# **LACROSSE Policies & Pairings**

#### **State Tournament Pairings Format**

State Tournament pairings are determined by a schools RPI Ranking within that schools classification. Region scheduling formats will be the decision of the region.

Throughout the tournament, the team with the higher seed will be the designated home team.

#### **Playing Lines**

The UHSAA allows school discretion to use any NFHS-approved lines, per the NFHS rule book. However, the Association supports the usage of the NFHS-approved modified lines as schools add facilities that don't have preexisting lines.

#### Official Game Ball

The UHSAA does not have an official game ball in lacrosse in the regular season. However, the ball must meet the NCAA/NOCSAE standard, designated by a stamp of approval on the ball. Balls for the state tournament semifinals and finals will be provided by the UHSAA.

#### **Uniforms and Equipment**

All uniforms and equipment will have to meet the NFHS standards for high school play. Officials will verify equipment compliance as per NFHS rules. NOCSAE standards should be used where prescribed in the NFHS rules.

## **Ejections**

The ejection policy for lacrosse will follow existing UHSAA ejection policies. Officials will be encouraged to fill out ejection reports for lacrosse, but it will be the responsibility of a program's coaches and administrators to ensure that the UHSAA ejection protocol is followed according to the rule. Fouling out will not qualify as an ejection.

#### **Clock Protocol**

The UHSAA will follow all NFHS clock protocol rules, including the mercy rule.

## **Overtime Procedure**

The UHSAA will follow NFHS procedures for overtimes. The Association will use a golden goal in overtimes to determine a winner.

#### **Financial Responsibilities in Postseason Events**

Officials for postseason events are paid by host schools when games are contested at home sites. UHSAA will cover officiating costs at UHSAA-controlled venues, typically in the semifinals and finals