

January 13, 2021

To: OHSLA Coaches and Clubs

From: OHSLA Commissioner

Re: Revised 2021 Boys Lacrosse Season and Schedule

Dear Coaches and Club Officers:

The OHSLA Board has been consistently meeting, discussing and monitoring the status and conditions affecting the start of the upcoming 2021 OSAA Covid abbreviated sport seasons. With lacrosse planned for Season 3, it is our goal to provide each club/conference the best opportunity to play a modified regular season while still providing for a meaningful post season playoff structure. To that end, please note the key dates and milestones below for our 2021 OHSLA Boys Lacrosse season given the current Covid guidelines and policies in place. More details will follow in the coming days.

Key Dates:

- April 5: Official opening day of OSAA Season 3
- April 5-13: Practice period. Each club will be allowed a maximum of 7 practice days within this 9-day period.
- April 14: Official start of regular season games.
- April 14 – May 7: Regular season period. Each club will be allowed a maximum of 7 games consisting of 2 non-conference games and 5 conference games*.
OHSLA and OLOA will support the scheduling of weekend games for the 2021 regular season.
- May 10: 1st Round of Playoffs
- May 12: 2nd Round of Playoffs
- May 15: Quarter Finals
- May 19: Semi Finals
- May 22: Finals

***Postseason Playoff Format:**

1. 32 team bracket with the winners side of the bracket determining the OHSLA State Champion. The losing side of the bracket will determine the OHSLA Cascade Cup Champion
2. Automatic Qualifiers: Each conference will place their top 4 teams into the 32 team playoff field as determined by each conference's 5 game conference schedule. OHSLA will appoint a Seeding Committee to then seed the 32 teams based on each conference's average power ranking from the prior four years. More details to follow regarding seeding.
3. Teams not qualifying for the 32 team playoff bracket will be allowed to schedule additional games during the playoff period. Teams that drop out of the playoffs will also be allowed to schedule additional games with other teams not in the playoffs. These games will be scheduled on the non-playoff dates shown. More details to follow regarding post season game scheduling.