

CONNECTICUT INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

27th ANNUAL 2021 CIAC BOYS LACROSSE PACKET

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- **LACROSSE BALLS** – All game balls must include labeling which states “meets NOCSAE standard”. Because this is a risk minimization issue, the NFHS rules committee adopted the following situations and rulings regarding this NOCSAE labeling requirement:

1.5 Situation A – The officials arrive and find the balls provided by the home Team A are not marked “meets NOCSAE standard”. The home team (a) asks the visiting Team B to provide legal balls, or (b) no legal balls are available. Ruling A – Technical foul on A, award the opening faceoff to B and continue to game.

Ruling B – The standards are established to minimize risk and if no legal balls are available, the game cannot be played. The situation should be reported to the conference, league or state association.

Approved rulings from the NFHS:

Is a ball legal if it has the NFHS and/or NCAA mark on it, but the ball is NOT marked “meets NOCSAE standard”?
No, the ball must be marked “meets NOCSAE standard”.

Is the ball legal if the ball is marked “meets NOCSAE standard” but does not contain the NFHS authenticating mark?
Yes, any ball that is marked “meets NOCSAE standard” is a legal ball and it does not have to have NFHS on it.

- **OUT-OF-STATE GAMES** – All efforts should be made to schedule games within the state of Connecticut. In accordance with DECD sector rules, games vs. out-of-state schools may be considered to the extent that they are scheduled for the purpose of reducing travel based on geographic location and that such scheduling is allowed by the out-of-state school’s interscholastic governing body and state rules. All out-of-state games against teams that are members of their state association will count toward tournament qualification. Schools must complete the online out-of-state form. ***NOTE: The number of rating points a CIAC member school will receive for defeating an out-of-state opponent who is a member of its state association, is based on 10 wins x 2 points = 20 rating points.**
- **BY STATE ADOPTION IN REGULAR SEASON GAMES** – If a regular season game is suspended before three (3) full quarters have been completed, the game shall be continued from the point of interruption. If three (3) full quarters have been completed and a winner can be determined, the game is over and is considered an official game. A suspended game may be terminated before three periods of play and considered an official game by mutual agreement of both schools.
- **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 may be ruled an “official game” by mutual agreement of both schools and with the approval of the tournament director.
- **REGULAR SEASON AND CIAC TOURNAMENT OVERTIME PROCEDURE** – In the event of a tie at the end of the regulation game, play shall be continued, after a two-minute intermission, with sudden-victory overtime. In sudden-victory overtime, the teams shall play periods of four minutes each until a goal is scored. The game ends upon the scoring of the first goal. There will be a two-minute intermission between sudden-victory periods.
- The host school in the playdown, first round and quarter-final games must call their commissioner of officials and request that officials be assigned. Each commissioner will be made aware of this request. The officials’ fees for the playdown through the quarter-final round is \$112.46.

- 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 and the trainer or other medical coverage.
- **SCRIMMAGES** – Teams must have a minimum of three (3) days of practice prior to scheduling a full team scrimmage. All sports teams and individual athletes must have a minimum of ten (10) physical/exertional practice days with their school before the date of the first scheduled competition. No team/athlete shall practice/compete with their school more than six (6) consecutive days to provide a day of rest. Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays may be used unless prohibited by local board policy. Sunday practices may be counted to fulfill the 10 day requirement.

- **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 CIAC team that accumulates five (5) or more disqualifications during the regular season including the league’s tournament 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 declared ineligible 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 school’s 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.
- **CIAC TOURNAMENT SITE MEDIA POLICY** – The CIAC places tremendous value on the role the media plays in promoting and highlighting high school sports. To that purpose CIAC tournament venues and hosts should make every effort to provide a working environment conducive to all media (print, broadcast and internet based) covering our events. The following are **minimum standards**, developed in consultation with the CIAC Media Advisory Committee, which should be provided for working media at all CIAC tournament sites.
 1. A minimum of one hour following the conclusion of post-game interviews to write in the press box, press area or a suitable facility in close proximity to the site of the event (i.e. office, classroom, etc.)
 2. Access to electric power (shared power strip, etc.).
 3. Access to wireless internet service.

Site directors should communicate these requirements to any staff person who may be responsible for the administration of the event. If for some reason a site will not be able to provide these items for a contest, a site representative should inform the CIAC in advance and work with the media on site before the game and work to provide a reasonable solution to the issue. Members of the media who will be covering events are directed to contact the appropriate site as far in advance as possible to inform them they will be at the event and discuss what arrangements will be made for working media at the site.

