



2008 State Championships Facts

Washington State Championships

The 30th annual Washington High School State Lacrosse Championships will determine the Washington State champion in Boys Division I and Division II and Girls Varsity A and Varsity B lacrosse. In addition to the state title games, the tournament includes boys and girls All-State and All-American awards and youth games featuring girl's teams of 3rd and 4th graders. There is also a boy's 5th and 6th grade game where participants are selected for play based on sportsmanship, rather than on-field record.

Washington State Lacrosse Playoffs

Three-rounds of single elimination playoffs; play-in games, quarter-final and semi-final games take place from May 6 and 7 through May 13 and 14 to determine teams that will represent each division in the state title games May 17.

Boys Playoffs

In Boys Division I, 12 teams vie for the state title, progressing through a quarter-final round of playoffs May 9 and 10 and semi-final round of playoffs May 13 and 14. In 2008 for the first-time, a "play-in" round May 7 and 8 became necessary to break a four-way tie for 7th place in the Division. In Boys Division II, 12 teams make an initial post-season cut with four teams earning a bye straight to the quarter-final playoffs May 9 and 10 and eight teams compete in "play-in" games May 6 and 7. Semi-final playoffs take place May 13 and 14.

Girls Playoffs

In Girls Varsity A and Varsity B, six teams in each division earn a playoff spot. In Division A, the number one seeds from the East and West Division earn a bye in the quarter-final round May 9 and 10. In Division B, the top two seeds earn a bye.

Washington Lacrosse State Championship Title Game

Historical Venues

Seattle Center Memorial Stadium (2008, 2007, 2006)

Qwest Field (2005, 2004, 2003)

Mercer Island High School (9 years 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1998, 1997, 1996, 1995, 1994, 1993)

Home Field of Top Ranked Team (1979 – 1992)

Attendance

2007 Memorial Stadium 3,100 (paid)

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Boys Division I State Tournament Records*

Historical State Champions <http://www.whsbla.org/archives/div%201%20champs.htm>

2007 Champion	Bainbridge Island (defeated Mercer Island 9 - 7)
All-Time State Title Leader	Bainbridge Island (11 – 2007, 2003, 2002, 2000, 1999, 1998, 1997, 1996, 1995, 1994, 1992)
Consecutive State Titles	Bainbridge Island (7 – 2000, 1999, 1998, 1997, 1996, 1995, 1994)
Most State Title Game Appearances**	Lakeside School (14 - 2000, 1999, 1998, 1997, 1994, 1993, 1990, 1989, 1988, 1987, 1982, 1981, 1980, 1979)
Most State Title Appearances Without a Win**	Lakeside School (7 – 2000, 1999, 1998, 1997, 1994, 1990, 1989)
First State Title	Lakeside School (1979)

Boys Division II State Tournament Records*

Historical State Champions <http://www.whsbla.org/archives/div%202%20champs.htm>

2007 Champion	Tacoma (multi-school team) (defeated Puyallup 13 - 7)
All-Time State Title Leader	Maple Valley (2 - 2000, 1999), Vashon (2 - 2005, 1997)
Consecutive State Titles	Maple Valley (2 – 2000, 1999)
Most State Title Game Appearances	Vashon (4 – 2005, 1997, 1996, 1994)
Most State Title Appearances Without a Win	Nathan Hale (3 – 2000, 1999, 1997)
First State Title	Curtis (1994)

Girls Varsity A State Tournament Action***

Historical State Champions <http://www.wslax.org/pastchamps.php>

2007 Champion	Lakeside School (defeated Bainbridge 10 - 6)
All-Time State Title Leader	Bainbridge Island (7 – 2005, 2004, 2002, 2000, 1996, 1995, 1994)
Consecutive State Titles	Bainbridge Island (3 - 1996, 1995, 1994)
First State Title	Bellevue (1993)

Girls Varsity B State Tournament Records***

Historical State Champions <http://www.wslax.org/pastchamps.php>

2007 Champion	Tacoma (multi-school team) (defeated Lakeside 18 - 10)
All-Time State Title Leader	No team has won more than one title
Consecutive State Titles	No team has won more than one title
First State Title	Forest Ridge Academy (2002)

*Boys Varsity split into Division I and Division II in 1994

**Boys Division I runner-up data tracked only from 1989

***Girls Varsity split into Varsity A and Varsity B in 2002 (runner-up data not available for girls)

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About the Washington Lacrosse High School State Championships

The Washington Lacrosse High School State Championships are celebrating their 30th anniversary in 2008 with four title games at Seattle Center's Memorial Stadium. The first Washington boy's state title was contested in 1979 with the Lakeside School emerging as Washington's first state champion. Boys Division II crowned its first state champion - Curtis in 1994. Girl's state championship play began in 1993 with Bellevue capturing the Girls Varsity A state title. Girls Varsity B play began in 2002 with Forest Ridge crowned as champion. Each year, during the Washington Lacrosse High School State Championships, Washington's All-State teams and All-American selections are recognized. For more information on The Washington Lacrosse High School State Championships please visit:

http://www.uslax-wa.org/08state_champ.html

About High School Lacrosse in Washington State

Over 2,100 high school students representing 71 boys and 38 girls teams play lacrosse in Washington state during a 10-week regular season March - May, with the Washington State High School Championships taking place in late May. Varsity boy's lacrosse is contested in the Washington High School Boys Lacrosse Association with 14 Division I and 24 Division II teams representing high schools throughout the Puget Sound area. Varsity girl's lacrosse is contested in the Washington School girls Lacrosse Association with 10 Varsity A and 14 Varsity B teams representing high schools throughout the Puget Sound area. Lacrosse is considered the fastest growing sport in the U.S. with the sport among the fastest growing in Washington State. For more information visit the Washington High School Boys Lacrosse Association at www.WHSBLA.org and the Washington Schoolgirl's Lacrosse Association at www.WSLAX.org.

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