

## Major League Lacrosse Championships This Weekend 8/20-22

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Lacrosse enthusiasts have great reason to be excited for this weekend. With bluebird skies, sunshine, and bearable temps in the forecast Saturday and Sunday, the opportunity to enjoy Major League Lacrosse's Championship Weekend at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis is as good as it gets. And even better, your hometown Chesapeake Bayhawks will be competing for professional lacrosse's ultimate prize, the Steinfeld Cup.

Championship weekend faces off at 12 noon on Saturday, when the Bayhawks battle the Boston Cannons in semifinal action, with the winner advancing to Sunday's Championship game. At 3 p.m. Saturday, the doubleheader semifinal features the Long Island Lizards vs. the Denver Outlaws.

It's been a season of ups and downs for the Bayhawks, who started hot with wins over Long Island and Toronto by a combined score of 41-20. At the mid-mark of the season, they sat near the top of the standings with a comfortable 4-1 record. Then, the season all but completely collapsed. The Bayhawks suffered six consecutive defeats, before capping the regular season with two wins, including the season's finale over Boston.



That final win was enough to catapult the Bayhawks into the fourth playoff spot. And now they'll face the same Boston team that they've beaten twice already this season (Boston won a third game). The matchup promises to be an exciting battle between two highly competitive rivals.

Sunday's 1 p.m. Championship game will feature the winners of Saturday's semifinal action and will cap off a weekend of entertainment that begins tomorrow. The four teams will hold practices on Friday at the Severn School fields (201 Water St., Severna Park, MD 21146) from

2:30-5 p.m. The practices are open to the public and offer a great opportunity for youngsters learning the sport to witness the pros' preparation and daily drills. After watching the pros practice, head down to City Dock, Annapolis (Susan C. Campbell Park) for the free MLL Championship Kick Off Party by the water, featuring the live music of Mad Planet and more fun for the whole family.

Gameday festivities at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium will allow tailgating in the stadium lots, which open at 9 a.m. Inside the stadium multiple food/beverage concession areas will be open throughout the venue along with multiple merchandise stations carrying MLL Championship Weekend merchandise and other MLL sponsored products for purchase.

Parking rates are \$10/vehicle and there is no re-entry for either day.

Bus and RV parking is available at a rate of \$20/vehicle.

Championship Weekend Tickets 2-day package for Sat.-Sun. is \$30.

Single day tickets are available for \$20.

You can purchase tickets online at [MajorLeagueLacrosse.com/tickets](http://MajorLeagueLacrosse.com/tickets) OR at the stadium's ticket office on gameday.

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