- **STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS** – Coaches are reminded to inform contest officials prior to each competition of any student with special needs who could be competing in the contest when his/her disability could impact the individual’s performance or the conduct of the competition.
- **REPORTING REGULAR SEASON SCORES** – In order to ensure that standings and rankings on both the CIAC’s websites and other sites which draw their data from us are timely and accurate, all regular season scores must be entered online on the day of the game as soon as possible following the game’s completion.

Scores may be entered via the Online Eligibility Center, the “submit scores/forms” option of the “CIAC for Coaches” menu at ciacsports.com or the “Student scores: button in our ciacmobile.com mobile site. Entering scores at ciacsports.com or ciacmobile.com requires either a coaches or scorekeeper’s access code, those codes are managed via the Online Eligibility Center and can be retrieved from the school’s athletic director.

- **TOURNAMENT ROSTERS / ENTRY / OFFICIALS** – Can be submitted on the Eligibility Center or the “submit scores/forms” option under the CIAC for Coaches menu at ciacsports.com.
- **UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS AT CIAC-SANCTIONED EVENTS** – The use of unmanned aerial systems, often referred to as drones, is prohibited for any purpose by any person(s) at all CIAC-sanctioned events. This policy includes not only the restricted playing area of the venue(s), but also the physical confines of the entire stadium / field / arena structure. For the purpose of this policy, an unmanned aerial system is any aircraft without a human pilot on board.
- **2020-2021 NATIONAL TESTING DATES – CIAC HANDBOOK** – Please be advised that because there are many options for student-athletes to take the SAT and ACT tests during the course of the school year, schools should make their teams aware of the CIAC tournament schedule that is posted three years in advance to avoid a conflict. In most sports, it is necessary for CIAC to schedule multiple games on the same day and a morning game on the day of an SAT or ACT test cannot be avoided. Please plan ahead.

ACT Test Dates

February 6, 2021

April 10, 2021

June 12, 2021 * (B/G Finals)

Morning, mid-day and early afternoon games will be scheduled – Plan ahead

SAT Test Dates

March 13, 2021

May 8, 2021

June 5, 2021 * (Boys QF – Higher Seed)

*NOTE – These dates will conflict with CIAC tournaments – plan accordingly.

- **SPORTSMANSHIP -- Member schools are expected to conduct their relations with each other at all levels of competition in a spirit of good sportsmanship. Everyone involved has the obligation to see clearly his/her influence and act accordingly.** The CIAC acknowledges that the school administration is responsible for the athletic program, including the making of broad and specific policies and procedures relating to sportsmanship and the conduct of activities in the school. **To that end, the CIAC urges each school principal to adopt the following sportsmanship procedures and standards for their school and to champion the “Class Act” sportsmanship program as these standards will be used in all CIAC post-season contests.**

CIAC Sportsmanship Guidelines

- The CIAC request that all school personnel – administrators, faculty, and coaches – give special and specific emphasis about CIAC’s expectations for good sportsmanship during the regular season as well as CIAC tournaments requiring that athletes and members of the student body conduct themselves in a manner that reflects nothing but credit upon your school. Any unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of students and adults is unacceptable and will be addressed with strong and appropriate measures.
- The CIAC sportsmanship standards should be as widely disseminated as possible using the student-parent handbook, student-athlete handbook, school newspaper, parent newsletter, school web site and the local media.
- The CIAC sportsmanship standards for spectators should be read by PA announcers prior to each contest.
- The CIAC sportsmanship standards of conduct be prominently posted at all sports venues.
- When event programs are provided, the CIAC sportsmanship standards be included.
- Member schools require having athletes, parents/guardians, sign an acknowledgement which would show that they have read the student-athlete handbook and understand the CIAC sportsmanship standards.
- Member schools work with community officials to insure that levels of the CIAC sportsmanship standards are enforced when contests are held at their school and at non-school facilities.

