

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

Boys Lacrosse Committee Meeting

East Lansing, May 13, 2010

Members Present

Mike Campbell, Grand Rapids
Rick DeBlasio, East Grand Rapids (Advisory)
Bob Dowd, Troy (MIAAA)
Steve Emert, Walled Lake
Aaron Frank, Birmingham (Finals Mgr.)
Shawn Grady, Okemos (Coaches Association)
Michelle Hicks, Grosse Pointe Woods
Mike Jolly, Warren (Advisory)

Mike Costello, Ann Arbor
Dennis Noe, Farmington
Clark Udell, Grand Rapids
Mark Woodson, Romulus
Mike VanAntwerp, Holt

Staff Member

Tom Rashid

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES AND REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ACTION

The agenda and minutes of the May 7, 2009 and January 20, 2010 meetings were presented in advance. It was reported that on May 2, 2010 the Representative Council did not approve the Boys Lacrosse Committee recommendation to allow school-supported teams in any sport one educational travel allowance greater than the 600 mile round-trip limitation competition within the continental United States. A recommendation was approved that boys lacrosse teams may have two other dates of competition in any week when a multi-team tournament is played.

2010 TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

The late season Regional alignments for Division 1, Regions 1-4 and Division 2, Regions 5-8 were seeded based upon the pre-determined criteria from #1 seed to #12 seed depending on the number of teams in each Region. Preliminary recommendations were submitted and laxpower.com consulted. The pairings were posted on mhsaa.com the afternoon of the meeting, are final and not subject to appeal. The 2010 Semifinal pairings determined by the committee are as follows: Division 1- Regional 1 at 2 and 4 at 3; Division 2 - Regional 8 at 5 and 7 at 6.

OFFICIALS

Committee members were presented a list of 138 MHSAA registered officials who had completed a rules meeting. Of this number 53 had no ratings submitted indicating 1st or 2nd year officials. Recommendations from the two Lacrosse Officials Associations and three MHSAA registered assigners were presented to the committee as part of staff recommendations for assignments to tournament games from Regional Semifinal through MHSAA Finals. The official ratings and number of ratings submitted for each official collected since 2004-05 were also presented. The committee received a list of those officials who worked MHSAA Finals since the tournament first began in 2004-05 and Semifinal assignments for the previous year. The committee finalized officials to fill 56 positions at Regional Semifinals and Finals, 16 Semifinal officials and eight Finals officials to the 2010 tournament. Two officials will be assigned to each Regional Semifinal and three to each Regional Finals game. Three officials and an alternate official, who will also serve as the Chief Bench Official, will be assigned to the MHSAA Semifinal and Finals games. The committee reminded Chief Bench Officials that they may call a timeout when requested to do so by the head coach. MHSAA staff will assign selected officials and replacements to specific games. Officials for the Pre-Regional games and first round at the home site will be the responsibility of the home school, which will be the top team on the bracket. Official's schedules for most of the current season were also presented.

MHSAA lacrosse officials training programs were conducted with 115 new officials attending five sessions throughout the 2009-10 school year at Pontiac Ultimate Soccer, Byron Center High School, Birmingham-Seaholm High School, East Lansing High School and the Traverse City YMCA. As of April 1 a total of 268 boys lacrosse officials registered with the MHSAA for the 2009-10 school year, an increase of 17 officials.

2010 TOURNAMENT PLANNING

The lacrosse Finals for both boys and girls will be played on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at separate sites within a few miles of each other in Oakland County. The boys Finals will be at Birmingham-Seaholm High School (Div. 1 at 4:30 p.m., Div. 2 at 2 p.m.) The girls Finals will be at Troy Athens High School (Div. 1 at 2 p.m., Div. 2 at 4:30 p.m.). Five potential semifinal sites were also submitted.

2010-11 PLANNING

The tentative meeting dates for 2010-11 are Wed., Jan. 19, 2011 and Thur., May 12, 2011. The January meeting will focus again on reviewing the criteria for later season seeding which will be done at the May meeting. The January 2011 topics include the use of laxpower ranking and lax power strength of schedule component, a clearer definition of season performance (win vs. loss and margin of victory/defeat against strong opponents), and the time table for games to be included in the late season seeding. Consideration should also be given to expanding the number of members who set preliminary late season seeding recommendations to four persons each Division so one person can focus on a region and include a conference call among the four to review recommendations prior to the May meeting.

The number of teams in boys lacrosse over the past five years is as follows:

2005-06	65 teams	88 schools	14 cooperative agreements
2006-07	69 teams	88 schools	15 cooperative agreements
2007-08	81 teams	99 schools	15 cooperative agreements
2008-09	83 teams	100 schools	16 cooperative agreements
2009-10	89 teams	105 schools	15 cooperative agreements

Continued growth is expected and will again result in more teams in each region increasing the number of Preregional games to be held May 19, 20, 21, and 23, 2011 (or earlier). In 2010 there were 25 Preregional games scheduled. The 2011 Classifications were presented with the cut of Division 1 set at 1,707 students and above, Division 2 at 1,706 students and below.

OTHER

The committee discussed concerns related to the travel limitation both in season and out of season, out-of-season coaching limitation abuse, sportsmanship and the application of penalties, possible double penalties for ejections, and preseason communication between coaches and officials.

There were no recommendations to the Representative Council.