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## CIAC and Hartford HealthCare Partner for 2026 State Lacrosse Championships

CHESHIRE, CT (April 29, 2026) – Today, the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) announced a multi-year partnership with Hartford HealthCare to become the presenting sponsor of the CIAC Boys and Girls Lacrosse State Championships. The CIAC lacrosse state championship games will be held at Fairfield University's Rafferty Stadium on Saturday, June 13 (Girls), and Sunday, June 14 (Boys).

The 2026 CIAC Boys and Girls lacrosse state tournaments will begin with first round games on May 29 and May 30, and two weeks later top teams in four different divisions (LL, L, M, S) will compete in the eight state title games on Championship Weekend. All state finals will be livestreamed on the NFHS Network

"We are excited that the CIAC's multi-year partnership with Hartford HealthCare will help to further elevate the championship experience for Connecticut student athletes" said Dr. Glenn Lungarini, Executive Director of the CIAC. "Hartford HealthCare's name is recognized not only for expert medical care, but for the investment it makes in communities across the state. Just as Hartford HealthCare is known throughout the country for the excellence of its physicians and staff, CIAC lacrosse athletes bring an elite level of skill and dedication that makes Connecticut high school lacrosse stand out nationally as well. On behalf of the CIAC and its boys and girls lacrosse committees, I thank Hartford HealthCare for supporting the CIAC's mission of lifetime lessons, and memories, through education-based athletics."

"At Connecticut Orthopaedic Institute, we see firsthand the dedication, discipline, and teamwork that student-athletes bring to their sport," said Thomas Mangano, Vice President Connecticut Orthopaedic Institute "Lacrosse is a fast-paced, high-intensity game, and we're proud to partner with CIAC to support these athletes not only on championship weekend, but throughout their season providing expert care, injury prevention, and a shared commitment to helping these student athletes compete safely and perform at their best."



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