- The CIAC and the CIAC sports committees insist the CIAC sportsmanship standards be rigorously enforced at all regular season contests and at all CIAC tournament contests. This is particularly important when contests are held at non-school sites.
- Member schools will conduct a pre-season meeting with student-athletes, coaches and parents to review the CIAC sportsmanship standards.
- Member schools should communicate with opposing schools and inform them they are a “Class Act School” and provide them with the CIAC sportsmanship standards which will be strictly adhered to.
- Member schools hosting a game should make available to visiting schools necessary game information – includes directions for parking, location of ticket booths, seating arrangement, ticket prices, game time, directions for each game site.
- Member schools hosting a game should designate specific seating areas for students, bands, adults and visitors. If possible, opposing student bodies should be separated.
- Member schools hosting a game should arrange for adequate police supervision.
- When possible the member schools hosting a game should assign officials to dressing facilities separated from both teams. Provides escorts for the officials when it appears that disturbances may develop.
- Member schools should take measures to prevent fans from getting near or on the playing area and around the players benches. After the contest, prevents fans from going onto the playing area.
- Member schools should provide for adequate supervision of students and facilities. Supervisors should sit in the stands with the students.
- **Member schools should support and adhere to ALL the following CIAC standards.**

The CIAC “Class Act” Sportsmanship Standards

ALL Spectators (including parents):

- Will adhere to the host school’s acceptable dress code at all home and away contests commensurate with classroom behavior. For CIAC tournament contests all spectators will be appropriately attired with their torso completely covered and with no visible degrading or demeaning writings/logos.
- Any signs displayed must be positive in nature, reference only the school supported by the sign maker, and must be pre-approved by the Athletic Director of the school reference in the sign.
- During outdoor sports, no air horns or horns of any kind or whistles will be used, and any other noisemakers will be allowed with the host athletic director’s approval and only be used during “dead ball” situations to celebrate good play. During indoor sports, no noisemakers will be used. Pep bands are allowable at a home contest if the school provides adult supervision and the band only plays during “dead ball” situations.
- Spectators will cheer positively to support their team, will not cheer negatively against the opponent.
- Spectators will show respect for the game officials and their decisions.
- Spectators will show respect for the playing of the National Anthem.

Game Personnel / Announcers:

- Will explain and consistently enforce host school expectations for spectators.
- Will be enthusiastic but not show favoritism while making announcements, and never publicly question or criticize the players, coaches, or officials.
- Will encourage respect for the National Anthem and remind spectators to remove caps and stand.

Coaches

- Will exemplify high moral character, behavior and leadership, lead by example, and set a standard for players and spectators to follow both on and off the athletic arena.
- Will teach players the rules of the game and to respect the game, and will take action when athletes exhibit poor sportsmanship.
- Will respect the integrity and judgement of officials and will not publicly criticize or question the decisions of officials.
- Will be aware of the competitive balance of contests and will manage the score in a manner that is sportsmanlike and respectful of opponents.

Players:

- Will accept the responsibility and privilege the student-athlete has in representing their school and community by learning and showing teamwork, sportsmanship and discipline in all aspects of the game.
- Will demonstrate respect for self, coach, teammates, opponents, officials and spectators by exhibiting good character and conducting themselves as a positive role model.
- Will win and lose graciously.
- Will cheer for your team, not against your opponent.
- Will congratulate opponents in a sincere manner following either victory or defeat.

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Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse Chest Protection FAQ's

- Beginning in 2021, the use of goalie chest protectors that meet the new NOCSAE performance standard will be mandatory in the US lacrosse boys' and girls' youth rules, the NFHS boys' and girls' high school rules, and the NCAA men's and women's rules.
- Goalie chest protectors used after January 1, 2021 must be designed for lacrosse and meet the NOCSAE standard, ND200.
- Beginning in 2022, US lacrosse boys' field players, NFHS boys' field players, and NCAA men's field players must also wear chest protection that meets the NOCSAE ND200 standard.
- The NOCSAE standard is a performance standard, not a design standard.
- Product designs will likely vary from one manufacturer to another.
- Products must contain the NOCSAE logo and SEI certification mark to be legal for play.
- There must be marking on both the packaging and product that states that the product conforms to NOCSAE standard ND200.

