



# 2012 NCS/LES SCHWAB TIRES BOYS' & GIRLS' LACROSSE DIVISIONS 1 & 2 CHAMPIONSHIP BULLETIN

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TO: LACROSSE COACHES, PRINCIPALS, ATHLETIC DIRECTORS, OFFICIALS  
ASSOCIATIONS, LEAGUE COMMISSIONERS, AND NCS STAFF

FROM: Karen Smith, Associate Commissioner

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**\*\*\* IMPORTANT LACROSSE DATES \*\*\***

## MONDAY, April 30, 2012

DEADLINE for the following items:

- TEAM ROSTER submitted via website
- Schedule and game scores must be submitted to [www.maxpreps.com](http://www.maxpreps.com)

STEPS TO SUBMIT ROSTER:

- Go to the lacrosse homepage at [www.cifncs.org/sports/lacrosse](http://www.cifncs.org/sports/lacrosse)
- Click on ROSTER INPUT
- Input ALL information and submit
- Check to ensure that the NCS has received your roster by going to the lacrosse home page ([www.cifncs.org/sports/lacrosse](http://www.cifncs.org/sports/lacrosse)) and clicking on "Championship Forms Verification".

## FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2012

Final date for league competition. Deadline for determining league champions.

Final date for submission of automatic/at-large applications to the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championships **(ALL APPLICATIONS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED VIA THE WEB BY 10:00 PM FOR CONSIDERATION)**.

STEPS TO SUBMIT AUTOMATIC/AT-LARGE APPLICATION:

- Go to the Lacrosse homepage at [www.cifncs.org/sports/lacrosse](http://www.cifncs.org/sports/lacrosse)
- Click on AUTOMATIC/AT-LARGE APPLICATION (MUST BE SUBMITTED TO BE CONSIDERED)
- Input ALL information and submit
- Email ([ksmith10@cifncs.org](mailto:ksmith10@cifncs.org)) or fax (925-263-2120) application to host (download form from [www.cifncs.org/sports/lacrosse](http://www.cifncs.org/sports/lacrosse))
- Check to ensure that the NCS has received your forms by going to the lacrosse home page ([www.cifncs.org/sports/lacrosse](http://www.cifncs.org/sports/lacrosse)) and clicking on "Championship Forms Verification"



**FARMERS**

## SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012

At-Large & Seeding Meeting – COACHES DO NOT ATTEND THE MEETING HOWEVER ONCE THE BRACKETS ARE POSTED THE HOSTING SCHOOL WILL NEED TO COME THE NORTH COAST SECTION OFFICE AND PICK UP HOSTING MATERIALS. The selection and seeding meeting will be conducted as a closed meeting. NCS member schools have authorized the use of one committee comprised of representatives from NCS Conferences. Each committee will be responsible for the selection of the at-large teams and seeding of each tournament. The committees have been selected and committee members are currently monitoring the Lacrosse competition of NCS member schools. Tournament brackets will be posted on the NCS website as they are developed.

### MATERIALS FOR HOSTING

When brackets are posted Saturday, May 12, 2012, a hosting school representative must pick-up game materials at the NCS office between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Game materials include the gate bag for the game you are hosting, team packets, and team certificates for you and your opponent.

## DIVISIONS AND FORMAT

Championships shall be conducted in TWO divisions using previous year's TOTAL school enrollment numbers, grades 9-12.

<u>Division</u>	<u>Bracket Size</u>
Division 1 = 1401 & above	up to 16 teams
Division 2 = 1400-& below	up to 16 teams

If a team of larger division participates in a league with schools of a smaller division, that school must compete in its actual division during post-season competition in team sports. Each championship will be conducted over a two-week period. School listings by division can be found at the NCS website, [www.cifncs.org](http://www.cifncs.org), Lacrosse Home Page.

## NEW! MINIMUM QUALIFYING RECORD-

*To be accepted as a participant in the NCS/Les Schwab Tires Lacrosse Championships, a team shall have compiled a winning overall record, or a winning record against teams in its own division or a winning record in its own league.*

*Exception: league champions gain automatic entry.*

- a. A winning record is defined as a team having won more games than it has lost.*
- b. "Teams in its own division" is defined as any team whose grades 9-12 enrollment falls within the school's NCS Lacrosse Division.*
- c. Games against teams outside of the United States will not be counted in determining the "winning record within a division".*

## CRITERIA FOR AT-LARGE SELECTION

The criteria for selection of at-large teams for NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championship Series in all appropriate sports shall be a balance between:

- a) Record over-all
  1. League/Place co-champion
  2. League Playoff
  3. Non-league (pre-season-other)
- b) Strength of Schedule
  1. Record against teams in the same division
  2. Record against teams in a higher division
  3. Head-to-head against teams which have qualified or are being considered.
  4. Record against common opponents
  5. Coaches ranking

## BRACKET SIZE

The tournament bracketing for the boys' and girls' tournaments will be a standard single elimination championship bracket. There will not be a consolation bracket. Only winners will advance to next round games up to the championship contest.

