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WLF CALENDAR

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Earliest Day for Practice	March 5	March 3	March 9
Earliest Day for First Competition	March 13	March 11	March 17
Deadline for Payment of Team Fees	March 5	March 3	March 9
Last Day for Regular Season Competition	May 24	May 22	May 28
State Tournament Selection & Seeding	May 25	May 23	May 29
Playoffs – Round 1	May 30	May 28	June 3
Playoffs – Round 2	June 2	May 31	June 6
Quarterfinals	June 5	June 3	June 9
Semifinals	June 7	June 5	June 11
State Championships	June 10	June 8	June 14

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

For the purposes of this document, “program” refers to any High School program recognized by the Wisconsin Lacrosse Federation (WLF) and “team” refers to all teams of such a recognized program.

Article I – General

Section 1 – USA Lacrosse Membership

All players and coaches on a team must have a USA Lacrosse membership valid through the last day of the WLF State Tournament.

Section 2 – Program and League Administration

- A. The responsibility of educating and guiding players in the rules of eligibility governing programs recognized by this Federation shall rest primarily with the administration of each program and secondarily with the administration of each league/conference.
- B. The administration of the program shall be responsible for the eligibility of all its athletes, and it is the duty and responsibility of one program to immediately call to the attention of another program and/or the Federation Officers information or evidence pertaining to violations of Federation rules. (See Grievance Form.)

Section 3 – Program’s own Standards

- A. The rules of player eligibility shall not be interpreted to prevent any program or any league/conference from establishing more stringent regulations, but no program or league/conference may set up standards for competition for any of its recognized teams, varsity or otherwise, which are less stringent than the minimums herein presented.

Section 4 – Who may Participate

- A. A program may use on its team(s) only registered students, whether virtual or in person, in Grades 9 – 12 at the school(s) affiliated with the program.

Note 1: No eligibility will be granted for a player whose residence within a school’s attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether connected with the recognized program or not.

- B. A program may use on its team(s) students residing within the district boundary affiliated with the program who are bona fide home-based private education students as defined by state law on the same basis and to the same extent as all other full-time students at the school affiliated with the program or schools affiliated with the co-op program.
- C. A program may use on its team(s) players who are students at a school with no lacrosse program if both the program allows it and the school(s) affiliated with the program allow it. The accepting program must be the closest program to the student.

Section 5 – Who may not Participate

- A. A program may not allow its players in Grades 9 – 12 to compete against another program’s players in Grade 8 and/or below.

Section 6 – Penalties for Violations of any, and all, Eligibility Requirements

- A. The penalty for participation by an ineligible player, according to a program’s own rules or WLF rules, either during the WLF regular season or in WLF tournament activity is as follows:

Note: Violations of the individual participation limitations, as indicated in the season regulations, are also treated under provisions indicated herein.

- 1) The program must –
 - a. Forfeit all contests involved.
 - b. Adjust its place in league/conference standings and/or relinquish its place in tournament standings.
 - c. Return team and individual awards.
- 2) Tournaments – Team most recently defeated, upon discovery of violation, replaces offending team for remainder of tournament series.

Note: When a team withdraws from a tournament for any reason other than a violation, the scheduled opponent will receive a forfeit.

- 3) A violation, resulting from a player or parent/guardian falsifying records and/or providing misleading information to a program, will cause that player to be ineligible for one calendar year from date of last game in which the player participated.

Section 6 – Program Appeal of Forfeiture Ruling

- A. Except for the WLF Tournament Series, appeals of forfeiture based on an ineligible player’s contribution to victory may be heard by the Board of Directors. There will be a presumption by the Board that the ineligible player’s participation did impact on the competition. It will be the responsibility of the program to satisfy to a clear and convincing standard that the player did not contribute in any way to the victory. There will be a presumption that the contest(s) would not have been won without the player’s participation. The Board of Directors will set the criteria to be considered in the appeals hearing. The opposing program(s) will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Section 7 – Coach must be Present

- A. No team shall represent their program at any time in connection with competition, unless accompanied by a coach or another appointed member of the program staff.
 - 1) It is recommended that a female member of the staff accompany any girls team coached by a male and a male member of the staff accompany any boys team coached by a female.
 - 2) A game shall be forfeit or a team disqualified from further participation in a contest if, after a game official has ejected a coach for any reason, there is no other coach or staff member of that program to supervise the program.

Section 8 – Court Injunction/Restraining Order

- A. If a team declared disqualified or a player declared ineligible is permitted to participate in competition, because of a court restraining order and/or injunction against the program or WLF, and if such restraining order and/or injunction subsequently is voluntarily vacated, stayed, reversed, or fully determined by the courts not to justify injunctive relief, one of more of the

penalties outlined in Article 1, Section 5-A-1) and 2) may be taken in the interest of restitution and fairness to other programs.

Article II – Residence and Transfer

Section 1 – Determining Residence for Public School Students

- A. A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity competition only with the program affiliated with the school within whose attendance boundaries his/her parents reside, within a given school district, with these additional provisions:
- 1) Board of Education approved full-time student(s), paying their own tuition, and residing full time with parents in their primary residence shall be afforded eligibility. (Transfer students are subject to provisions outlined in Section 3 of this article.)
 - 2) The residence of a student’s guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
 - 3) In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student’s residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9. For the purposes of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine “beginning of school year.” Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Directors in accordance with the transfer and/or waiver provisions as described in Sections 3 and/or 5 of this Article.
 - 4) A student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside or by the state and is enrolled in a district approved program may be eligible at either school (first priority to school of residence) but (a) may not participate at both schools in the same year and (b) academic ineligibility accompanies student upon transfer. The Board of Directors may waive the requirements of this Section, upon request, for documented reasons of extenuating circumstances.
 - 5) Except in situations involving transfer after a student’s fourth consecutive semester, a student whose tuition is paid by the school within whose attendance boundaries parents reside by the state or who is participating full time in a legislated open enrollment option must meet all statutory timeline requirements. This Section extends opportunity to decline attendance at the new school and continue at his/her school of residence. If the student begins the school year at the new school and then transfers back to school of residence after attending one or more days of school or one or more athletic practices, he/she shall be subject to transfer provisions as outlined in Section 3 of this Article.
 - 6) A student who has been in attendance in a school district for at least one complete school year prior to reaching Grade 9 and has not broken enrollment during that time is eligible in that school district upon entering Grade 9.
 - 7) Duly enrolled full-time students in special state and county supported schools and in public and non-public member residential schools as defined in Article III of the WLF Constitution are not bound by the residence requirements.

- 8) Students placed in foster homes, group homes, etc. by area social services agencies are considered the same as students residing with parents.
 - 9) A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's attendance boundaries, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
 - 10) Except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester, the School District shall determine school assignment of a student in a district which maintains (a) more than one school of the same grades or (b) a special school designed by the School District.
- B. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's sixth consecutive semester, a full-time student whose residence in a given district and attendance at a member school does not conform with any of the provisions outlined in Section 1-A above shall be eligible for non-varsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided in Section 5 of this Article.

Section 2 – Determining Residence for Nonpublic School Students

- A. A full-time student, whether an adult or not, is eligible for varsity competition only if the student is residing full time with parents in their primary residence with these additional provisions:
- 1) In the event of a divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, a student's residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility except in situations involving transfer after the fourth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9. For the purposes of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine "beginning of school year." Under this rule, a student who transfers after the beginning of the school year shall be ineligible at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions as described in Section 5 of this Article.
 - 2) Residing full time with guardians shall determine eligibility in cases where both parents of a student are deceased. The execution of guardianship papers in situations where one or both parents are living does not by itself make a student eligible.
 - 3) A student may continue being eligible in the same school even though parent(s) and/or student move from within that school's traditional attendance area, provided enrollment is continuous (unbroken in that school).
 - 4) A student who has been in attendance in a nonpublic, self-contained school (i.e., grades K-12 or 7-12) for at least one complete school year prior to reaching Grade 9 and has not broken enrollment during that time is eligible in that nonpublic school upon entering Grade 9.
 - 5) Students attending member residential schools shall be eligible at the member school provided they reside at the school or reside full time with parents in their primary residence, except in transfer situations occurring mid-year or after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9.

Note: Section 2-A.-1) above.

- B. Except in situations involving transfer after a student's sixth consecutive semester, a full-time student attending a nonpublic school but not residing in accordance with any of the provisions outlined in Section 2-A above shall be eligible for non-varsity competition only, for one calendar year, unless a waiver is provided as outlined in Section 5 of this Article.

Section 3 – Transfers

- A. A full-time student may be afforded up to eight consecutive semesters of eligibility upon entry into Grade 9. Transferring schools at any time may result in restrictions being imposed on eligibility, or in some cases a denial of eligibility. For the purposes of this rule, attendance at one day of school and/or attendance at one athletic practice shall determine “beginning of school year.” These additional provisions relate to transfer cases:
- 1) A player who transfers from any school affiliated with a program into a school affiliated with a different program after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into Grade 9 shall be ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year, but may practice, unless the transfer is made necessary by a total and complete change in residence by parent(s). The calendar year (365 days) will be determined from a student’s first day of attendance at the new school.
 - 2) Students entering 9th and/or 10th grade at the beginning of the school year and who are within the first four consecutive semesters of high school will be afforded unrestricted eligibility provided all other rules governing student eligibility are met.
 - 3) Students entering 11th grade are restricted to non-varsity for one calendar year.
 - 4) Students entering 12th grade as transfer students are ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year but may practice.
 - 5) 9th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to non-varsity opportunities for the remainder of the school year. Restrictions are removed upon entering 10th grade.
 - 6) 10th or 11th grade students who transfer after the beginning of the school year and with written consent from both schools directly involved shall be restricted to non-varsity opportunities for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school).
 - 7) A student who transfers into a program without ever participating in a try-out, practice, scrimmage, or contest on a team sponsored by a school or a club while attending classes at any school in grades 9-12 is unrestricted.
 - 8) In the event of divorce or legal separation, whether pending or final, residence at the beginning of the school year shall determine eligibility for students entering 9th and/or 10th grade. In situations involving transfer after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9, the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year but may practice.
 - 9) District policies with respect to intra-district transfer do not supersede WLF transfer rules in situations involving post-sixth semester transfers. Intra-district transfers occurring after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 result in the student being ineligible for competition at any level for one calendar year (365 days beginning with first day of attendance at the new school) but may practice.
 - 10) Unless transfer, including an accompanying total and complete change of parent’s residence, is effective at the outset of a semester, a student cannot establish eligibility at his/her new school until the fifth calendar day of such transfer.
 - 11) If within the first six consecutive semesters following entry into grade 9, a student who transfers more than once in any given school year shall be ineligible for all interscholastic competition for the remainder of that current school year and will be eligible for non-varsity opportunities only for the balance of one calendar year. In situations involving

transfer after the sixth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9 the student is ineligible to compete at any level for one calendar year but may practice.