2020 and 2021 NFHS BOYS LACROSSE RULE CHANGES

*2020 rule changes carried over to 2021

- 1-9-1 Equipment and Uniform Standards Alerts are being introduced in order to prepare schools for these changes in 2021 and 2022.
- 2-7-2f The ruling states that the CBO is no longer responsible for determining if a team has too few players on the field.
- 4-5, 4-22 **Restart** – In the effort to maintain the quicker pace of play, the committee has adopted a change in restarts. The new ruling will allow an immediate whistle (unless an offensive teammate is within 5 yards of the player in possession.) The defending player on any restart shall establish a distance of 5 yards. If the defender is within that 5-yard distance, that player may be liable to be penalized for “delay of game.” The defender not beyond the 5-yard distance may not play the player in possession or obstruct the player in possession’s direct path toward the goal. Once the 5 yards’ distance has been satisfied, the defender then may play the ball and/or the player in possession of the ball.
- 4-24-6 A time-out charge for concussion-type symptoms will be designated as an official’s time-out.
- 5-5 **Illegal crosse** – In an effort to simplify the penalty for crosse violations, all crosse violations will be assessed a two-minute non-releasable penalty. The crosse may be adjusted and allowed to be used in the game. Every crosse in the bench area is subject to be inspected and need not have been used in the game in order to be inspected.
- 5-10 In an effort to prevent a player from throwing a crosse under any circumstance, a clarification has been written to explain the penalty for throwing of the crosse. Throwing a crosse at a player, the ball or other game personnel regardless of contact will result in a penalty of one-, two- or three-minute non-releasable unsportsmanlike conduct.
- 6-1-1, 6-2-1 These changes are relocated to be consistent with the Rule 7-8-2 changes regarding slow-whistle technique from 2018.
- 6-5-2 A player throwing a crosse for other reasons, i.e., personal frustration or poor player/coach crosse exchange, shall be ruled as a technical foul.

2020 and 2021 Boys Lacrosse Points of Emphasis

1. Sportsmanship and Conduct
2. Player Safety
3. Pace of Play
4. Future Equipment and Uniform Changes

27th ANNUAL 2021 CIAC BOYS LACROSSE TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1.0 DIVISIONS

- 1.1 Only members of the CIAC may enter this tournament which will be divided into three (3) divisions –
L – 642 and over M – 413 – 641 S – up to 412.

CIAC member school teams will be placed into one of three divisions based on the boy enrollment for grades 9-12 the preceding year. A listing of tournament divisions are available on the boys lacrosse page at ciacsports.com.

2.0 SITES / DATES / TIMES

- 2.1 Member schools may start practice on, but not before, Saturday, March 27, 2021.
- 2.2 Member schools may play the first game on, but not before, Saturday, April 10, 2021.
- 2.3 Member schools may schedule and play three (3) games per week four times during regular season.
- 2.4 Member schools may not schedule more than sixteen (16) games during the regular season.
- 2.5 The last date for games to count for the 2021 Boys Lacrosse Tournament will be Wednesday, May 26, 2021. Games played after this date shall not count for tournament entry, regardless of the reasons for playing such games.
- 2.6 **Tournament Sites** – Qualifying round, first round and quarter-final games will be played at the home field of the higher ranked team. Sites for the semi-finals and final games will be determined by the tournament director.

Game Dates / Times

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| Qualifying Round (if necessary) | Saturday, May 29* | TBA |
| First Round | Wednesday, June 2 | 4:30 p.m. |
| Quarter-finals | Saturday, June 5 | 3:00 p.m. |
| Semi-finals | Wednesday, June 9 | Time TBA |
| Finals - Brien McMahon | Saturday, June 12 | Time TBA |
| Finals – Rain Date | Sunday, June 13 | |

*Qualifying round game can be played on Friday, May 28, 2021 by mutual agreement and approval of the tournament director.

Semi-final and final games will be held at pre-determined sites.

- 2.7 **Inclement Weather / Tournament Games** – 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 including Sunday. The rain date for the championship final would be Sunday, June 13, 2021.
- 2.8 **NO SCHEDULE OR TIME CHANGES WILL BE PERMITTED WITHOUT THE EXPRESSED APPROVAL OF THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR OR THE CIAC STAFF.**

3.0 ENTRY PROCEDURES / QUALIFYING

- 3.1 **Tournament Roster Form** – Can be submitted on the Eligibility Center or the “submit Scores/Forms” option under the CIAC for Coaches Menu at ciacsports.com. Rosters must be submitted by Friday, May 21, 2021.

Game Results – In order to ensure that standings and rankings on both the CIAC’s web sites and other sites which draw their data from us are timely and accurate, all regular season scores must be entered online on the day of the game as soon as possible following the game’s completion.

Scores may be entered via the Online Eligibility Center, the “Submit Scores/Forms” option of the CIAC for Coaches menu at ciacsports.com, or the “Submit Scores” button in our ciacmobile.com mobile site. Entering scores at ciacsports.com or ciacmobile.com requires either a coaches or scorekeeper’s access code, those codes are managed via the Online Eligibility Center and can be retrieved from a school’s athletic director.

