



2008 FACT SHEET

About High School Lacrosse in Washington State

Over 2,100 high school students representing 71 boy's and 38 girl's 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.

Lacrosse Facts:

- Twenty-eight (28) 4A or 3A high schools in Washington state field lacrosse teams.
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- Varsity girl's lacrosse is contested in the Washington Schoolgirls Lacrosse Association with 10 Varsity A and 14 Varsity B teams representing high schools throughout the Puget Sound area.
- Although Lacrosse is not sanctioned by the WIAA, it is represented by the Washington High School Boys Lacrosse Association and Washington Schoolgirls Lacrosse Association.

Lacrosse Growth in Washington

- Lacrosse players in Washington increased 197 percent between 2000 and 2006
- Lacrosse teams in Washington increased 215 percent between 2000 and 2006**
- In 2007, lacrosse grew 15 percent for both men and women. Youth participation accounted for much of this growth, with youth boys participation growing by 27 percent, while youth girls participation increased by 36 percent
- Since 2005, the number of players have grown 42 percent, with the number of teams growing 40 percent

* 2007 US Lacrosse – Washington State Chapter annual Participant Survey

** Annual membership surveys conducted from 2000-2007

2008 Regular Season
March 10 – May 6

2008 Quarter Final Playoffs
May 9 / 10

2008 Washington State Championships
May 17 – Memorial Stadium – Seattle

2008 Semifinal Playoffs
May 13 / 14

2007 State Champions

Boy's Division I	Bainbridge
Boy's Division II	Tacoma
Girl's Varsity A	Lakeside
Girl's Varsity B	Tacoma

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