2016-2017 PIAA DISTRICT III M&T BANK LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

TO: Principals, Athletic Directors and Boys/Girls Lacrosse Coaches

FR: Michael J. Craig, District III Boys/Girls Lacrosse Chairman

RE: District III 2017 Boys and Girls Lacrosse Tournament

Conditions of Entry into District III Championships

District III member schools are not required to enter a team into the District III Championship events. Entry and participation in the 2017 District III M&T Bank Boys/Girls Lacrosse Championships is voluntary. Entry of a team signifies that the member school accepts the conditions and provisions that are described below. Furthermore, a member school accepts the fact that the chairman reserves the right to make changes in the management and operation of the championships, in his judgment; it becomes necessary to do so.

General Instructions

There will be two classes in boys and girls lacrosse for 2017. This is a change from previous years in this tournament. Seeding of the bracket will be based on the District III Power Ranking. Games against non-PIAA opponents will not count toward the ranking. The lacrosse power ranking deadline is Wednesday, May 10. All games played against PIAA opponents played on or before that date will count toward the final power ranking.

The top 16 Class 2A teams in both boys and girls will qualify for the District III M&T Bank Lacrosse Championships. The top 12 Class 3A teams in both boys and girls will qualify for the District III M&T Bank Lacrosse Championships.

We will not use an entry form for the tournament this spring. Rod Frisco will send a check on the power rating prior to the deadline of May 10, 2017 for a double check. Any questions or concerns with the power ranking, please email Michael Craig – District 3 Lacrosse Chairman at m craig@cvschools.org My cell # is 717-965-2993.
TOURNAMENT PLAYING DATES

GIRLS

CLASS 3A AND 2A FIRST ROUND: Monday, May 15 (home site of higher seed)
CLASS 3A AND 2A QUARTERFINALS: Wednesday, May 17 (home site of higher seed)
CLASS 3A AND 2A SEMIFINALS: Monday, May 22 (neutral sites)
CLASS 3A AND 2A THIRD PLACE: Wednesday, May 24 (neutral site)
CLASS 3A AND 2A CHAMPIONSHIP: Wednesday, May 24 (Hersheypark Stadium)

BOYS

CLASS 3A AND 2A FIRST ROUND: Tuesday, May 16 (home site of higher seed)
CLASS 3A AND 2A QUARTERFINALS: Thursday, May 18 (home site of higher seed)
CLASS 2A CONSOLATIONS: Tuesday, May 23 (neutral sites)
CLASS 3A AND 2A SEMIFINALS: Tuesday, May 23 (neutral sites)
CLASS 2A FIFTH PLACE: Thursday, May 25 (neutral site)
CLASS 3A AND 2A THIRD-PLACE: Thursday, May 25 (neutral site)
CLASS 3A AND 2A CHAMPIONSHIP: Thursday, May 25 (Hersheypark Stadium)

District III will attempt to play all games on the scheduled dates. In case of inclement weather, the game manager and boys/girls lacrosse chairman will make the final decision to play or postpone the game.

First Round and Quarterfinal Games

All first round and quarterfinal games will be played at the home site of the higher seeds. The remaining rounds will be played on neutral sites. There are no rental charges for the facility. Officials, game manager, and game workers will be paid by District III. If a hosting site is not available or does not meet regulations, the hosting school is responsible to secure and acceptable site and pay any rental fees involved. Final decisions will be the responsibility of the Lacrosse Chairman.

All games are 5 PM (No Lights) or 7:00 PM (with lights). The host school must contact the visiting school to confirm game details and provide directions to the site. Admission is $4.00 for students and $6.00 for adults. The host school must call Mike Craig with the results of the game. The names of the officials will be provided to the host schools ahead of time.
**Game Supervision/Pre/Game Meeting**

The principal or designee **MUST** identify him/herself to the game manager on the field 30 minutes prior to the start of the game and is required to participate in the Pre-game meeting conducted by the game manager 10 minutes prior to game time. He or she must remain within the team or spectator area during the game and report to the playing area after the game until the teams have left the playing area.

**Game Operation**

The top-seeded teams will be the **HOME TEAM** and shall wear white jerseys. The Lower-seeded teams will be the **VISITING TEAM** and shall wear dark jerseys. *(Example: #4 (HOME) vs. #13 (VISITOR))*

All schools playing in the tournament must supply 5 new top quality **White Balls** for each boys’ game and **Yellow balls** for each girls’ game. Schools must bring a clock, horn and 2 ball retrievers to run the sidelines.

The tie breaking method will be according to NFHS Rules. Officials will be assigned by the Chairman’s designees. The fees will be set and paid by the District III Committee.

**State Tournament Play**

District III will qualify the following number of teams to the PIAA Lacrosse Championships: AA Boys – 5 teams advance, AA Girls – 4 teams advance, AAA Boys – 3 teams advance, AAA Girls – 3 teams advance. The PIAA Championships dates are: First Round, Tuesday, May 30; Quarterfinals, Saturday, June 3; Semifinals Tuesday, June 6 and PIAA Championships Saturday, June 10.

**Banners and Noisemakers**

Banners and noisemakers are not permitted at any District III events. Stationary banners and signs with Sportsmanship messages are permitted with approval of game manager.

**Crowd Control**

The principal, along with the game manager and event security, is responsible for crowd control as it pertains to members of his/her school and other spectators from his/her school community.

**Ticket Prices**

- First Round: $4.00 for students and $6.00 for adults
- Quarterfinals: $4.00 for students and $6.00 for adults
- AA Boys Consolations: $4.00 for students and $6.00 for adults
- Semifinals: $4.00 for students and $6.00 for adults
- Finals and Third Place: $4.00 for students and $6.00 for adults

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