Regardless of regular season postponed games, Wednesday, May 26, 2021 is the final day to count games for tournament play. All games must be completed and scores submitted via the password-protected online eligibility center by Wednesday, May 26, 2021.

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 **Entry Fee** – An entry fee of \$100 payable to CIAC must be mailed to the 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 boys lacrosse options in the password-protected online eligibility center.
- 3.3 To qualify for the CIAC boys lacrosse tournament, a team must play a minimum of EIGHT (8) games AGAINST VARSITY OPPONENTS and have a winning percentage of 40%.
- 3.4 All varsity games against CIAC member schools and **out-of-state games whose schools are members of their respective state association shall count for tournament qualification**. Only the first two (2) games against an opponent during the regular season shall count toward CIAC tournament qualification.
- 3.5 The CIAC disqualification 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 qualifying, first round 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 will pay all game expenses directly associated with the staging of the State Semi-finals and State Final tournament games.

- 4.5 Charges for admission for tournament games: (*Subject to change)
 \$5.00 – Senior citizens (age 65 and older)
 \$5.00 – Students (grades 1-12)
 \$10.00 – Adults (all others not in the above categories)
 Free -- Children five (5) and under
 Free – Military in uniform or with I.D.
- 4.6 During the 2021 tournament, the following passes will be honored at all games where admission is charged.
- a. CIAC complimentary boys lacrosse tournament pass (head boys varsity lacrosse coaches only -- written requests ONLY with a self-addressed envelope)
 - b. Principal (or designee) and Athletic Director of the competing schools
 - c. Gold Pass (retirees and lifetime CIAC)
 - d. Press Card
 - e. CAAD Membership Card
 - f. CIAC Officials Association Membership Card – (Lacrosse Officials ONLY)
 - g. No other complimentary admissions will be permitted

5.0 FORFEITS / DISQUALIFICATIONS

- 5.1 Member schools will be required to submit regular season schedules the same as for all sports controlled by CIAC in which member schools participate. Determination of forfeitures will be based on this schedule.
- A forfeit game shall count as a victory for the team declared the winner and a loss for the team declared a loser in determining tournament qualifications and ratings. For tournament qualifications 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 National Federation High School rule violation, or a team refuses to play after being instructed to do so by the Game Officials.
- 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 Cancelled 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 Chairman 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 ratings 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.
- 5.6 CIAC ejection and disqualification rules for players and coaches shall be in effect for all games.

6.0 OFFICIALS

- 6.1 By May 19, 2021, each varsity head coach MUST submit via the password-protected online eligibility center a list of EIGHT (8) officials who are tournament caliber officials. At the same time, they may indicate TWO (2) officials whose services they prefer not to have. From this list, a MASTER LIST OF OFFICIALS will be developed.
- 6.2 The Tournament Director will coordinate the assignment of officials to all tournament games.
- 6.3 The host school in the playdown, first round and quarter-final games must call their Commissioner of Officials and request that officials be assigned. Each Commissioner will be made aware of this request. **The host school will pay all officials fees through the quarter-final round.**
- 6.4 The Officials Coordinator will assign officials for all games using the Master List of Officials as the source. Only **regular status officials** will be used in tournament games.
- 6.5 Identity of the officials assigned games by the Officials Coordinator will not be disclosed prior to the game.
- 6.6 The Tournament Director will notify the Officials Assigning Commissioner(s) of any changes in scheduled tournament games. Schools failing to follow the proper game change procedures outlined in 2.7 and 2.8 are expected to pay the FULL officials fees.
- 6.7 **Officials Assignments**

1) **First Round / Qualifying Round(s)**

- a. Two officials will be used for each game.
- b. Site of the higher ranked team will decide the team of officials.

2) **Quarter-finals**

- a. Three officials will be used for each game.
- b. Site of the higher ranked team will decide the team of two (2) officials and the visitor's team section – one (1) official.

3) **Semi-finals**

- a. If two teams in the same section are involved, a team of two (2) officials from the same section will be selected and one (1) official from the opposite section.
- b. If teams are from different sections, officials will be assigned using the following "FINALS" formula.

4) **Finals**

- a. Teams of three (3) officials and one (1) alternate will be used for the championship game in all divisions.
- b. **Even Year** – The WCLOA will supply teams of two (2) officials for each of the championship games.

