games.  
Three officials will be assigned to the quarter-finals, semi-final and finals.
- 6.3 The home team will pay the officials fees through the quarter-final round. The fee is \$93.76.
- 6.4 Identity of the officials assigned games by the assigner will not be disclosed prior to the game.
- 6.5 Only USL certified officials will be used for regular season games to count toward tournament play.

## 7.0 PROTESTS - CIAC

- 7.1 Each sports committee will establish a protest committee whose purpose will be to adjudicate all protests relating to the operation of the tournament, including the application and administration of tournament regulations. U.S. Lacrosse or CIAC game rule interpretations and judgments by the game officials cannot be protested. The Protest Committee for each sport shall consist of the Assistant Executive Director for CIAC, the Chair of the tournament committee, an administrator member of the sports committee, the tournament director, and the coaches' chair on the sport committee. All Protest Committee decisions are appealable to the CIAC Board of Control as provided in the CIAC by-laws.
- 7.2 On the eve of a tournament when there is not sufficient time for normal administrative procedures and board of control hearings, if a question of interpretation of tournament regulations or the operation of the tournament arises, the chair of the CIAC board of control, the Executive Director of CIAC, and the chair of the tournament committee in question will make an appropriate ad hoc decision in consideration of the best interest of the tournament as a whole.
- 7.3 The record of the official scorer at conclusion of the contest is final unless an error is discovered. Such error shall be corrected as covered by specific contest rules.
- 7.4 **Decisions by Game Officials** -- Protests arising from the decisions, interpretations and misapplication of the U.S. Lacrosse or CIAC game rules by officials during the contest will not be considered. The decisions and interpretations of the rules by the officials are final.
- 7.5 Any team leaving the contest area before the conclusion of the contest because of dissatisfaction with the officiating will forfeit the game and render the school liable to disciplinary action by the CIAC.

## 8.0 RANKING / SEEDING

- 8.1 Teams will be seeded by win / loss percentage. Seeding ties will be broken based on: (1) Head-to-head competition; (2) Record vs common opponent -- highest seed first; (3) By lot.

The win / loss percentage is determined as follows: 2 points are awarded for a win; 1 for a tie; and 0 for a loss. This total is then divided by twice the number of games. For example:

A record of 8 wins, 2 ties, 6 losses yields a win / loss percentage of 18/32

A record of 6 wins, 3 ties, 5 losses yields a win / loss percentage of 15/28

- 8.2 Tournament Format (See 3.4 for specific qualifying standards)

The pairings for the first round are contingent on the number of teams qualifying for the tournament. All teams with a .500 or better record will qualify and compete in the tournament if they so choose. If more than sixteen (16) teams qualify, teams will play off in a playdown round. If less than sixteen (16) teams qualify, byes in the first round will be assigned, starting with the top seed on down.

- 8.3 Rankings and pairings will be available via the CIAC web site on Monday, June 1, 2009.

## 9.0 SUPERVISION / SPORTSMANSHIP

- 9.1 Players and coaches disqualified in a game will be required to serve the additional penalty as outlined in the CIAC regulation on "disqualification."
- 9.2 In the interest of crowd control and proper supervision, the principals of the participating schools or his/her designee must attend all tournament games. The school administrator should identify him/herself to the Site Director.
- 9.3 When a member school's coach is ejected from a game for an infraction as prescribed by the rules, the game may not continue until the school replaces the ejected coach with a certified coach. If this cannot be accomplished within 15 minutes after the ejection, the official in charge will declare a forfeit win for the opposing team.
- 9.4 Use of tobacco or possession of alcoholic beverages of any kind, including champagne, and all other illegal substances are not permitted on the field of play or within the field or park at which a tournament game is scheduled. The principal or his/her designee at the game shall see that this rule is enforced and adhered to by the teams.
- 9.5 **Bench and Field Conduct**
- Personnel** -- Only coaches, team members, statisticians, managers, and trainers will be allowed in the bench area.
- Conduct** -- The above identified personnel shall not be outside the vicinity of the designated bench area.
- 9.6 Team members in uniform, coaches, managers, and up to 20 cheerleaders accompanying the team will be admitted free to the games. Bands and other musical groups, noisemakers that might interfere with the performance of the game, and banners or streamers are prohibited. Each school is responsible for compliance with this regulation.

## 10.0 TOURNAMENT RULES / PROCEDURES

### 10.1 CIAC Late Entry Policy --

- **No tournament entries will be accepted after the established deadline except those approved by the CIAC Board of Control.**
- Corrections requested by a school to an entry form that was submitted by the established deadline but prior to seeding/pairing data being published on the web site, will be assessed a fee of \$50 per correction to a maximum of \$250.
- All requests for corrections must be submitted on a support ticket via the online eligibility center. **No phone request will be considered.**

**Tournament Regulations Violations** – If a school fails to comply with tournament regulations and such requires the CIAC tournament sports committee, central office staff, or the CIAC Board of Control to redo any portion of the tournament pairings or such non-compliance adversely impacts the management of the tournament, an administrative violation fee of \$500 will be imposed upon the school before entry into the tournament will be allowed.

- 10.2 **By state adoption, in CIAC tournament play**, a game suspended either in the first half or the second half will be continued from the point of suspension with the score the same as when the game was suspended. A suspended game after 80% of the game has been completed may be ruled an official game by the mutual agreement of both coaches.
- 10.3 In CIAC tournament play, overtime games will follow the procedure outlined in Rule 4, Section 7 of the USL Rule book.
- 10.4 In the event of any situation not covered in these rules, the decision of the tournament committee shall be final.
- 10.5 Awards -- Winner and runner-up plaques will be presented at the final game. Each varsity player and coach on the winning and runner-up teams will receive a medallion.