- 12) A student may not have eligibility in more than one program at the same time. A parent or parents who move from a primary residence within one school's attendance boundaries, to a secondary residence within another school's attendance boundaries, may be required by the Board of Directors to provide evidence of a total and complete move.
- 13) A student who transfers from any school, whether or not affiliated with a recognized program, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons, academic reasons and/or as a result of another State Association's regulation or sanction, retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school.

Note: A student who transfers due to expulsion or removal for disciplinary reason from the previous school is ineligible for the length of the expulsion as determined by the previous school's Board of Education.

- 14) No eligibility will be granted for a student whose residence within a school's attendance boundaries, with or without parents, or whose attendance at a school has been the result of undue influence (special consideration due to athletic ability or potential) on the part of any person, whether or not connected with a recognized program.

Section 4 – Foreign Exchange Students

- A. This provision applies to students participating in foreign exchange programs. Foreign students attending a member school, but not participating in an exchange program, may receive consideration under Section 5, waivers and/or non-varsity eligibility in accordance with Section 1B and 2B of this Article.
 - 1) The residence requirement may be waived for one year, upon request, for students involved in foreign exchange programs that have received a 'Full' listing status by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET). For students who are "directly placed" through an exchange program, students who are placed through an exchange program not affiliated with CSIET, or students who will not be in attendance for at least one complete semester from start to finish, eligibility will be limited to non-varsity competition.

Note 1: The foreign exchange program must assign students to host families by a method that ensures that no student, school, or other interested party may influence the assignment for athletic or other purposes. The foreign exchange student may not be selected or placed on any basis related to his/her athletic interests or abilities. Direct placement refers to a pre-existing relationship with a family, school and/or community which affects the student's placement.

Note 2: All foreign students must have a physical conducted in the United States prior to participating in practice or competition.

- 2) Foreign exchange students who transfer after attending one day of school and/or one athletic practice are ineligible for varsity competition at the new school unless approval is granted by the Board of Control in accordance with the waiver provisions described in Section 5 of this Article.

- 3) Foreign students attending and residing at member residential schools are exempt from the residence requirements. Note: Transfer provisions apply identically to all students, both foreign and domestic.

Section 5 – Waivers

- A. The residence and transfer requirement may be waived according to the following provisions:
 - 1) After a student has not participated and/or has been restricted to non-varsity competition for one calendar year because parents do not live within that school's attendance boundaries, he/she becomes automatically eligible under this Section regardless of parent's residence and for as long as enrollment is continuous (uninterrupted) in that school.
 - 2) The residence and transfer requirement may be waived, if requested in advance, by a member school on behalf of one of its students and upon presentation of documentation detailing extenuating circumstances. Such documentation must include communications from parents, (b) person(s) with whom student is living within requesting school's attendance boundaries and (c) school officials within whose attendance boundaries parents reside. Depending upon the nature of extenuating circumstances, eligibility may be limited to non-varsity competition except in situations involving transfer after a student's fourth consecutive semester following entry into grade 9.
 - 3) In cases associated with Section 1, A, (2) and (4), Section 2, A, (1) and Section 3, A, (1) of this Article, first-time 9th grade students will be permitted one transfer upon appropriate petition to the Board of Control if the student has attended no more than three days of practice and/or has attended no more than three days of school.

Note: Extenuating circumstance is defined as unforeseeable, unavoidable, and uncorrectable act, condition or event which result in severe burden and/or involuntary change, that mitigates the rule.

Article III – Age Requirement

Section 1 – Senior High

- A. A student shall be ineligible for interscholastic competition if he/she reaches his/her 19th birthday before August 1 of any given school year.
 - 1) The Board of Directors may provide relief from the age requirement due to extenuating circumstances.
 - 2) Under no circumstances may a student begin a sport season once the student has reached his/her 20th birthday.

Section 2 – Verification

- A. A birth or baptismal record or court verdict will establish the age of a student.

Article IV - Amateur Status

Section 1 – Loss of Eligibility

- A. A student shall be an amateur in lacrosse in order to compete, and he/she shall become ineligible for all further participation in any member program for violation of any of the amateur

status provisions. The penalty may be reduced upon request of a member program based on documented extenuating circumstances, when accompanied by evidence of complete restitution made by the athlete (when applicable).

- B. A student shall be determined to be in violation if he/she:
- 1) Accepts, receives and/or directs to another, reimbursement, or award in any form of (a) salary, (b) cash, or (c) share of game or season proceeds for achievement in athletics.
 - a. Actual and necessary reimbursement for transportation, food, lodging, and entry fees paid in connection with playing a contest shall not be regarded as a violation.
 - b. A student may receive:
 - (1) a medal, cup, trophy, or plaque from the sponsoring organization regardless of cost;
 - (2) from schools, mementos not to exceed \$200 in total fair market value. Non-school organizations desiring to make contributions toward the purchase of a championship ring/memento must make those contributions to the school;
 - (3) any other award for participation in an athletic contest, or for athletic honors or recognition, which does not exceed \$100 in fair market value;
 - (4) and retain items of apparel which are worn by non-school athletic competition as a part of a team uniform provided for and worn by the student during competition. (See Bylaws, Article XI – Awards)
 - c. A school may allow a student to retain items of practice and playing uniforms which, for reasons of hygiene, obsolescence, deterioration, etc., will not be passed on to another student.
 - 2) Signs a contract or agreement for services as a participating athlete.
 - a. A student may be employed (but not self-employed) on a part-time basis as an instructor on the playgrounds, game official, lifeguard, e.g.
 - b. This rule shall not prevent a student from signing (a) an agreement which binds him/her to play only for a particular team or (b) an athletic tender with a university or college.
 - 3) Receives compensation or benefit, directly or indirectly, for the use of name, picture, and/or personal appearance, as an athlete because of ability, potential, and/or performance as an athlete.
 - 4) Receives free and/or reduced rates on equipment, apparel, camps/clinics/instruction, and competitive opportunities that are not identical for any and all interested students.
 - 5) Is identified as an athlete, provides endorsement as an athlete, or appears as an athlete, in the promotion of a commercial/advertisement and/or profit-making event, item, plan or service.

Note: When an athlete has been identified with or without permission and/or awareness resulting in a violation of this rule, the penalty may be reduced once the violation has been rectified.

- 6) Plays in any contest (school or non-school) under a name other than his/her own name.

Article V – Attendance and Scholarship

Section 1 – Senior High

A. A student is eligible for competition at a recognized program if he/she is:

- 1) Carried on the attendance rolls as a duly enrolled full-time student at a public member school for purposes of state equalization aids as a Grade 9, 10, 11, or 12 student in that member school.

Note: A full-time student is a student where the member school is responsible for programming 100% of the student's school day. The student is eligible for like or similar awards, privileges and services as all other students and meets all obligations and responsibilities as other students, without exception.

- 2) Carried on the attendance rolls as a duly enrolled student at a nonpublic member school as a full-time Grade 9, 10, 11, or 12 student in that member school.

3) A student –

- a. Is ineligible after attending eight semesters or 12 trimesters while enrolled in Grades 9-12.
- b. May not participate (practice and/or compete) in a sport in more than four different seasons while in Grades 9-12 or three different seasons while in Grades 10-12.
- c. May not participate (practice and/or compete) in a sport in more than one season each school year with summer considered an extension of the previous school year.

Note: A student who transfers before the end of a season may not exceed in his/her total participation the individual game or meet limitations of that sport. A student may not participate in the tournament series of a sport for two different schools in the same school year. A student who transfers before the end of a season in a sport sponsored in more than one season may participate in both seasons but may not exceed in his/her total participation the individual game or meet limitations of that sport.

- d. Must complete eligibility in the four consecutive years starting with Grade 9 and the three consecutive years starting with Grade 10 unless there are documented extenuating circumstances.

Note: Eligibility which has been extended beyond the four-year (Grades 9-12) or three-year (Grades 10-12) period cannot be delayed until a semester of the student's or school's own choosing.

- 4) After a student becomes a senior, he/she must conclude eligibility in one academic year through uninterrupted attendance, unless there are documented extenuating circumstances.
- 5) A semester or trimester of eligibility shall be charged to a student after he/she (a) has been in attendance in that semester or trimester at least 40 days (using school starting date and date of withdrawal of student) or (b) has participated in an interscholastic contest.

- 6) A student is ineligible if he/she has not been enrolled in some school by the 17th day of a semester or trimester, except upon request of a school in special cases involving sickness, accident, military service, social services assignment, etc.
- 7) A freshman student who has not completed all work below Grade 9 may be eligible only if he/she is meeting the academic standard in Grade 9 classes in addition to Grade 8 make-up courses.
- 8) A student is ineligible if he/she has graduated from a school offering studies through Grade 12 or its equivalent.
- 9) A student who graduated in May or June retains eligibility for (a) any portion of a spring athletic schedule not completed by the end of the academic year and (b) the school's summer athletic schedule.
- 10) A Grade 9 student attending a school of students in Grade 9 or under is eligible only at the senior high school which he/she will be attending the following year.