The CLOA will supply one (1) official for each of the championship games and one (1) alternate official.

Odd Year – On odd years the reverse procedure will be used to assign the officials teams.

- c. The selection of officials will be made by the game assignor from the WCLOA and CLOA Officials Associations and the Tournament Director. The officials selected will be made from those nominated by the head lacrosse coaches.

7.0 PROTESTS

- 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. National Federation or CIAC game rule interpretations and game judgments by the game officials cannot be protested. The Protest Committee for each sport shall consist of the Associate Executive Director for CIAC, the Chairman of the Tournament Committee, Administrative Member of the Sports Committee, the Tournament Director, and the Coaches' Chairman 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 game 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 Chairman of the CIAC Board of Control, the Executive Director of CIAC, and the Chairman 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 scorekeeper at the conclusion of the contest is final unless an error is discovered. Such error shall be corrected as covered by specific contest rules.
- 7.4 DECISION BY GAME OFFICIALS – PROTESTS ARISING FROM THE DECISIONS, INTERPRETATIONS AND MISAPPLICATION OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION HIGH SCHOOL 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 CONFERENCE.

8.0 RANKING / SEEDING

- 8.1 Teams will be seeded by won/loss percentage. Seeding ties will be broken based on:
 - 1) Head-to-head (2 teams only)
 - 2) Most regular season wins
 - 3) The team with the highest rating number calculated as follows:
 - * Two (2) points will be awarded for each regular season victory by all in-state opponents you defeated
 - * The number of rating points a CIAC member school will receive for defeating an out-of-state opponent that is a member of its state association is based on 10 wins x 2 = 20 rating points.
 - 4) By lot

8.2 Tournament Format

- a. If MORE than sixteen (16) teams qualify, teams will play off in a qualifying round.
- b. If LESS than sixteen (16) teams qualify, byes in the first round will be assigned starting with the top seed on down.

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| 16 @ 1 | 13 @ 4 | 10 @ 7 |
| 15 @ 2 | 12 @ 5 | 9 @ 8 |
| 14 @ 3 | 11 @ 6 | |

- 8.3 **Ranking and pairings information will be distributed via the CIAC web site – www.ciacsports.com -- on Thursday, May 27, 2021. QUALIFYING ROUND TEAMS WILL BE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE.**

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 CIAC Board of Control has approved the tournament regulation requiring the principal of the participating schools or his/her designee to 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 the rules, the game may not continue until the member 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 products or possession of alcoholic beverages of any kind, including champagne, are not permitted on the field of play, or within the field or park at which a tournament game is scheduled. Many towns, or fields which we use have local ordinances prohibiting use of tobacco products or possession of alcoholic beverages. 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, players, other 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-of-charge to each game. Bands and other musical groups, noisemakers that might interfere with the performance of the game, and banners or streamers are prohibited. Each school principal and athletic director is responsible for compliance with this regulation.

10.0 TOURNAMENT RULES / PROCEDURES

- 10.1 **The home team must provide FOUR “BALL PERSONS” WITH HELMETS for each tournament game. Each team will provide two ball persons if the game is played at a neutral site. No ball people should be behind the goal.**
- 10.2 In all cases where a coin toss may be required, **the higher ranked team** will have the privilege of call on the coin.
- 10.3 Entering schools are reminded that in the event of severely inclement weather, it may be necessary to play the lacrosse FINALS on Sunday afternoon, June 13, 2021. The game may not start before 12:30 p.m.
- 10.4 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.

10.5 **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 which 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.

10.6 CIAC tournament terminated games not covered by CIAC tournament rules or NFHS lacrosse rules will be resolved by the CIAC.

10.7 **Awards** – Winning and runner-up team plaques will be presented at final games. Medals will be awarded to each member of these two teams.

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| L Division | 45 medals |
| M Division | 45 medals |
| S Division | 45 medals |

10.8 In the event of any situation not covered in these rules, the decision of the Lacrosse Committee or its representatives shall be final.

11.0 **RESPONSIBILITY OF TOURNAMENT SITE DIRECTORS**

It shall be the duty of the Site Director to see that the following facilities are available well 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 most recent National Federation high school rule book. Corner, mid-line, tables and markers, are to be in place and each goal should be provided with a playable net.

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 A scorer, an ADULT timer and an ADULT penalty timer will be provided by the site director and a sufficiently large scorer's and timer's table with bench or chairs will be made available for the game.

