

Assigning Priorities for 2024:

- Please remember that priorities are set to try to minimize disruptions to scheduled games as much as possible! As I'm sure you're aware there is a Nationwide shortage of officials in all sports. The shortage is not exclusive to lacrosse in Indiana!
- Below are the details, but the short summary is that the more games in a row, the higher the priority.
- If you are a single team program then it is in your best interest to pair up with other programs and schedule doubleheaders, round robins, jamborees, etc.

Monday, Wednesday:

1. IHSLA Local Consecutive Games
 - This would mean JV/V back to back games. Local is defined as a reasonable distance to travel on a school day/night.
 - Remember that IYLA can piggyback onto these games as well. Since we could just use the same crew we could consider it as part of the consecutive games.
 - Organizations with only one team can arrange to play doubleheaders at the same site so the same crew can be used. Ex. Team A hosts Team B at 17:30, Team C then plays Team D at Team A's field at 19:30.
 - Likewise two teams in close proximity could schedule accordingly so the same crew could be used on both games. Ex. Team A and Team B play at 17:30. Then Team C which is four miles away hosts Team D at 20:00. The officials could easily commute between the two sites.
2. IHSLA Local Single Games
 - One single Varsity, JV, or Fr. Game, etc.
3. IHSLA Single Concurrent Games involving same organization
 - This is mainly an IYLA issue, but this will put multiple games being hosted by the same organization at the same time low on the priority list. Ex. The JV and V both play at 18:00 on two different fields.
4. IHSLA Local Games where at least one official would need to travel from out of area.
5. IHSLA Travel Games
 - Travel is defined as a distance considered unreasonable for a school day/night.
 - 30 miles is the general guide for that, but that is not set in stone. For instance Heritage Christian and Southport/Perry Meridian are only 23 miles apart. But with rush hour traffic would be at least an hour's drive.
 - On the flipside Southport/Perry Meridian are 35 miles from Columbus, but traffic would not be an issue and would likely be no more than a 45 minute drive

6. All Other Games

Tuesday and Thursday

1. Same as MW are for IHSLA, only for IYLA

Friday

1. Same as MW are for IHSLA, only with travel games getting equal priority since it isn't a school night.

Saturday and Sunday

1. All Travel Consecutive Games
 - The more games in a row the higher the priority.
 - This includes tournaments and jamborees that might have multiple fields playing concurrently. Priority will be based on how many games in a row where the same crew can be used are being played.
 - Note that two local teams can play as part of a tournament or jamboree provided the same crew can be used for games involving travel.
2. All Single games against an out of state opponent
 - Due to most out of state opponents not having the same priority system or having other restrictions we do not want to inhibit team's opportunities to play against out of state teams.
3. All Single travel games against in-state opponent
4. All Concurrent Games involving same organization
5. Travel Games where at least one official would need to travel from out of area.
6. All Local Games