



2018-2019 PIAA DISTRICT III M&T BANK LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

FR: Chuck Abbott, District III Boys/Girls Lacrosse Chairman

RE: District III 2019 Boys and Girls Lacrosse Championships

Conditions of Entry into District III Championships:

Member schools are not required to enter a team into the District III Championship events. Entry and participation in the 2019 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; if it becomes necessary to do so.

General Instructions:

There will be two classes in boys and girls' lacrosse for 2019. Seeding of the brackets 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 8, 2019.** All games played against PIAA opponents played on or before that date will count toward the final power ranking. Contests against non-PIAA opponents will not be included in the final ranking.

The top 12 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. State College Area High School is eligible to qualify through the Class 3A Boys championship. State College will be entered into the 3A Boys power rankings and will follow the same qualification and procedural guidelines as a District III school.

Bobby Baker and Rod Frisco will send power rankings files to the member schools for review prior to the deadline of May 8, 2019. Any questions or concerns with the power ranking, please email Chuck Abbott – District III Lacrosse Chairman, at, chasabbo@gmail.com. My cell # is 717-521-2282.

Bobby's email is d3.bbaker@gmail.com. Rod's emails are tripletdad1@comcast.net and d3piaa@piaa.org.





District III Foul Weather Policy

Ninety minutes (1 hour and 30 minutes) is the maximum delay of a contest due to weather conditions. When lightning is a factor and instrumentation is available on site, officials shall consult with the Game Manager of the District III contest. Thirty (30) minutes from last lightning strike must elapse before teams retake the field. If the last strike does not allow enough time to resume the game due to maximum delay (90 minutes), and a winner cannot be determined by NFHS or PIAA rule, the game shall be rescheduled or resumed at that point the next available day.

The Game Manager is responsible for game procedures until the start of play. Once play begins and weather becomes a factor, the Game Manager will consult with the officials to make a decision. Ultimately, the Game Manager, upon consultation with officials, will make the determination if weather does not allow continuation of the event.

2019 TOURNAMENT PLAYING DATES:

Girls

CLASS 3A AND 2A FIRST ROUND	Monday, May 13, 2019 (Home Site of Higher Seed)
CLASS 3A AND 2A QUARTERFINALS	Wednesday, May 15, 2019 (Home Site of Higher Seed)
CLASS 3A AND 2A SEMIFINALS	Monday, May 20, 2019 (Neutral Site)
CLASS 3A AND 2A THIRD-PLACE	Wednesday, May 22, 2019 (Neutral Site)
CLASS 3A AND 2A CHAMPIONSHIP	Wednesday, May 22, 2019 (Landis Field, Central Dauphin SD)

Boys

CLASS 3A AND 2A FIRST ROUND	Tuesday, May 14, 2019 (Home Site of Higher Seed)
CLASS 3A AND 2A QUARTERFINALS	Thursday, May 16, 2019 (Home Site of Higher Seed)
CLASS 3A AND 2A SEMIFINALS	Tuesday, May 21 2019 (Neutral Site)
CLASS 3A AND 2A THIRD PLACE	Thursday, May 23, 2019 (Neutral Site)
CLASS 3A AND 2A CHAMPIONSHIP	Thursday, May 23, 2019 (Landis Field, Central Dauphin SD)

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.

The District III Committee will alter established game times to avoid conflicts with school graduation, baccalaureate, and state or federal testing.





First Round and Quarter-Final 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 an 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/text Chuck Abbott (717-521-2282) and Rod Frisco (717) 645-6923**, with the results of the game. The names of the officials will be provided to the host schools ahead of time.

Ticket Prices:

First Round: \$4.00 for students and \$6.00 for adults
Quarter-Finals: \$4.00 for students and \$6.00 for adults.
AA Boys Consolations: \$4.00 for students and \$6.00 for adults
AAA Girls Consolations: \$4.00 for students and \$6.00 for adults
Semi-Finals: \$4.00 for students and \$6.00 for adults
Finals and Third Place: \$4.00 for students and \$6.00 for adults

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 team's 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 **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.





Sportsmanship

Banners, hand held signs, or noisemakers of any type are not permitted at District III events. Menacing actions and gestures toward opposing players or officials will not be tolerated. Please stress positive support for the participants.

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.

State Tournament Play:

District III will qualify the following number of teams to the PIAA Lacrosse Championships:

AA Boys – 4 teams advance

AA Girls – 4 teams advance

AAA Boys – 4 teams advance

AAA Girls – 3 teams advance

Girls/Boys PIAA Championships Dates:

First Round: Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Quarterfinals: Saturday, June 1, 2019

Semifinals: Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Girls PIAA Championships: Saturday, June 8, 2019 (West Chester East High School)

AA – 10:00 AM

AAA – Noon

Boys PIAA Championships: Saturday, June 8, 2019 (West Chester East High School)

AA – 2:30 PM

AAA – 4:30 PM