11.4 Suitable timing devices – the conventional time clock and air horn will be available to signal the start and expiration of playing time and appropriate substitutions.

11.5 Sufficient security personnel as may be deemed necessary will be on duty to control the anticipated crowd AND PROVIDE FOR THE SAFETY OF THE GAME OFFICIALS.

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. Higher 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 which 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 would be suitable for play.)
- 11.9 The scores of tournament games will be telephoned to the tournament director immediately at the conclusion of the game.
- 11.10 All monies collected at the site along with ticket accountability should be sent to CIAC, 30 Realty Drive, Cheshire, CT 06410. For accountability purposes (and for your records) payment (of all monies collected) to CIAC should be made by check (school/central office check). A list of expenses which includes all fees should accompany the check so the CIAC may then be able to make payment by check.
- 11.11 Teams members, coaches, manager and up to 20 cheerleaders accompanying the team will be admitted free of charge to each game.

12.0 RESPONSIBILITIES OF TOURNAMENT COACHES

Coaches check the following items with each other:

- 12.1 Directions how to reach field.
- 12.2 All weekday games to start as outlined – Section 2.6
- 12.3 The higher ranked team is required to supply twenty (20) official white game balls. **If a game is played at a neutral site, each team provides six (6) balls at their end, two (2) opposite their benches and two (2) at the table. Total of ten (10)**
- 12.4 The higher ranked team shall wear light colored jerseys.
- 12.5 **When games are played at neutral sites, each team will provide two (2) ball persons.**
- 12.6 Visiting teams arrange and pay for busses.
- 12.7 Games to be played on home field of the higher ranked team in the pairings unless the home field is not a minimum of 53-1/3 x 110 yards.
- 12.8 **Home team must call in scores to Tournament Director, at the conclusion of the game.**
- 12.9 Coaches are requested to inform all site directors to honor the special game passes which are issued to Lacrosse Committee members who will act as observers during the tournament.
- 12.10 **Before a Game** – Arrive in adequate time with your team. Stay with your players at all times during the pre-game period.
- 12.11 **During A Game** – Conduct yourself (and assistants) as gentlemen at all times. Set a good example for your players and followers. Do not engage in theatrics or unsportsmanlike conduct of any type that might tend to incite your fans to bad behavior.
- 12.12 **After a Game** – Escort your team as a group from the playing surface to your assigned locker room. Stay with them in the locker room to see that all is well, win or lose. Accompany players (and any other personnel) to the bus. Travel back with them to your school.
- 12.13 Coaches and officials by the very nature of their positions exert a tremendous influence over the control of a game. This influence on the game must be exerted in a most positive manner by showing a complete respect for all official judgment calls and interpretations.

- 12.14 Although most of you have the situation well under control with your student-athletes, alcohol has shown up on the field after some championship games (brought in by spectators, but nonetheless, on the field). A word from you prior to the game to your athletes may be enough to control this situation and avoid embarrassing the team and tainting their achievement.
- 12.15 **No coach should make negative comments to the media regarding the officials. Public criticism of officials is unethical and contrary to CIAC rules.**

13.0 RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TOURNAMENT ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

- 13.1 **Before a Game** – Arrange the ticket sales to students and adults at his/her school if there is an advance sale. Make a report of this ticket sale to the Site Director. Return any unsold tickets and a check (payable to CIAC) to Site Director well before game time.

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

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

Cooperate with your 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 confer with him/her as to the game-to-be. An identifying badge or tag may be issued.

- 13.2 **During a Game** – Sit strategically where the conduct of your coach(s), 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 a 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 the building.

14.0 LACROSSE CALENDAR

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| March 27 | (Saturday) | First day of practice |
| April 10 | (Saturday) | First regular season game day |
| May 19 | (Wednesday) | Officials tournament selection via password-protected online eligibility center |
| May 21 | (Friday) | Completed tournament roster due via password-protected online eligibility center |
| May 26 | (Wednesday) | Last regular season game to count for state tournament |
| May 27 | (Thursday) | Ranking and pairings will be distributed to the competing schools via the CIAC web site – www.ciacsports.com – Possible qualifying round games |
| May 29 | (Saturday) | Qualifying Round – (Can be played on Friday, May 28, by mutual agreement) |
| June 2 | (Wednesday) | First Round |
| June 5 | (Saturday) | Quarter-finals |
| June 9 | (Wednesday) | Semi-finals |
| June 12 | (Saturday) | Finals – (Rain date – June 13) |
| September | | Annual Lacrosse Committee Meeting – TBA |