Section 2 – Academic Eligibility

- A. A student must meet school and DPI requirements defining a full-time student and have received no more than one failing grade (including incompletes) in the most recent (school issued) grade-reporting period.

A senior who has acquired all necessary credits toward graduation is not exempt from this rule.

- 1) A student who becomes academically ineligible may regain eligibility on the 16th scheduled school day by meeting the academic standard, following a period of 15 scheduled school days and nights of ineligibility.
- 2) A student regains eligibility immediately if incompletes are made up within two weeks after a grade-reporting period.
- 3) A student may erase ineligibility status related to the last grade-reporting period of the school year through summer school courses (including correspondence courses) at the same or some other school, provided:
 - a. The student successfully completes not less than the same number of courses which caused ineligibility.
- 4) A student who is ineligible for a minimum of 15 scheduled school days, under the provisions of this Section, may not return to competition until the school day following the 15-day ineligibility period.
- 5) A student who is enrolled in some courses in a university/college or technical college or some similar institution:
 - a. Must receive high school credit which meets the academic standard or have a notation made on his/her high school transcript that he/she successfully met the equivalent of the academic standard between the two schools involved.

Note: A student who has been assigned to a technical college by the school district is exempt from the provision requiring physical attendance at least one course each day, provided such a student continues being carried on the attendance rolls for purposes of state aids.

- 6) A student who is enrolled in any state approved EEN program and receives no usual grades for such courses may be eligible if he/she is making satisfactory progress in his/her total school program as indicated by his/her IEP.
- 7) The ineligibility status described in the introduction to this Section (A) will be adjusted as follows for students in fall sports in which the date of earliest allowed competition is before the first day students are in class:
 - a. Fall Sports – The minimum ineligibility period shall be the lesser of (1) 21 consecutive calendar days beginning with the date of earliest allowed competition in a sport or (2) one-third of the maximum number of games/meets allowed in a sport (rounded up if one-third results in a fraction).
- 8) A school because of computer printout of grades being delayed may use a prearranged date other than the last day of a grade-reporting period to determine eligibility, provided (a) all other provisions of this Section (A) are followed and (b) the procedure developed is the same for all students, all grade-reporting periods, and all sports.

A student ineligible by a school's academic standards more stringent than those herein stated is ineligible as indicated in this Section unless the school has adopted some other ineligibility provision.

Article VI – Non-school Participation

Section 1 – In-Season

- A. It is the philosophy of this Federation that a student owes loyalty and allegiance to the team of which he/she is a member during the spring lacrosse season. Athletes may compete in not more than two non-school competitions with school approval during the regular season. The contest(s) will not count against the individual maximum for the athlete in that sport. Non-school competition will not be allowed during the WLF tournament series. A student becomes ineligible for the remainder of the season for not receiving school approval beforehand and/or competing in more than two non-school games, meets, or contests in the same sport during the season of practice and competition established by the school. The penalty may be reduced, with the forfeiture of the two non-school opportunities, upon request of a school based on documented extenuating circumstances.

Note: With the approval of school administration, a student may be allowed to participate as an individual (not part of a team) in contests which isolate separate sport skills outside the traditional competition setting, e.g., shooting, passing, kicking contests. Such skill contests/events may not include physical contact with another participant or contain similar risks for serious injury or extreme fatigue as the actual sport competition. There can be no school coach involvement. The approval of the school may be granted on the basis that such participation will not impair or alter the student's eligibility (ie: Amateur status) or other membership rules.

- 1) Non-school games, meets, or contests shall be interpreted to include (a) all games, meets, or contests outside the control of the school and (b) any games, meets, or contests within a school (other than official interscholastic athletic program) involving another school or a non-school organization.
- 2) A student who was a member of a school team in a given sport during the previous year may not delay reporting for the school team beyond the school's official opening day of practice

in order to continue non-school training or competition provided the delay does not extend beyond the first interscholastic meet.

- 3) A student who is cut from the squad, during the regular season (not including WLF tournaments) for reasons of skill, is exempt from this rule if there is an opportunity to rejoin the team later in the same regular season. A student suspended from the team, for the remainder of the season for reasons of discipline or academic problems, is exempt from this rule. A student suspended from the team for a portion of the season is not exempt from this rule.

B. National Teams and Olympic Development Programs for Team Athletes

- 1) During the school year, students who participate for their school in a sport may participate through training, tryout, or competition on a National Team or in a United States Olympic Development Program provided the student receives an individual invitation from either the United States National Governing Body (NGB) on the national level for that sport or from the United States Olympic Committee:
 - a. **National Team Definition:** A national team is a team selected by the National Governing Body (NGB) of the sport on a national qualification basis either through a defined selective process or actual tryouts for the purpose of international competition which requires the entries to officially represent the respective nations, although it is not necessary there be team scoring by nation. Participation by high school students on bona fide national teams that represent the United States may be permitted.
 - b. **Olympic Development Program Definition:** An Olympic Development Program (ODP) is defined as a training program or competition that is conducted or sponsored by the United States Olympic Committee, or directly funded and conducted by the United States Olympic committee member National Governing Body (NGB) on the national level, or specifically authorized by a national governing body involving only athletes previously identified by the NGB as having potential for future participation at the regional national, or international competition in that sport.
 - c. **Special Olympic Definition:** Special Olympics provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.
 - d. Waivers may be provided:
 - (1) The national team or development program meets the above definition.
 - (2) The student makes application to the high school principal or designee.
 - (3) The member school requests a waiver.

Section 2 – Out-of-Season

- A. It is the philosophy of this Association that athletes should not be unreasonably restricted, except during the actual WLF season. Subsequently, players may voluntarily assemble at any time without member program and/or member program coach involvement.
- B. After the last day of the WLF State Tournament until the 1st Day of the WLF season, players of a member program may voluntarily assemble with their teammates and coaches for purposes of instruction and/or competition as follows:

- 1) One day per week (Sunday – Saturday) from the last day of the WLF State Tournament until the 1st day of the WLF season.
 - 2) Eight (8) days in addition to those outlined in Section 2-B-1, which do not have to be consecutive, from the last day of the WLF State Tournament through December 31st.
- C. Other than during the actual WLF season and those days designated as unrestricted coach contact days, the following provisions shall apply to non-school participation in accordance with Section 2A above:
- 1) An acceptable non-school program or activity is one which is not limited to students based on a school affiliation and no school monies or resources can be applied.
 - 2) The person who will be coaching a student in the following school season shall not be permitted to coach that student other than during the designated school season and Board of Directors approved coach contact days. Approved out-of-season coach contact is as follows:
 - a. Unrestricted School Coaching Contact - Coaches have been afforded up to one day per week of unrestricted school coaching contact between the end of the WLF State Tournament and the 1st day of the WLF season, in addition to 8 extra days from the last day of the WLF State Tournament through December 31st.
 - b. Unlimited Non-school Coaching Contact – Coaches have been afforded unlimited non-recognized program coaching contact beyond the unrestricted school coaching contact days that is permitted to continue from the last day of the WLF State Tournament until the 1st day of the WLF season.
 - c. Coaches are allowed to recreate along with students in member program sponsored open gyms which are purely recreational in nature.
 - d. Coaches are allowed to use some or all of their athletes, as clinicians, when conducting a clinic for youngsters who have just completed 8th grade on down. This may be done for a maximum of six days, during the summer (when school is not in session) and must conclude no later than August 31.
 - e. A member program is permitted to supervise conditioning programs under the open gym provisions, which may include weight-lifting, speed, agility, fitness. The program must be limited to non-sport and non-sport-skill-specific instruction. Basic 'instruction' e.g., safe lifting, safe spotting, training regimen and rationale, are permitted. No sport implements and/or sport specific movement/drills should be part of the open weight room. These conditioning programs must be made known and accessible to all interested students and must be voluntary.
 - 3) With approval of its governing body, a school may issue its own equipment, uniforms, and other apparel for use by athletes in training or non-school competition in the summertime, at its own discretion.

Note: For school protective equipment, uniforms and other apparel, summertime shall be from the Friday before Memorial Day to the first day of school. Reminder: Coaching contact is not allowed prior to the last day of school. (See Bylaws, Article III – School Equipment)

- 4) It is not permissible for any person or organization, except the student or parents, to pay for any of the cost or fee of any kind of non-school activity involving specialized training or similar instruction. Students must pay 100 percent of any expenses, including

transportation, to any non-school (out-of-season) camps, clinics, or specialized training. Schools are reminded that free and/or reduced rate opportunities afforded to select individuals can impact on amateur status.

Note: This provision shall not prevent a school from covering the costs of team participation in a clinic or similar activity during the season of a sport and/or unrestricted out-of-season contact days.

- 5) A student must discontinue out-of-season participation in non-school competition prior to the first day of the member program's official opening day of practice in the same sport.

Note: See exception in Section 1-A-2) of this Article.

Article VII – Health and Behavior/Compliance

Section 1 – Required Documentation

- A. A student may not practice for or participate on a WLF-recognized team until the member program has written evidence on file attesting to:
 - 1) Parental permission each school year including an acknowledgement of receiving the program's athletic code,
 - 2) Acknowledgement of receiving the WLF Rules of Eligibility,
 - 3) Athletic Emergency Form
 - 4) Current physical fitness to participate in sports.

Section 2 – Physical Examination

- A. A pre-participation physical fitness form attesting to current physical fitness to participate in sports as determined by a licensed physician, Physician's Assistant (PA) or Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber (APNP) no less than every other school year with April 1 the earliest date of examination. School policy determines when an athlete may return to competition following an injury, except where rule book or WLF tournament policies apply.
- B. Physical examination taken April 1 and thereafter is valid for the following two school years; physical examination taken before April 1 is valid only for remainder of that school year and following school year.

Note: It is recommended that a student also have dental fitness attested by a licensed dentist.