The brackets for the 2012 NCS/Les Schwab Tires Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse Championships will be as follows:

Division 1 & 2 Boys' and Division 1 & 2 Girls'-: up to 16-teams

## SITE SELECTION (Schools desiring to host must fax or email their school's Application to Host form to the NCS office, f-925-263-2120 or e-ksmith10@cifncs.org)

### Site Selection

Selection of sites for first round and semifinal contests in the sport of LACROSSE shall be determined according to the following priorities and criteria.

Conduct the contest at the home site or in the geographical area of the league champion, provided the league champion can provide a site that meets the criteria for the respective championship series event. If the league champion is unable to provide a site that meets the criteria, the contest may be hosted by and conducted at the site or in the geographical area of the other competing school provided its site meets the criteria. If neither school can provide a site that meets the criteria, the NCS staff will arrange for the contest to be conducted at a neutral site. The area of the league champion will be given preference if a site, which meets the criteria, is available. If there is not any available site, which meets the criteria, NCS staff will select a site balancing all applicable factors.

If a league champion is not involved in the contest, the contest will be conducted at the site or in the geographical area of the highest-seeded team provided the highest-seeded team is able to provide a site that meets the criteria for the respective championship series event. If the highest-seeded team is unable to provide a site that meets the criteria, the contest will be conducted at the site or in the geographical area of the other competing school provided its site meets the criteria. If neither school can provide a site that meets the criteria, the NCS staff will arrange for the contest to be conducted at a neutral site. The area of the highest-seeded team will be given preference if a site, which meets the criteria, is available. If there is not any available site, which meets the criteria, the NCS staff will select a site balancing all applicable factors.

- a. League champions may host first and semifinal round games provided their LACROSSE facility meets the minimum NCS host site criteria.
- b. When two league champions meet in the first and semifinal round the higher seeded team will have the opportunity to host, providing its site meets the established criteria.
- c. When two non-league champions meet in the first and semifinal round the higher seed will have the opportunity to host, providing its site meets the established criteria.
- d. Final sites
  - 1) The NCS staff will determine final sites (including alternate sites if appropriate)

#### **HOSTING FIRST AND SEMIFINAL ROUND GAMES**

a. League champions will have the first option to host First and Semifinal round games provided the league champion's facility meets the minimum NCS host site criteria.

1. The playing field must meet all minimum standards as described in the National Federation rulebook for the respective sport
2. Minimum seating capacity of 1<sup>st</sup> round matches: 50  
Semifinal matches: 100
3. Adequate, safe and lighted parking for spectators within a reasonable distance of the facility
4. Adequate rest room facilities for spectators
5. Public address system
6. Easily accessible telephone in case of emergency
7. Capable of securing the facility for the purpose of collecting admission
8. Provide the required site personnel
9. Pay the site personnel in accordance with the NCS fee schedule
10. Display NCS sponsorship banners unless the school has an exclusive agreement with a competing sponsor
11. Make the required NCS public address announcements
12. Site costs must be within the costs allowed by NCS for the respective activity

Note: Additional costs shall be the responsibility of the host school

13. Sites must conform to the American Disabilities Act.
14. Staff will be allowed to adjust "sites", when circumstances warrant, for the maximum benefit of the respective tournament

#### **NOTE: NCS Sports and General Rulings handbook Bylaw 525H Neutral Site Adjustment**

When schools provide a site for NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championships in LACROSSE that meets the criteria for site selection and agree to host playoff games regardless of whether or not their team(s) will be involved, the site will be treated as a designated site. Thus, the host school, provided it proceeds through the elimination process and is the highest seeded team in the respective contest, could play a semifinal or championship contest on its own facility. Any school which indicates a willingness to be a "Designated Site", then withdraws after its team has been eliminated in the first, second or semifinal round of the playoffs shall lose the right to host any NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championship Event for a two year period beginning with the last day of the respective NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championship Tournament.

#### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 16 - 1st ROUND GAMES** -League Champions or Higher seed host.

Game times: If afternoon games: 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. for doubleheaders and 5:30 p.m. for a single game. If evening games: 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. for doubleheaders and 7:00 p.m. for a single game.

#### **FRI., MAY 18/SAT., MAY 19 - QUARTERFINAL ROUND GAMES** -League Champions or Higher seed host.

Game times: If afternoon games: 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. for doubleheaders and 5:30 p.m. for a single game. If evening games: 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. for doubleheaders and 7:00 p.m. for a single game. For Saturday games 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. for doubleheaders and 2:00 p.m. for a single game. If evening game(s): 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. for doubleheader and 7:00 p.m. for a single game.

#### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 23- SEMIFINALS** - League Champions or Higher seed host.

Game times: If afternoon games: 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. for doubleheaders and 5:30 p.m. for a single game. If evening games: 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. for doubleheaders and 7:00 p.m. for a single game.