15.0 **2020-21 BOYS LACROSSE COMMITTEE**

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| Ralph Mayo –Chair | (203) 625-7425 |
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| Brian White, Guilford High School | (203) 430-0371 |
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Athletic Directors:

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| Doug Marchetti, Norwalk High School | (203) 838-4481 |
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Consultants:

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| David Leete – Tournament Director | H - (860) 742-1128 / W – (860) 742-1315 / C – (860) 424-2694 |
| John Hackett – Officials | H – (860) 647-0508 / W – (860) 648-5000 / C – (860) 212-2673 |
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APPENDIX A

2021 Boys Lacrosse Tournament Roster

Due May 21, 2021 via the password-protected online eligibility center

The final date to count for tournament play is Wednesday, May 26, 2021 – ALL GAMES MUST BE SUBMITTED via the Online Eligibility Center, the “submit scores/forms” option of the “CIAC for Coaches” menu at ciacsports.com, or the “submit scores” button in our ciacmobile.com mobile site. Entering scores at ciacsports.com or ciacmobile.com requires either a coaches or scorekeeper’s access code, those codes are managed via the Online Eligibility Center and can be retrieved from a school’s athletic director.

Roster – Any number of eligible players may be used.

Schools will bear their own transportation expenses. All games will be played according to National Federation High School lacrosse Rules. Games that are postponed or suspended shall be played on the next available date (excluding Sundays). Postponed or suspended FINAL games shall be played on Sunday.

All varsity games vs CIAC member schools and out-of-state games whose schools are members of their respective state association shall be considered for tournament qualification. Teams must play a minimum of EIGHT (8) games and have a winning percentage of 40%. Games played with non-CIAC member schools will not count toward tournament play. Only the first two games against any opponent shall count for CIAC tournament qualification.

List size of home field (Width / Length) -- Minimum field is 53-1/3 x 110 yards
List condition of field for tournament play -- Excellent / Good / Fair / Poor / Lights
Location or name of field if other than high school field

APPENDIX B

Tournament Officials Selection

Due May 19, 2021 via the password-protected online eligibility center. A master list of lacrosse officials will be drawn up by the Tournament Director.

List eight (8) officials considered by the coach to be most qualified to work tournament games. Include the officials board. If you list less than eight, the Tournament Director will assign from the Master List. You may also list two (2) officials whose services you prefer NOT to have.

CERTIFICATIONS/COACHING CERTIFICATIONS

- Required coaching certifications, including medical certifications, can be found at this link: <http://www.ctcoachinged.org/>
- Temporary coaching permit application can be found at this link: http://ctcoachinged.org/ed_186.pdf
- 5 Year coaching permit application can be found at this link: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Certification/Forms/ed_185.pdf
- Information on concussion training and certification can be found at this link: <http://www.ctcoachinged.org/concussionpage.html>
- Information on Coaching Permit Renewal for the State of Connecticut can be found at: <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/Certification/Coaching-Permit-Renewal>
- Concussion training for coaches: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Certification/Coaching/student_and_parent_concussion_informed_consent_form.pdf?la=en
- Connecticut Coaching Education Program: <http://www.ctcoachinged.org/concussionpage.html>
- Coaching Education Overview: <http://www.ctcoachinged.org/>
- Coaching Course Registration: <http://ctcoachinged.org/Permit.html>
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest Renewal: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Certification/Coaching/coaches_sudden_cardiac_arrest_awareness_annual_review.pdf?la=en
- Concussion Renewal Form: https://portal.ct.gov/=/media/SDE/Certification/Coaching/Concussion_and_Head_Injury_Annual_Review_for_Coaches_2019-20.pdf?la=en
- Mandated Reporter Training: <https://portal.ct.gov/DCF/Mandated-Reporter-Training/Home>
- EpiPen Training: <https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/preview-kits/anaphylaxis-epinephrine-auto-injector>
- Coaches Guide to Dehydration and Other heat Illnesses: <https://www.nata.org/sites/default/files/heat-illness-parent-coach-guide.pdf>

Volunteer Coaches – The State of Connecticut Department of Education does not distinguish between volunteer or paid coaches when considering certifications or responsibilities. All coaches who are responsible for, or instruct students in any way must follow Connecticut State Law for certifications and responsibilities. Therefore, volunteer coaches are required to obtain the same certifications as all other coaches.