Section 3 – Code of Conduct

1. A member program shall have a code of conduct for its athletes, and it is strongly recommended that the code (a) designate the period of time involved in a suspension in advance of the school year and (b) be developed with the involvement of students, coaches, and administration and adopted by the Board of Education or recognized governing body.
2. The WLF is against the use of anabolic-androgenic steroids and other performance enhancing substances (PES). Member schools shall devote time each year to positive programs which highlight prevention and education of the risks, benefits and adverse effects of PES. Coaches, teachers, sports medicine staff and school administrators who ignore or encourage the use of PES, provide

and/or sell PES to athletes (including indirect distribution through a third party) shall be subject to their own school's provisions regarding discipline.

3. A student is required to follow the school's code of conduct on a year-round (12 month) basis.
 - 1) In-season violations of the school code will result in immediate suspension of the student from interscholastic competition for no less than one day of competition (but not less than one complete game or meet) for acts involving (a) possession and/or use of alcohol, possession and/or use of tobacco, including chewing tobacco and/or (c) use, possession, buying, or selling of controlled substances, street drugs and performance enhancing substances (PES).

Note 1: When the suspension results in a fraction of a game, the number shall be rounded up to the next whole number of games (i.e., 2.1 or 2.8 games equals 3 games).

Note 2: This is a minimum penalty and may not be reduced by any other provision of the school code.

Note 3: Any portion of the suspension not completed during the current season will carry over to the next sport or sport season.

Note 4: Victims of sexual assault and bystanders who report a sexual assault, request emergency assistance, cooperate with and assist law enforcement, and stay on the scene or who encounter law enforcement at a medical facility at which the victim is being treated cannot be issued a code of conduct violation. The victim or bystanders must meet the State Amnesty Law Requirements. The victim may not falsely claim amnesty knowing that the situation that he or she reports does not exist.

- 2) The member school will determine minimum penalties for violation of any other provisions of its code of conduct, including all out-of-season offenses.
- 3) The member school will determine minimum penalties for any other unacceptable conduct contrary to the ideals, principles, and standards of the school and this Association, including but not limited to criminal behavior.
- 4) Any student charged and/or convicted of a felony shall, upon the filing of felony charges, become ineligible for all further participation until the student has paid his/her debt to society and the courts consider the sentence served (including probation, community service, etc.).

Note: Except for conduct violations under paragraph (4) felony charges, the school must provide an opportunity for the student to be heard prior to any penalty being enforced. If a student appeals a suspension, according to the school's appeal procedure, the student is ineligible during the appeal process.

- 5) The minimum penalty for acts outlined above in Section 3-C (1 through 3) which results in a student being suspended for any portion of WIAA tournament competitions, is immediate disqualification of the student for the remainder of the total tournament series in that sport.
- 6) Athletes who are ineligible during the WIAA Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, may not participate in warm-ups, and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WIAA Tournament.

Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game.

- 7) A student who transfers from any school, whether or not a member school, with a status of ineligibility for disciplinary reasons and/or as a result of another State Association regulation or sanction retains such status at his/her new school for the same period as decreed by the former school.

Section 4 – Flagrant or Unsportsmanlike Conduct and/or Assault on an Official

- A. A student, disqualified from a contest for flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct, is suspended from competition for no less than the next competitive event (but not less than one complete game or meet) at the same level of competition as the disqualification.

Note: The penalty shall be served in the sport in which the offense occurred. If that sport season is completed, then it shall be served in the next sport or sport season.

- B. Any player who in the judgment of the official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the confrontation. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next season in that same sport.

Season Regulations

ALERT: State Law (175.22) prohibits use of cell phones and other image-recording devices in locker rooms except in emergency situations.

1. USA LACROSSE MEMBERSHIP, COACH CERTIFICATION, TEAM FEES

- a. All players and coaches on a team must have a USA Lacrosse membership valid through the last day of the WLF State Tournament.
- b. All programs must have liability insurance through USA Lacrosse at a minimum.
- c. In every game, each team must have at least one coach in the coaching box who meets the applicable minimum standards as “Qualified” or “Certified.” Failure to comply with this policy will result in sanctions by the WLF.
 - (1) Qualified: Every 1st year coach, and those within the first sixteen (16) months of coaching, must be Qualified prior to the 1st day of the season. A qualified coach must complete the following:
 - Level 1 Fundamentals of Coaching Lacrosse (online curriculum)
 - Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) Double Goal Coach 1 Workshop: Coaching for Winning and Life Lessons
 - (2) Certified: Within sixteen (16) months of the first game coached, every coach must be Certified. A certified coach is defined as having obtained a USA Lacrosse Level 1 Coaching Development certification (or higher). Level 1 certification includes a current USA Lacrosse membership, a current “green light” NCSI background check and successful completion of the following:
 - Level 1 Fundamentals of Coaching Lacrosse (online curriculum)
 - Developing the Individual Athlete (on-field clinic) OR Athlete-Centered Coaching (virtual workshop)
 - Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) Double Goal Coach 1 Workshop: Coaching for Winning and Life Lessons
 - How to Make Proper Contact (online course) – Men’s Game Coaches Only
- d. All programs must pay the appropriate WLF high school team dues prior to Day 1 of Week 36 of the season. Team must follow league/conference procedures for payment of fees. (See Appendices.)

2. PRE-SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON

- a. Organizational meetings may be conducted outside the season provided no instruction or practice is included and the meeting has been approved by program administration.
- b. So long as participation is voluntary and available to all interested students, there shall be no restrictions upon programs, teams and coaches (grades 9-12) relative to the last day of the WLF State Tournament to the 1st day of the WLF season, for up to one day per calendar week (Sunday – Saturday) plus eight additional days, which do not have to be consecutive, from the last day of the WLF State Tournament through December 31st. Unrestricted contact days must conclude prior to the 1st day of the WLF season.
- c. It is the philosophy of this Federation that athletes should not be unreasonably restricted, except during the actual Federation season of the sport. Subsequently, students may voluntarily assemble at any time without school and/or school coach involvement.
- d. Other than during the actual WLF season and those days designated as unrestricted coach contact days outside the season, the following provisions shall apply to non-school participation in accordance with the above:

- (1) An acceptable non-school program, activity, or team is one which is not limited to students based on school affiliation and no school monies or resources can be applied.
- (2) The person who will be coaching a student in the following WLF season shall not be permitted to coach that student other than during the designated WLF season and Federation approved coach contact days outside the season. Federation approved out-of-season contact is as follows:
 - (a) Unrestricted School Coaching Contact – Coaches have been afforded up to one day per calendar week (Sunday – Saturday) of unrestricted school coaching contact between the last day of the WLF State Tournament and the 1st day of the WLF season. In addition, coaches have been afforded eight additional days of unrestricted school coaching contact days from the last day of the WLF State Tournament through December 31st. The eight days do not need to be consecutive.
 - (b) Unlimited Non-School Coaching Contact – Coaches have been afforded unlimited non-school coaching contact beyond the unrestricted school coaching contact days from the last day of the WLF State Tournament to the 1st day of the WLF season with the following provisions:
 - 1) Coaches or others may not mandate participation or provide any incentives to athletes for participating in out-of-season events, programs, or teams.
 - 2) Participation may not be a requirement for making a school team or earning a letter award, etc.

3. LENGTH OF SEASON

The earliest day practice may begin is Day 1 of Week 36. The season ends with the State Tournament concluding on Saturday of Week 49. Teams that violate this rule are subject to discipline by the league/conference commissioner.

4. MINIMUM DAYS OF PRACTICE

- a. There must be practices on a minimum of seven different days before the first competition may be conducted.
- b. If multiple practices in a day are utilized, they may not be scheduled on consecutive days.
- c. The first seven days of practice may not involve a team from outside the school.
- d. The minimum days of practice prior to the first competition is a team requirement. While it is desirable for each participant to satisfy this requirement, schools will determine when students may begin competition.
- e. Teams must rest from all physical activity for at least one calendar day after six consecutive days of practice or competition. In the event extreme weather forces a WLF State Tournament contest to be cancelled, program administration may request relief.
- f. Teams that violate this rule are subject to discipline as determined by the league/conference commissioner.

5. SCRIMMAGES

- a. One scrimmage, over one day, with another team may be conducted in addition to the maximum allowed game days, provided all athletes participating meet all WLF and program eligibility requirements (Exceptions: Students ineligible due to academic deficiency, code of conduct violations, or those required to miss the next competitive event due to being ejected from their last competitive event may participate at the discretion of the program), and:

- (1) A team may not scrimmage against a non-school affiliated club team.
 - (2) Seven different days of practice have elapsed.
 - (3) There is no loss of academic class time.
 - (4) Each high school team, i.e., varsity, JV, freshman, is allowed one scrimmage.
 - (5) An individual student is allowed to participate in only one day of scrimmage activity. Note: An individual may participate in multiple levels of scrimmages conducted on the same day.
 - (6) There is no score in a book or on a scoreboard.
 - (7) A win/loss does not count in a team's overall record.
- b. Any scrimmage other than one described in 4.a. counts toward the maximum allowed games.
 - c. Teams that violate this rule are subject to discipline as determined by the league/conference commissioner.

Note: If either team counts a scrimmage as a game, it must be counted as a game for both teams.

6. DATE OF FIRST GAME

The first game may not be held before Monday of Week 37.

7. MAXIMUM ALLOWED GAME DAYS

- a. A team may not compete against a non-school affiliated club team.
- b. Conference/league tournaments must be included in count of regular season maximums.
- c. The maximum number of regular season game days will be 20. Schedules of all teams should be clearly published and separated by level.
- d. No game may be scheduled after any of the schools involved have begun WLF State Tournament competition.
- e. The WLF State Tournament is not part of the maximum allowed game days.