#### **FRI., MAY 25/SAT., MAY 26 - FINALS** – TBA

Game times: If afternoon game(s): 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. for doubleheaders and 5:30 p.m. for a single game. If evening game(s): 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. for doubleheader and 7:00 p.m. for a single game. For Saturday games 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. for doubleheaders and 2:00 p.m. for a single game. If evening game(s): 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. for doubleheader and 7:00 p.m. for a single game. Game times may be adjusted by NCS staff.

#### **ADMISSION**

Participating teams will receive complimentary admission according to the following formula:

TEAM PARTY - Players listed on the roster in uniform will be admitted as a group without a ticket. The coach must be present at the gate to identify the players.

GATE LIST - The gate list will include team drivers, faculty supervisors, manager and statistician. Spirit squad members will be admitted in uniform.

ADMISSION FEES

Adults.....\$9.00  
Child.....\$6.00 (ages 4-12 accompanied by an adult)  
Senior Citizen.....\$6.00  
Student.....\$6.00 (with student body card)

**PASSES**

Only the NCS Board of Managers, Management Committee, Superintendent, Honor Coach, NCS Media and Photo passes, NCS and CIF Lifetime Pass (metal) and CIF Courtesy Card will be honored at the gate. **No league or school passes will be recognized for admission.**

**GAME ADMINISTRATION**

Although it is necessary that one team is designated as the home team, it must be kept in mind that each game belongs equally to both competing schools.

**WARM-UP**

Teams shall be granted a minimum of 30 minutes for warm-up on the field prior to a NCS/Les Schwab Tires Lacrosse Championship game.

**TIED GAMES**

Refer to the current National Federation (Boy's only) or US LACROSSE (Girls only) Rule Book for sudden-win / overtime rules and procedures.

**OFFICIAL GAME BALL**

The Ball for the sport of Lacrosse must have the NFHS authentication mark and be white for boys' lacrosse and yellow for girls' lacrosse.

**ADMINISTRATOR-IN-CHARGE**

Each school, which is participating in a NCS team championship series, (football, volleyball, water polo, basketball, LACROSSE, baseball, softball) must have an administrative level representative or designee, in addition to the team coach, in attendance before, during, and after the event each time that the school competes. The school's principal must indicate in writing the name of the person (certificated faculty member or certified coach under Title V for public schools, contracted faculty/approved coaching staff members for private schools) provided the person is not coaching (neither the head coach or an assistant coach who is the Administrator-in-Charge (responsible for crowd control, student behavior, and injury care) whenever that school's team is participating in the respective NCS event. This letter shall be presented to the Site Director when the person reports to the Site Director as instructed at the orientation meeting.

Note: The Administrator-in-Charge Registration form may be signed by any school administrator (vice principal and assistant principal) and/or the school athletic director.

*(Board of Managers 1/23/98)*

**INTRODUCTION OF PLAYERS**

All players from each team will be introduced over the public address system. Each coach will send the list of players, including first and last names, number, position and grade, to be introduced to the P.A. announcer at least 40 minutes prior to the start of the contest. The players to be introduced will gather behind their respective benches. Upon introduction each player will run to the center of the midfield and wait until all players have been announced. Coaches will be introduced last.

**ENTRY FEES**

The NCS Office will bill the respective league/conference commissioner a \$85.00 entry fee for each team from the commissioner's league/conference which participates in NCS/LES SCHWAB TIRES LACROSSE Championships.

**VIDEO-TAPING**

(See Bylaw 1009H in the Sports & General Rulings Handbook)

**AWARDS**

**Team and Individual Awards**

A plaque will be awarded to the first place team. Pennants will be awarded to the first and second place teams. Medals (32 per team) will be awarded to the individual players on the first and second place teams.

## **SOUVENIRS**

Souvenir programs will be on sale at all contests for \$3.00. Schools may order NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championship LACROSSE T-Shirts (\$17.00, XX Lg. shirts are \$19), long sleeve T-shirts (\$20.00, XX Lg. \$22.00), sweatshirts (\$33.00, XXLg. Sweatshirts are \$35.00), hats (\$17.00), patches (\$17.00), Wind shirts and Polar Tec Vests (\$48.00, XXL \$50.00) and Polo shirts (\$28.00, XXLg. \$30.00) at selected sites. Schools may also order NCS/Les Schwab Tires Championship T-Shirts, sweatshirts, patches and other souvenirs using the enclosed souvenir order form. Coaches may use check, cash, MasterCard, Visa, Discover, school purchase order, requisition form and school billing to purchase souvenirs. Call the NCS office if you have any questions. Information regarding souvenirs is also available at the NCS Website - [www.cifncs.org](http://www.cifncs.org).

## **TEAM TRANSPORTATION**

Teams are not reimbursed for travel costs in LACROSSE.

**ALL FORMS REFERED TO IN THIS DOCUMENT CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE  
NCS WEBSITE AT [www.cifncs.org/sports/lacrosse](http://www.cifncs.org/sports/lacrosse)**

