

MID PENN BOYS' LACROSSE GUIDELINES-2015

I. Length of contest

- A. Varsity games will consist of four (4) twelve (12) minute quarters.
- B. In the event of a tie at the end of the regulation game, play shall be continued, after a two (2) minute intermission, with sudden-victory overtime. In sudden-victory overtime, the teams shall play periods of four (4) minutes until a goal is scored. The game ends upon the scoring of the first goal. There will be a two (2) minute intermission between sudden-victory periods.
- C. If a Varsity game goes into overtime, the JV game time may be altered upon agreement of both coaches and officials.
- D. Twenty-four (24) minutes of actual playing time will constitute a game. If a game is suspended in the first half, you resume the game from the point of the suspension. A Varsity game declared a contest will not necessitate rescheduling the JV game.
- E. JV games will follow the Varsity game and consist of four (4) ten (10) minute quarters.
- F. In the event of a tie at the end of the regulation JV game, play shall be continued, after a two (2) minute intermission, with sudden-victory overtime. In sudden-victory overtime, the teams shall play periods of four (4) minutes until a goal is scored. The game ends upon the scoring of the first goal. There will be a two (2) minute intermission between sudden-victory periods
- G. Half-time will be ten (10) minutes at all levels and two (2) minutes between quarters, but can be less upon agreement of both coaches prior to the start of the game.

II. Uniforms

- A. The home school will wear white or light colored uniforms. The visitors will wear dark colored uniforms.

III. Participation

- A. All participating schools must abide by the eligibility rules as stated in the PIAA Constitution and the Mid Penn Constitution and By-laws.

IV. Officials

- A. Officials shall be PIAA approved.
- B. Two (2) or three (3) PIAA officials shall be assigned for every game. A varsity game may not start without two (2) officials. It is the schools choice to use two (2) or three (3) officials for their contests.
- C. JV games may be played with one (1) official.

V. Game Operations

- A. The US Boys' Lacrosse rules, as approved by the PIAA shall apply.
- B. Recommended starting times – All afternoon games should start no earlier than 4:00 P.M.
- C. Game balls must have the NFHS or NOCSAE seal on them.
- D. All goals will count as one point.
- E. The home team will provide an official timer that is an adult or faculty member. The home team will be the official scorekeeper unless the officials declare otherwise. Each team will furnish its own clock for each game.
- F. It is also highly recommended that an adult or faculty member from the home school keep time at a JV game.

VI. Divisional Championship

This will be decided on the basis of overall record and head-to-head competition.

If there is a tie for the Divisional Championship, the Mid Penn Conference will declare Co-Champions and the Divisional representative in the Mid Penn Tournament will be determined by head-to-head competition.

In the event of a three way tie:

- 1. Head-to-Head competition records will be reviewed and the team with the best head-to-head record will be the division representative.**
- 2. The team with the highest District 3 Power Rating will be the division representative.**

VII. Mid Penn Championship

- A. The top two teams will play to determine the overall Mid Penn Champion.
 - The Finals will be played on May 7, 2015 at 7pm at Central Dauphin's Landis Field @ Speed Ebersole Stadium.
 - The Keystone Division winner will be the visiting team and the Commonwealth Division winner will be the home team.

VIII. Determining entries into the District III Tournament

- A. District III will have a 16 team bracket based on Power Ratings. The cut-off date for games to count in the Power Ratings will be Wednesday May 6, 2015.
- B. District III Tournament Schedule
 1. Round 1-May 12, 2015 at the site of the higher seed
 2. Quarterfinals-May 14, 2015 at 5:00am or 7:00pm-Sites predetermined
 3. Semi-Finals-May 19, 2015 at 5:00pm or 7:00pm-Sites predetermined
 4. Championship-May 21, 2015 at 7:00pm at Hersheypark Stadium

IX. Postponement of Contests

- A. The home school shall decide if a game is to be played or postponed. It should be rescheduled on the first available date. Saturdays will be considered an available date.
- B. Once a game has started, the game officials will make the decision regarding the termination of play.

X. Reporting Games to the Media

- A. The home team should report scores to the news media. It would be helpful if everyone contacted the Harrisburg Patriot-News prior to 9:00 P.M.
Phone: 255-8180 or 1-800-692-7207 Fax: 257-4747
E-mail: scoreline@pnco.com
- B. Please include scoring information from both teams with player's names, position and goal(s) scored/assists or goalie saves.
- C. Have the overall and league record for your team.
- D. If you are unable to report the score to the paper, please inform the visiting team so that they can call the score into the paper.

XI. All-Star Selection Process

- A. Final approval of all-stars will be made by at the meeting at the end of the season. A most valuable player will be selected by the coaches.
 - 1. Criteria
 - All-star is a player who best exemplifies all the qualities of an outstanding individual/athlete.
 - Sportsmanship – the player's conduct on and off the field, attitude and behavior toward officials, opposing coaches and players will be considered.
 - Skill level – this player shall be a top quality athlete who possesses a high level of lacrosse skills and plays the position very well.
- B. An email will be sent to each head coach by the Lacrosse chairman requesting each coach to nominate players from their own team to be recognized as an All-Star player.
- C. The Lacrosse chairman will collate all nominees to a ballot which will then be sent to each head coach.
- D. Each coach will rank the nominated players. Coaches will not vote for their own players. For categories with 3 players, they will rank 9 (highest) to 1 (lowest). For categories with 1 player, they will rank from 3 (highest) to 1 (lowest).
- E. The Lacrosse chairman will tabulate the scores and prepare a spreadsheet to be distributed to all head coaches at the All-Star Meeting. This document may be revised by consensus at the All-Star meeting. Any disputes will be resolved by a vote of all coaches excluding those whose player(s) are involved.
- F. Each category will be comprised of a 1st team, 2nd team and honorable mention selections. Categories will be as follows:

- a. Attack-3 Total of 9

- b. Mid-Fielder-3 Total of 9
- c. Defense-3 Total of 9
- d. Short-Stick Defense-1 Total of 3
- e. Long Stick Defense-1 Total of 3
- f. Goalie-1 Total of 3
- g. FOGO-1 Total of 3

B. All-Star Coaches Meeting

1. There will be a mandatory Head Coaches meeting at the end of the season. Meeting will take place on May 6, 2015 at 6pm at Hershey High School
2. If the Head Coach is not present at the meeting, their team players will not be eligible for the All-Star Team. Exceptions will be:
 - Night game being played
 - Family Emergency in which a call was made to the lacrosse chairperson (John Confer)

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