

MIAA Lacrosse Committee
Meeting Minutes – October 5, 2023

1) Committee Leadership Elections and Minutes

Boys: Chair – D. O’Brien (L. von Holtz, J. Domingos) 11-0-0
Vice Chair – J. Domingos (L. von Holtz, J. Magliozzi) 11-0-0
Sec - S. Ridolfi (S. Ridolfi, D. Benson) 11-0-0

Girls: Chair - L. von Holtz (T. Riggs, M. Thimas) 10-0-1
Vice Chair – C. Schmidt (C. Schmidt, J. Magliozzi) 10-0-1
Sec. - S. Martin (S. Martin, M. Thimas) 10-0-1

Minutes of 6/14/23 - (C Schmidt, J. Parcels) Girls 10-0-1, Boys 11-0-0

2) Tournament 2023 - Update

- R. Pearson comments: venues, D. Brothers did a great job, scores (Dan was not here); Other comments, some venues not great for lines, one girls team did not play at Babson, due to boys and girls team from same school played at same venue for community
- Other discussion by committee members: Semi Final site GoFan ticket protocol; Tournament director being hired, other positions, assignor how are they hired – tournament director selects their assistant, assignor selected by TD and liaison.
- Size, capacity, access
 1. Is the goal geographic centrality or best venue? Answer from RP is both when possible.
 2. What incentivizes a college to allow us to use their facility?
 - a. Exposure, helping MIAA out.
 - b. We pay for it
 - c. The drawback is they are busy and someone from the college needs to work the event.
- Some discussion about assigning officials how it is done; comments for attention to gender and diversity; mention for girls lax, three on the field; coaches recommendations, how do we select and/or rate officials to select the best, communication with all boards and assignors;
Points of discussion:
 - The best officials should be working games.
 - Priority to female officials for girls’ games if possible
 - There used to be a form where coaches could nominate good officials for the postseason, MIAA moved away from it because coaches were looking for “their guys.”
 - Three officials for girls’ games. