LACROSSE Policies & Pairings

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.

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.

State Tournament Pairings Format

State tournament placements will be based upon final RPI rankings. There is no points system that will be used for seeding. The top 16 teams based upon RPI will be seeded into “Division A” while the remaining teams will be seeded into “Division B” for state tournament competition.

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.