8. REPORTING TEAM SCHEDULES, RESULTS AND PLAYER STATISTICS

- a. All teams must submit their schedule to the appropriate officials' assignor by the date set by the assignor.
- b. Varsity teams must submit their schedule to the appropriate conference/league commissioner by the date set by the commissioner. Varsity teams must report final game scores to the commissioner within 48 hours of completion of a game.
- c. Game scores for any out-of-state competition will not count toward a team's conference/league or overall standings. Individual player statistics for any out-of-state competition may be considered for all-state and all-American awards.
- d. Game scores for non-regulation games will not count toward a team's conference/league or overall standings. Individual player statistics for scrimmages or other non-regulation games will not be considered for all-conference, all-state and all-American awards.
- e. Game scores for sub-varsity games will not count toward a team's conference/league or overall standings. Individual player statistics for sub-varsity games will not be considered for all-conference, all-state and all-American awards.
- f. The Girls Director and the Boys Director will select the database(s) (i.e., Laxnumbers, MaxPreps, Wisconsin Lacrosse Hub, etc.) that Varsity Girls and Boys teams must respectively use to publish their game schedule, roster, game results and player statistics. It is the team's responsibility to report final scores within 48 hours of completion of a game and enter player statistics within 7 days of completion.

of a game, or prior to the deadline for selection and seeding for the State Tournament and the deadline for determination of individual player awards, whichever is sooner.

Note: USA Lacrosse requires the following player statistics for player awards: Games Played, Goals, Assists, Saves, Goals Allowed, Groundballs, Caused Turnovers, Face-Offs (Boys), Draw Controls (Girls).

9. INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION LIMITATIONS FOR NON-CONFERENCE GAMES

- a. Individual participation limitations for non-conference games are determined according to the conference/league rules of the host team.
- b. It is not the responsibility of game officials to enforce individual participation limits.

10. FLAGRANT OR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

- a. A student disqualified from a contest for a flagrant or unsportsmanlike conduct is suspended for no less than the next competitive event (but not less than one complete game) as then scheduled at the same level of competition as the disqualification.
- b. Athletes who are ineligible during the WLF State Tournament (for any reason) may not appear in uniform, participate in warm-ups and may not participate in the awards ceremony at the WLF State Tournament. Exception: An injured athlete will be allowed to participate in the awards ceremony provided he/she is included in the roster allotment for that game. During the regular season, programs should establish their own policy for athletes who are ineligible to compete due to flagrant and/or unsportsmanlike conduct, athletic and/or academic code violations, or for any other reason with respect to participation in pre-game and post-game activity.
- c. Any player who, in the judgement of an official, intentionally spits on, strikes, slaps, kicks, pushes or aggressively physically contacts an official at any time shall be immediately ineligible for competition for a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of the incident. In addition, the player is ineligible to compete for the first 25% of the next WLF season.

11. PROHIBITION OF PRACTICE AT TOURNAMENT SITE

During the regular season and WLF State Tournament, programs are prohibited from practicing for playoff preparation at the sites and facilities hosting the WLF State Tournament unless the site is the home field for a recognized program.

12. CONTEST CONTROL

- a. All programs are responsible before, during and after a contest for the proper conduct of their coaches, athletes, students and other spectators, and when requested, a program must complete a report regarding the contest in which a problem occurred.
- b. Programs are expected to prohibit and/or eliminate pranks, mischief or any other activity involving destruction, theft, etc. of athletic facilities, equipment, and material.
- c. A program administrator (game management) shall greet the officials upon arrival to the game site and communicate his/her location during the contest in case assistance is needed.

13. LICENSED OFFICIALS AND OFFICIALS' ASSIGNORS

- a. Each conference/league shall appoint either one assignor for boys and girls or one assignor boys and one assignor for girls. All officials for all games shall be assigned by the assignor.
- b. Two licensed officials are required for all varsity (conference and non-conference) games, and three licensed officials are recommended for all varsity (conference and non-conference) games.

- c. Multi-school varsity tournaments and non-varsity games or events may use a minimum of two licensed officials.
- d. A referee in any contest must be a member in good standing with the Wisconsin Lacrosse Officials Association (WILOA). An umpire in any contest must be a member in good standing with the Wisconsin Ladies Lacrosse Officials Association (WLLOA).

14. MEDICAL COVERAGE

For all games and practices, emergency procedures should be in place and per DPI and Wisconsin Statute 121.02 (1)(g) Emergency Nursing Service. These should include, but are not limited to, such things as:

- a. A physician available by phone or on location.
- b. Phone location and phone numbers available for contacting physician and/or ambulance service.

15. CONCUSSION AND/OR UNCONSCIOUS PARTICIPANT

No athlete shall return to play or practice on the same day of being diagnosed with a concussion. Any athlete suspected of having a concussion must be evaluated by an appropriate health-care professional that day. Any athlete with a concussion must be medically cleared by an appropriate health-care professional prior to resuming participation in any practice or competition. Return to play must follow a step-wise protocol that includes provisions for delaying return to play based upon the return of any signs or symptoms. Any athlete deemed unconscious must have medical evaluation and clearance before being allowed to return to participation.

16. OXYGEN AND FLUIDS PROVIDED INTRAVENOUSLY

- a. Oxygen administered by medical means for recuperative purposes is not permitted.
- b. Fluids provided intravenously is an invasive procedure to be used only in emergency situations. An athlete may not return to competition the same day.

17. RULES GOVERNING COMPETITION

The official rules for competition are contained in the current edition of the NFHS Boys and Girls Lacrosse Rules and related publications and interpretations of the National Federation with these additional provisions:

STATE FEDERATION REGULATIONS

- a. All helmets worn by high school players and goalies must meet the standard set forth by the National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE).
- b. All chest protectors worn by high school goalies must meet the standard set forth by NOCSAE effective January 1, 2021.
- c. All shoulder pads worn by high school players must meet the standard set forth by NOCSAE effective January 1, 2022.
- d. Non-varsity teams shall be allowed to wear old varsity uniforms which are now unapproved, provided participant safety is not jeopardized.
- e. Minimum warm-up time on the field shall be 15 minutes for both varsity and non-varsity contests.
- f. Coaches must report to their program administration within 48 hours following a contest of a player or coach ejection. Program administration must then report the ejection to the WLF via written communication within three school days following the contest. This written communication must also include a plan of action to prevent future ejections. Officials will continue to maintain electronic reports.

g. Home Team Responsibilities

- (1) Pay officials' fees or ask officials to sign payment vouchers prior to the start of warm-ups.
- (2) Provide field table, time clock, game book, timekeeper, scorekeeper, penalty timers and sideline manager.
- (3) Record the team rosters, official score, game time, and penalty minutes by player.
- (4) Report game score to the conference commissioner by 10:00pm of game day.
- (5) Provide a copy of official score sheet to visiting team.
- (6) Provide athletic trainer, first responder or a person who is CPR/AED certified.

18. NON-VARSITY TEAMS WITH ONLY GRADE 9 STUDENTS

The above rules apply with these additional provisions:

- a. The season ends on Saturday of Week 47.
- b. The maximum number of game days will be 16.

19. GRADE 9 STUDENTS PARTICIPATING ON U14 TEAMS

- a. A player who is eligible to play on a U14 team and attends high school must play for the high school team.
- b. A school may not allow its students in Grades 9-12 to compete against another recognized school's students in Grade 8 and/or below.

20. NEW HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS

- a. At its option, a new high school team may choose to participate at the sub-varsity level for its first two consecutive seasons, provided that the team only has enough players to field one team. If the team has enough players to field two teams, one team must play at the varsity level and all additional teams must play at the sub-varsity level.

Tournament Procedures

1. OVERVIEW OF 2022-2023 HIGH SCHOOL SEASON DATES

All state tournament games from Round 1 through the Semifinals are subject to change within 1 day before or after the scheduled date listed below. A participating team has the right to request a change in the time of a playoff game or the date of a playoff game (+/- 1 day) due to conflict with a school-sponsored event. A participating team in the State Championship game has the right to request a change in the time of the game due to conflict with a school-sponsored event. The final decision on date or time changes for Round 1 through semifinal games rests first with the competing teams, and if unable to reach a resolution, the Events Director and WLF Board will make the final determination. The final decision on a time change for the State Championship game rests with the WLF Board.

March 5, 2023	First Day of WLF High School Season
March 5, 2023	Deadline for payment of Team Fees
March 13, 2023	Earliest Date for 1 st Contest
May 24, 2023	Last Date for Regular Season Games
May 25, 2023	State Tournament Seeding Committee Calls
May 30, 2023	Round 1 of State Tournament (Boys & Girls)
May 31, 2023	Deadline for submission of All-Conference award lists to Boys and Girls Directors
May 31, 2023	Round 2 of State Tournament (Girls)
June 1, 2023	Round 2 of State Tournament (Boys)
June 2, 2023	Round 3 (Sectional Semi-Finals) of State Tournament (Girls)
June 3, 2023	Round 3 (Sectional Semi-Finals) of State Tournament (Boys)
June 5, 2023*	Deadline for submission of All-State and USA Lacrosse awards to Events Director and USA Lacrosse as appropriate
June 5, 2023	Round 4 (Sectional Finals) of State Tournament (Boys & Girls)
June 5, 2023	State Tournament Seeding Committee Calls for State Semifinals
June 7, 2023	State Semifinals (Boys & Girls)
June 10, 2023	State Championship & All-Conference Showcase Games

*Dates for All-State and USA Lacrosse awards may be adjusted based upon deadlines from USA Lacrosse.

2. TEAM ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE TOURNAMENT

- a. Only WLF-recognized varsity teams are eligible for the state tournament.
- b. An eligible team must be a member of a WLF-recognized league/conference or a WLF-recognized independent team.
- c. An eligible team must pay the annual WLF team fees prior to Day 1 of Week 36 of the current season.
- d. All players and coaches of an eligible team must have a valid USA Lacrosse membership through the last day of the WLF State Tournament.
- e. An eligible team must have completed their conference game requirements.
- f. An eligible team must submit a playoff roster to the WLF Events Director using the [WLF playoff roster form](#) no later than 48 hours prior to the first playoff game.
 - a. Team rosters for the State Tournament are limited to 35 players.

- b. Team rosters for the State Tournament are limited to 6 coaches, 2 athletic trainers and 2 statisticians. The allotment of team personnel may not be interchanged.
- g. An eligible team must have at least one coach who meets the minimum standard for “qualified” or “certified” as defined in the Season Regulations.