## 11.0 RESPONSIBILITIES OF TOURNAMENT SITE DIRECTORS

**The site director shall confirm with the tournament director before any site/time change has been proposed. The tournament director has the final authority in these cases.**

It shall be the duty of the Site Director to see that the following facilities are available in advance of the start of the game.

- 11.1 The field should be freshly lined, following official dimensions with field markings in agreement with the 2009 USL Rulebook. A field diagram can be accessed on the girls' lacrosse page on the casciac.org web site. Each goal (properly padded) should be provided with a playable net. For semi-finals and finals, the distance between goals shall be 100 yards.
- 11.2 A restraining barrier of some sort should be placed to keep spectators at least fifteen feet from the playing surface at all points. Only properly equipped ball persons shall be allowed behind the goals. In most cases crowd ropes will be considered suitable.
- 11.3 An experienced scorer and adult timer will be provided by the Site Director, and a sufficiently large scorer and timer's table with bench or chairs will be made available for the game. **Also, a visible scoreboard is required. An air horn is required.**

- 11.4 Suitable timing devices -- the conventional time clock will be available to signal the start and expiration of playing time. If the facility has a scoreboard clock, the clock will remain in use during the entire playing time (25 minutes of each half and all overtime periods).
- 11.5 Sufficient security personnel as may be deemed necessary will be on duty to control the anticipated crowd.
- 11.6 **The CIAC will arrange for athletic trainer/medical services at all semi-final and final games only when the participating schools cannot provide them. The school must contact the tournament director if they cannot obtain a trainer. Home seeded teams shall provide athletic trainer services up through the quarter-final games.**
- 11.7 Suitable benches and drinking water should be provided for players. If a request is made, dressing facilities should be provided for any team that has more than fifteen miles to travel.
- 11.8 In the event that a field is absolutely unfit for play because of excessive water, the tournament director should be notified as soon as possible. (After a rain most fields may not be perfectly dry, but yet be suitable for play.)
- 11.9 **The scores of tournament games will be telephoned immediately after the conclusion of the game by the winning coach to the tournament director.**

## 12.0 RESPONSIBILITIES OF TOURNAMENT COACHES

### Coaches check the following items with each other:

- 12.1 Directions on how to reach the field.
- 12.2 All weekday games to start as outlined (Section 2.6)
- 12.3 The higher ranked team will wear white jerseys unless agreed upon.
- 12.4 Home team secures officials for playdown, first round and quarter-final games by contacting Pat Javorski (860) 623-1835 / E-mail: [patjav33@hotmail.com](mailto:patjav33@hotmail.com)
- 12.5 Visiting teams arrange and pay for busses.
- 12.6 Games are to be played on home field of the higher ranked team in the pairings unless the field is not of regulation by USL Rule book.
- 12.7 **Before a Game** -- Arrive in good time with your team. Stay with your players at all times during the pre-game period.
- 12.8 **During the Game** -- Conduct yourself (and assistants) in a proper manner at all times. Set a good example for your players and followers. Do not engage in theatrics or any unsportsmanlike conduct of any type that might tend to incite fans to behave badly.
- 12.9 **After the Game** -- Escort your team as a group from the playing surface. Make sure nothing is left behind and the area is cleared of trash.

- 12.10 Coaches and officials by the very nature of their positions exert a tremendous influence over the game. This influence on the game must be exerted in a most positive manner by showing complete respect for officials.
- 12.11 Alcohol for celebration (usually brought by spectators) is prohibited. A word from you to your athletes, prior to the game, may be enough to control this situation and avoid embarrassing the team and tainting their achievement.
- 12.12 No coach should make negative comments to the media regarding the officials. Public criticism of officials is unethical.

### 13.0 RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TOURNAMENT ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

#### 13.1 Before a Game

Arrange for ticket sales to students and adults at his/her schools if there is an advance sale. Make a report of this ticket sale to site director.

Announce and/or publish directions for getting to the game site through local media, and announce over school intercom.

Arrange for transportation for the team, cheerleaders, and spectators from his/her school.

Cooperate with your school principal and other school administrators in briefing and educating the student body about proper behavior and good sportsmanship at tournament games.

The athletic director and/or his/her designated representative shall arrive at the game site well in advance of the game time and identify him/herself to the site director and discuss plans for the smooth running of the game.

- 13.2 During the Game -- Position yourself strategically where the conduct of your coach(es), team and students can be observed. Be alert for any disruptive acts or potential trouble and do all you can to aid the site director in such a case.
- 13.3 After the Game -- Stay afterward long enough to make certain and satisfy yourself that your team, coaches, cheerleaders, students, etc., are safely off the playing field and out of all buildings.

### 14.0 2009 GIRLS LACROSSE CALENDAR

- March 23 (Monday) First practice date
- April 8 (Wednesday) First game date
- May 20 (Wednesday) Officials tournament selection form due via password-protected online eligibility center
- May 22 (Friday) Tournament entry form due via password-protected online eligibility center
- May 30 (Saturday) Last date for regular season games to count for state tournament
- June 1 (Monday) Rankings and pairings distributed via CIAC web site
- June 4 (Thursday) Tournament Begins -- Playdown Round or First Round Games
- June 10 (Wednesday) Semi-finals
- June 13 (Saturday) Finals
- June 14 (Sunday) Finals – Rain date

15.0 **CIAC GIRLS LACROSSE COMMITTEE**

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Bill Barney, Morgan School, Clinton

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