3. STATE TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE

- a. There will be one (1) state tournament for each gender.
 - (1) The state tournament will be an all-in, section-based playoff.
 - (2) Teams will be assigned to a geographic Section by the WLF Board of Directors at the beginning of the season.

2023 Boys Sectional Assignments			
Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4
Appleton	Arrowhead	DeForest	Catholic Memorial
Bay Port	Brookfield	Janesville	Elkhorn
DC Everest	Cedarburg	La Crosse	Franklin
De Pere	Hamilton	Middleton	Kenosha
Hudson	Homestead	Oregon	Kettle Moraine
Notre Dame	Kimberly	Sauk Prairie	Marquette
Oneida	Lakeshore	Sun Prairie	Mukwonago
Pacelli	Neenah	Verona	Oak Creek
Superior	University School	Watertown	Oconomowoc
Wausau	West Bend	Waunakee	Waukesha
		Westside	Wauwatosa

2023 Girls Sectional Assignments			
Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4
Appleton	DeForest	Brookfield	Arrowhead Red
Bay Port	Middleton	Cedarburg	Arrowhead White
Central Wisconsin	Oregon	Divine Savior	Franklin
De Pere	Sun Prairie	Homestead	Kenosha
Hudson	Verona	Oak Creek	Kettle Moraine
Kimberly	Watertown	University School	Mukwonago
Neenah	Waunakee	Wauwatosa	Muskego
Notre Dame	Westside	WNS	Oconomowoc
Superior			Waukesha

- b. State Tournament Seeding

There will be one State Tournament & Player Awards Committee for high school boys and one for high school girls. Committee meetings may be held virtually.

- (1) The committee chair is responsible for inviting coaches to serve on the committee. The committee chair is not a voting member of the committee. The committee chair shall make every effort to have an equal number of coaches from each section on the committee, with a minimum of two head coaches from each Section.
 - (2) Committee member requirements:
 - i. Must be a head Varsity Coach for a team playing towards the State Championship.
 - ii. Coach must have completed at least one full season at the Varsity level, not including the current season.
 - iii. No more than one representative from any team.
 - iv. Members must be available to attend the State Seeding meeting and the All-State awards meeting.
 - v. The parent of a nominated player should not serve on the committee.
 - vi. Committee members must be objective and are expected to recuse themselves from discussions regarding their team or players from their team unless asked a question directly from the balance of the committee.
 - (3) The Boys Director will serve as the chair of the boys committee. The Girls Director will serve as the chair of the girls committee. The Events Director shall be included in all committee meetings.
 - (4) The Boys Director and Girls Director will report the names, team affiliation and conference affiliation of all committee members to the WLF Board no later than May 1.
 - (5) Prior to the Seeding Committee meeting, the Boys Director and the Girls Director will send out a ranking survey to every varsity head coach to rank teams within their respective Section.
 - (6) The Seeding Committee will seed the Section brackets using sectional data including survey results, rankings, etc.
 - (7) Immediately following the Sectional Final games, the Seeding Committee will determine the final 4 rankings. The committee will be made up of the original members of the Seeding Committee except for a head coach whose team qualifies for the Final 4. No additional coaches will take his/her place on the committee. Highest seed (1) will play the lowest seed (4) and the two middle seeds (2 & 3) will play each other. Winners of the semifinal games will advance to the State Championship.
- c. Team Responsibilities for State Tournament Games
- (1) Semifinal games will be played at a predetermined, neutral-site location. Both semifinal games for each gender will be played at the same location on the same day.
 - (2) The higher seed is the host/home team.
 - (3) Host team is responsible for all costs associated with game content for Round 1 through Round 4 games. Host team is responsible for all costs associated with game content except for officials'/umpires' fees and game balls for semifinal and championship games.
 - (4) Visiting team is responsible for their own travel costs. WLF will maintain travel guidelines when opponents are greater than 211 miles apart. In such cases, the Events Director will collaborate with both teams to secure and fund a neutral site game and the higher seed team is responsible for all game logistics.
 - (8) Host team is responsible for officials'/umpires' fees for Round 1 through Round 4. The WLF will cover officials'/umpires' fees for the Semifinal, Championship and All-Conference showcase games.

- (5) WILOA will cover officials' travel stipends for Round 1 through Round 4 boys' games. The WLF will cover officials' travel stipends for Semifinal, Championship and All-Conference showcase boys' games.
 - (6) WILLOA will cover officials' travel stipends for Round 1 through Round 4 girls' games. The WLF will cover officials' travel stipends for Semifinal, Championship and All-Conference showcase girls' games.
- d. Penalties for Forfeits
A team that forfeits a playoff game is subject to sanctions by the WLF which may include forfeiture of individual player and coach awards, disqualification of players from the state all-conference showcase game, and disqualification from the following season's playoffs. Forfeiting teams may also be responsible for reimbursing their opponent for any costs incurred for a forfeit game.
- e. Schedule for State Championship Day

2023 Championship Day Schedule	
9:00am	U14 Boys All-Star Game
10:45am	U14 Girls All-Star Game
12:30pm	High School Boys All-Star Game
2:30pm	High School Girls All-Star Game
5:00pm	High School Boys State Championship Game
7:30pm	High School Girls State Championship Game

- f. Venues for Semifinals and State Championship
- (1) The WLF will secure a venue for the semifinals and state championship day no later than November 1.
 - (2) Criteria for site selection include (but are not limited to): facility costs, capacity, central location, admission gates, locker room access, broadband access, lights, and parking.
- g. State Championship Programs
- (1) The WLF will transition to online programs for state tournament games to include playoff rosters for all teams, updated brackets, all-star rosters, individual award winners for all-conference, all-state, all-American, all-academic, etc. QR code signage will be provided to all host teams.
 - (2) Printed programs will be available on state championship day.
- h. State Championship Sponsorship Levels: First right of refusal will be given to prior year sponsors.
- (1) Title Sponsor: \$3000 (Limit 1)
 - (2) Platinum: \$2000 (Limit 3)
 - (3) Gold: \$1500 (Limit 5)
 - (4) Silver: \$1000 (Unlimited)
 - (5) Broadcast Sponsor: \$3000 (Limit 1)
- i. The Events Director will conduct conference calls on the day before State Championship Day to go over the logistics of each game.
- (1) 9:00 AM - 14U Girls & Boys All-Conference Showcase Game Coaches
 - (2) 10:00 AM - High School All-Conference Showcase Games - Boys & Girls Coaches
 - (3) 11:00 AM - Boys Championship Game Head Coaches & Team ADs or Administrators
 - (4) 12:00 Noon - Girls Championship Game Head Coaches & Team ADs or Administrators

4. ALL-STATE AWARDS

- a. There will be one State Tournament & Player Awards Committee for high school boys and one for high school girls. These committees are the same as the committees that seed teams for the state tournament.
- b. There will be one WLF Boys All-State team comprised of 11 players (1 Goalie, 3 Defense, 3 Midfield, 3 Attack, 1 Specialist). There will be one WLF Girls All-State team comprised of 12 players (1 Goalie, 3 Defense, 5 Midfield, 3 Attack).
- c. To be nominated for All-State, a player must have been named 1st Team All-Conference in his/her league/conference. Each league/conference determines their All-Conference winners and submits one (1) All-Conference team for consideration by the committee. The Head Coach from an independent team must submit nominees to the Boys Director or Girls Director no later than the submission deadline for All-Conference Award lists.
- d. A conference representative (Commissioner or President) must submit the All-Conference Award lists, including player statistics, to the Boys Director and Girls Director by midnight on May 31.
- e. No late submissions will be considered.
- f. Voting Process:
 - (1) Meeting will be facilitated by the Boys Director or Girls Director and supervised by the Events Director.
 - (2) Vote will be made by position.
 - (3) Nominees will be presented and discussed, by position, based on their All-conference selection list.
 - (4) After presentation and discussion, committee members will receive a ballot containing all nominees or use a process outlined by the Girls/Boys Director prior to the meeting.

If a ballot is used: committee members will rank their top 3 votes with 3 being the highest rank and 1 being the lowest. The player(s) with the highest number of points will be selected for the WLF All-State Team. Please note any unanimous selections. If there is a tie, there will be a vote-off between the two players, and the losing player will be placed on the WLF All-State Team as an Honorable Mention. The committee may place additional players as honorable mention at their discretion and with good cause. The honorable mention team should be used minimally so as not to dilute the WLF All-State Award.

- (5) The WLF All-State list will be compiled by the Boys Director and Girls Director and sent to the WLF Events Director directly after the meeting. The WLF Events Director is responsible for creation and distribution of the All-State awards certificates.

5. USA LACROSSE AWARDS

- a. The Events Director, in conjunction with the Girls Director and Boys Director, shall coordinate the USA Lacrosse awards process.
 - (1) By February 15th Annually - the Events Director, Boys Director and Girls Director must complete the Contact and Allotment forms from USA Lacrosse.
 - (2) Allotment Criteria standards are set by USA Lacrosse and must be followed.
 - (3) Reference - <https://www.usalacrosse.com/sites/default/files/documents/Games/2021-area-chairs-handbook.pdf>
- b. [USA Lacrosse Awards and Award Criteria](#)

- (1) All-American: A boys' and girls' All-American is a player who exhibits superior skills and techniques and possesses exceptional game sense and knowledge. A USA Lacrosse All-American is one of the best players in the United States, while also embodying excellent sportsmanship.
 - i. Players must be members of their varsity lacrosse team or approved scholastic club program.
 - ii. Players must have played in a majority of their teams' games for the current season. Players must be a starter or significant contributor to their team.
 - iii. Players must be of outstanding character and be in good academic standing in their school.
 - iv. Any player who has received a diploma from a secondary school will not be eligible for All - American status during post-graduate study.
 - v. Strong consideration is given for players who have received All-State, All-County, or All-District Team honors in the current season.
 - vi. A player who violates their school or program's written contract or code of conduct may be excluded from consideration. Any and all violations must be disclosed to the area chair prior to the vote.
 - vii. Sportsmanship and safe play are attributes that must be considered. In this regard, an account of the number of cards (Women's Game) or Unsportsmanlike fouls (Men's Game) attained by a player in the current season should be considered during nomination and voting. If a player has a substantial number of cards or unsportsmanlike fouls, it is recommended that the Area Chair request testimony from the nominating coach as to how the player's fouls are not lessening of their sportsmanship.
- (2) All-Academic: A boys' and girls' All-Academic honoree is a player who exhibits exemplary lacrosse skills, good sportsmanship on the field, and represents high standards of academic achievement in the classroom.
 - i. A head coach must fully complete and submit the [USA Lacrosse All-Academic Nomination Form](#) through the online system.
 - ii. Players must be a junior or senior on their varsity or approved scholastic club team.
 - iii. Players must have played in majority of their teams' games for the current season
 - iv. Player must be a starter or significant contributor to their team
 - v. Players shall have left their mark beyond the lacrosse field and classroom by making significant contributions of service to the school and/or community.
 - vi. Player has minimum cumulative (freshman year through application deadline) grade point average 3.7 GPA out of a 4.0 academic scale. If in doubt, please ask the school guidance counselor for assistance determining acceptable GPAs for a 5.0 scale or weighted GPA.
 - vii. Nominations must include transcripts with a signature from their schools Guidance Counselor.
 - viii. Nominations must include information on any significant community service that was completed.
 - ix. A player who violates their school or a program's written contract or code of conduct may be excluded from consideration. All violations must be noted on the player's final nomination form.

- x. Sportsmanship and safe play are attributes that must be considered. In this regard, an account of the number of cards (Women’s Game) or Unsportsmanlike fouls (Men’s Game) attained by a player in the current season should be considered during nomination and voting. If a player has a substantial number of cards or unsportsmanlike fouls, it is recommended that the Area Chair request testimony from the nominating coach as to how the player’s fouls are not lessening of their sportsmanship.
 - xi. Any player that has received a diploma from a secondary school will not be eligible for All - Academic status during post-graduate study.
- (3) Jackie Pitts Award and Bob Scott Award: These awards recognize high school seniors who go above and beyond in service to their team, school, and community. These athletes, who truly honor the game of lacrosse, are invested in the development of the game in their town and are exemplary teammates. In addition, they must be outstanding students with high academic achievement and serve as role models within their school community.
- i. A head coach or athletic administrator must fully complete and submit the [Jackie Pitts or Bob Scott Award Nomination Form](#) through the online system.
 - ii. Players must be members of their varsity lacrosse team or approved scholastic club program.
 - iii. High School SENIORS (Post Graduate students are not eligible)
 - iv. Players must be of outstanding character, be in good academic standing in their school (eligible) and demonstrate good sportsmanship and safe play.
 - v. Resume and/or Letter of Recommendation referencing years of lacrosse involvement and their contributions to the game, school, and community.
 - vi. Letter of Recommendation referencing athlete’s commitment to personal development within the game.
 - vii. Player is a starter or significant contributor (plays over half a game on average).
 - viii. Athlete can be, but is not required to be, an All-American or All-Academic candidate.
 - ix. One Jackie Pitts or Bob Scott Award Allowed Per Area
- (4) Head Coach of the Year: This award honors those Head Coaches from both the men’s and women’s game who exemplify the ideals of the game of lacrosse. The award is intended to recognize the individuals overall coaching performance and contribution, not just coaching wins - although they may be considered.
- i. This award is only available to Head Coaches.
 - ii. Areas may only select one men’s game coach and one women’s game coach (co-award winners will not be accepted).
 - iii. Nominees must be members in good standing within their area and a member of USA Lacrosse.
 - iv. Nominees must demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship on and off the field.
 - v. Nominees must demonstrate excellent rapport with their players, officials, and other coaches.
- c. Voting Procedures for USA Lacrosse Awards
- USA Lacrosse mandates the following procedures for voting for all USA Lacrosse Awards:
- (1) The Events director will administer the girls and boys USA Lacrosse Awards and follow the established procedure from the USA Lacrosse guidebook which is outlined in Section E.

- i. The Events Director with a CC to the Boys Director and Girls Director shall inform all Varsity head coaches regarding the date, time, and manner of electronic ballots and shall give at least two weeks' notice prior to the vote meeting.
 - ii. The Events Director will send a list of awards to be voted on, as well as a list of individuals who have been nominated and deemed eligible for those awards prior to the meeting. If a vote is not being conducted at an in-person meeting and is instead being conducted by electronic ballot, it shall be open for at least one week or until all Varsity head coaches have returned their votes. Coaches may choose not to participate.
 - iii. Coaches will rank the players on the final ballot from 1 (highest) to X (lowest) based on the number of players on the ballot.
 - iv. The Events Director will tally the points per nominee and the award slots will be filled based on the points received.
 - v. TIE votes will be resolved as follows: a re-vote by the coaches (or committee) including ONLY the tied candidates.
- (2) Note for All-American Awards process:
All-American Awards may be determined by a committee if the following process is followed:
- i. A hard vote of all Varsity head coaches must be administered with a simple majority voting in favor of using a committee for selections.
 - ii. All Varsity head coaches must be given the opportunity to apply to serve on the committee.
 - iii. All Varsity head coaches must have input in the selection of the committee members.
 - iv. The process must be revisited annually and re-voted upon every two years.
- (3) Note for All-Academic Awards:
If the quantity of submissions for All-Academic for a given area is substantial, an area may elect to use a committee to vote OR narrow the pool of nominations to facilitate the voting process. This must be decided by a majority vote of the Varsity head coaches and not solely by the Events Director.

6. ALL-CONFERENCE SHOWCASES

All-Conference Showcases will be organized by the WLF Events Director and executed by the WLF.

- a. U14 All-Conference Showcase Process
 - a. The Events Director will communicate the process for the 14U all-conference showcase to all youth league/conference administrators by January 15th.
 - b. There shall be two teams of 20 players for the boys all-conference showcase and for the girls all-conference showcase.
 - c. League/Conference Representation
 - i. Only players from a registered and paid team from a WLF-recognized league/conference or WLF-recognized independent program are eligible to participate.
 - ii. The number of players from each WLF-recognized league/conference shall be a proportional ratio based upon the number of registered and paid U14 teams from each league/conference. Each all-conference showcase team may also have up to 2 additional players from an WLF-recognized independent program in the state from any position.
 - iii. Position breakdowns for all-conference showcase teams shall be as follows:

1. Boys – 2 Goalies, 4-5 Defense, 4-5 Attack, 6-9 Midfield, 2 FOS, 2 LSM
 2. Girls – 2 goalies, 4-5 Defense, 4-5 Attack, 10-13 Midfield
- iv. Each league/conference must select at least 1 available goalie.
 - v. Players from each league/conference shall be evenly split between the 2 all-conference showcase teams. This should result in each team having players from all areas.
 - vi. The Head Coach positions will rotate on an annual basis such that every year, each WLF-recognized league/conference will select at least one coach to serve as a head coach.

Rotation of Head Coach Assignments for U14 All-Conference Showcase				
	Boys Teams		Girls Teams	
	Team 1	Team 2	Team 1	Team 2
2023	BVLA	Badgerland	BVLA	MAYLA
2024	MAYLA	BVLA	MAYLA	Badgerland
2025	Badgerland	MAYLA	Badgerland	BVLA

- vii. Each WLF-recognized league/conference shall select two additional coaches to serve as assistant coaches.
 - viii. USA Lacrosse Youth Rules must be followed.
 - ix. All players and coaches must have a valid USA Lacrosse membership to participate.
- d. Leagues/Conferences will use their own process to select players and coaches based upon the criteria listed in 6(a)(3). Leagues/Conferences must submit the following information via online registration no later than May 31: player/coach name, player/coach USA Lacrosse membership number, parent contact information (for players only). All participants will be required to sign a waiver prior to participation.
 - e. The Events Director, in consultation with the Boys Director and Girls Director, shall have discretion and autonomy to make roster decisions as needed.
- b. High School All-Conference Showcase Process
- a. The Events Director will communicate the process to all Varsity head coaches and league/conference by January 15th.
 - b. There shall be two teams of at least 20 players for the boys all-conference showcase and the girls all-conference showcase.
 - c. League/Conference Representation
 - i. Only players from a registered and paid Varsity team from a WLF-recognized league/conference or WLF-recognized, Varsity independent team are eligible to participate.
 - ii. The number of players from each league/conference shall be a proportional ratio based upon the number of registered and paid Varsity teams from each league/conference. Each all-star team may also have up to 2 additional players from playoff-qualifying independent, varsity teams in the state from any position. Nominations from each playoff-qualifying independent team shall be solicited by the Events Director.
 - iii. Position breakdowns for all-conference showcase teams shall be as follows:
 1. Boys – 2 Goalies, 4-5 Defense, 4-5 Attack, 6-9 Midfield, 2 FOS, 2 LSM
 2. Girls – 2 Goalies, 4-5 Defense, 4-5 Attack, 10-13 Midfield
 - iv. There shall be at least one player from each league/conference for each position.
 - v. Players will be assigned to a team such that players from each league/conference are evenly split between the 2 all-star teams. This should result in each team having players

from all areas. Furthermore, players will be assigned to a team such teams are equal in strength.

- vi. The Head Coach positions will rotate on an annual basis such that every year, each WLF-recognized league/conference will select at least one coach to serve as a head coach. Head Coaches for the all-conference showcase must be a head coach during the regular season.

Rotation of Head Coach Assignments for High School All-Star Game				
	Boys Teams		Girls Teams	
	Team 1	Team 2	Team 1	Team 2
2023	Big Badger	Classic 8	Big Badger	BVLA
2024	BVLA	Big Badger	BVLA	Classic 8
2025	Classic 8	BVLA	Classic 8	Big Badger

- vii. Each WLF-recognized league/conference shall select 2-3 additional coaches to serve as assistant coaches. Assistant coaches for the all-conference showcase must be a head coach or an assistant coach during the regular season. The Events Director will solicit nominations for assistant coaches from WLF-recognized Independent, Varsity teams.
- d. Additional Considerations for Selection of Coaches
 - i. Coaches who exemplify good sportsmanship and are supportive of USA Lacrosse - Wisconsin Chapter.
 - ii. Coaches participating in the State Championship game are ineligible.
- e. All-conference showcase coaches will be provided with all-conference showcase shirts and hats to wear for the game.
- f. Prioritization and Selection of Players
 - i. Selection of players will be prioritized based upon position and league/conference affiliation.
 - ii. The Events Director will send out a player availability survey on June 1st to all players who were awarded 1st team, 2nd team or Honorable Mention All-Conference honors. Players have 72 hours to complete the survey. Players who do not respond before the deadline will forfeit their opportunity to participate. Following the completion of the semifinal games, selected players who are not participating in the State Championship game will need to re-confirm their availability by 9:00pm the night of the semifinal games.
 - iii. Order for prioritizing roster spots for the all-conference showcase based upon player’s affirmation of ability/willingness to participate:
 1. All-American award winners (if published)
 2. All-State award winners
 3. 1st team All-Conference award winners
 4. 2nd team All-Conference award winners
 5. Honorable Mention All-Conference award winners
 6. Note: Additional consideration may be given to graduation year, sportsmanship, or other factors if the pool of eligible and available players is too large.
- g. The Events Director, in consultation with the Boys Director and Girls Director and the Head Coaches of the all-conference showcase teams, shall have discretion and autonomy to make roster decisions as needed.

- h. The Events Director will announce the final all-conference showcase rosters after the Semifinals games are complete. Team assignments for the all-conference showcase will not be released until the day of the all-conference showcase.

APPENDICES



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APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION
NEW INDEPENDENT PROGRAM

Name of Team: _____

Please circle one: Single School Team Co-Op Team

(Lead) School Affiliated with the Team: _____

Name/Email/Phone of (Lead) School Activities Director: _____

Member Schools (for Co-Ops Only): _____

(For Co-Op teams, all member schools must consent to participate in the co-op.)

Can the team accept players from other schools with no lacrosse team? (circle one) Yes No

Does the high school team have a youth feeder program? (circle one) Yes No

Name of Youth Feeder Program (if applicable): _____

Name/Email/Phone of Head Coach: _____

Please explain your reasons for applying for recognition as an independent team. _____

Signature of Activities Director

Date

Signature of WLF President

Date

(Circle One) Approved Denied



NEW LEAGUE/CONFERENCE RECOGNITION

As the State Chapter of USA Lacrosse, the Wisconsin Lacrosse Federation requires any group of WLF member teams seeking new league/conference recognition to provide the following to the WLF Board by November 1, to be eligible for the following season:

1. A written request for recognition.
2. List of expected teams, including gender and level (Varsity/JV).
3. Copy of the League/Conference bylaws.
 - a. USA Lacrosse model is recommended to be used in the establishment of the bylaws and board of directors.
 - b. The bylaws should be in compliance with NFHS standards.
 - c. The league/conference mission statement must include the development and administration of scholastic lacrosse.
 - i. The league/conference must strive to grow lacrosse programs within its area. Programs may include high school boys, high school girls, youth boys and youth girls.
 - ii. Youth lacrosse programs may be administered by a third-party business.
4. League registration Number from USA Lacrosse.
5. Listing of Current Board Members and contact information. Board Members shall be USA Lacrosse members.
6. Certification (letter signed by current board of directors) that the league/conference and its member teams/clubs will follow the bylaws, rules and regulations and directives of the WLF.
7. The league/conference members (teams/clubs) must be registered with USA Lacrosse and have an organizational structure established by written bylaws and populated by persons who are responsible for the league's actions.



GRIEVANCE FORM

It is the duty and responsibility of one program to immediately call to the attention of another program and/or the Federation Officers information or evidence pertaining to violations of Federation rules. A grievance is a written request for action submitted to the Secretary in writing by an authorized representative of a WLF-recognized league/conference or a WLF-recognized organization of officials. An individual or authorized representative of a team may also file a grievance provided that, if the grievance is against a team, WLF-recognized league/conference or WLF-recognized organization officials, the person has first submitted the grievance to that entity and that entity has taken either action on the grievance or has had a reasonable opportunity to do so.

Name & Program/Team Affiliation of Grievant:

Grievant's Contact Information (Email, Phone):

Summary of Complaint (use the back of this form, if needed):

Cite section of Bylaws or Rules & Regulations that have been violated:

Grievant's Signature:

Date:



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2023 Season Invoice High School Dues

- Boys high school Varsity \$125 per team
- Girls high school Varsity \$125 per team
- Boys high school JV \$ 40 per team
- Girls high school JV \$ 40 per team

Payment of Dues:

- Bay Valley, Big Badger, Classic Eight and Independent Teams – Dues are paid directly to the Wisconsin Lacrosse Federation.
- Badgerland High School Girls ONLY – Dues will be billed and collected by the Badgerland Conference. The Badgerland Conference Treasurer will submit your team dues to the Wisconsin Lacrosse Federation.

Please complete the number of teams and team information requested and remit with a check or money order made payable to: WISCONSIN LACROSSE FEDERATION. Send completed form and check to: Carla Miller, WLF Treasurer, 1528 Pine Street, Waukesha, WI 53188

Payment is due on or before **March 5, 2023.**

Please contact Carla Miller, Treasurer with any questions or if a W-9 for is required prior to payment.
carla.miller@wisconsinlacrosse.com

Team Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Contact Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Contact Email: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Contact Cell#: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Level:	Enter # of Teams:		Dues per Team:	Total Team Dues:
Boys Varsity		x	\$ 125.00	\$
Boys JV		x	\$ 40.00	\$
Girls Varsity		x	\$ 125.00	\$
Girls JV		x	\$ 40.00	\$
Total Amount Due				\$



2022-2023 RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS

For the 2022-2023 high school lacrosse season, the WLF Board of Directors recognizes 2 officials organizations, 4 leagues/conferences and 3 independent programs.

OFFICIALS ORGANIZATIONS

- WILOA – Wisconsin Lacrosse Officials Association
- WLLOA – Wisconsin Ladies Lacrosse Officials Association

HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUES/CONFERENCES

- Badgerland Lacrosse Association – High School Girls
- Bay Valley Lacrosse Association – High School Girls and Boys
- Big Badger Lacrosse Association – High School Boys
- Classic 8 Conference – High School Girls and Boys

INDEPENDENT HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

- Superior Area Lacrosse, Inc.
- Wayland Academy



2022-2023 LEAGUE/CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVE DECLARATION

By resolution of the WLF Board, the 2022-2023 WLF board shall include voting board members who are designated representatives of WLF approved leagues/conferences.

Approved High School leagues/conferences for 2022-2023 are:

- Bay Valley Lacrosse Association
- Classic 8 Conference
- Big Badger Conference
- Badgerland Conference

These league/conference representative members of the board shall not be counted or considered for purposes of a quorum of the full board. They shall only be granted voting rights on matters before the WLF which directly impact the league/conference that they represent.

Voting rights for these league representatives shall be based on the scale below:

- 1 Vote - 1 to 10 registered/paid teams in the league/conference during the prior season
- 2 votes - 11 to 16 registered/paid teams in the league/conference during the prior season
- 3 votes - 17 or more registered/paid teams in the league/conference during the prior season

In all instances, eligibility to vote is based on the gender-specific team count within each program/club on the matter before the board. For example, if the Board is voting on a matter that impacts High School Girls, the number of registered High School Girls teams within each league/conference shall determine the league/conference representative's ability to vote and the weight of that vote. The number of teams in a program/club shall be determined based upon the number of registered/paid team registrations from the prior season.

League/Conference: _____

Representative's Information

Name: _____

USA Lacrosse Member Number: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Role within the League/Conference: _____

This form must be completed and submitted to the WLF Secretary, Becky Unterriker, at becky.unterriker@wisconsinlacrosse.com in order for the League/Conference Representative to be recognized by the WLF Board at a board meeting. A new form must be submitted if there is a change to the representative.



PAY SCHEDULE FOR OFFICIALS & UMPIRES

Game fees throughout the state are close, but not exactly the same and that can cause issues when officials travel outside their home district. Further, market conditions have created a shortage of skilled professionals, including officials, across the state. To address the shortage, and incent Wisconsin’s best and brightest to become lacrosse officials, the below fee rotation schedule is proposed - to be effective beginning January 1, 2023.

2022 game rates will not change with this schedule. For 2023 and beyond, there will be a 3-year fee increase rotation to help teams with budgeting purposes. All rate schedules will be published each Summer/Fall to ensure it is properly communicated.

- Year 1, varsity game fees increase by \$5.00
- Year 2, JV game fees increase by \$5.00
- Year 3, Youth game fees increase by \$5.00
 - After 8 years the 1-man youth game will increase \$10 to maintain 1 1/2 game fee
- Year 4, this rotation then starts again with an increase to the varsity game fees.

10-year schedule

	Varsity	JV	Youth	Youth 1-person (not U10 & Below)
2023	\$85.00	\$70.00	\$55.00	\$82.50
2024	\$85.00	\$75.00	\$55.00	\$82.50
2025	\$85.00	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$90.00
2026	\$90.00	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$90.00
2027	\$90.00	\$80.00	\$60.00	\$90.00
2028	\$90.00	\$80.00	\$65.00	\$97.50
2029	\$95.00	\$80.00	\$65.00	\$97.50
2030	\$95.00	\$85.00	\$65.00	\$97.50
2031	\$95.00	\$85.00	\$70.00	\$105.00
2032	\$100.00	\$85.00	\$70.00	\$105.00

Additionally, when an official travels outside their “home” area for games, the below round-trip mileage stipend chart will be used. This is to be reviewed annually.

0-50 miles	\$0.00
51-125 miles	\$40.00
126-200 miles	\$80.00
>200 miles	\$100.00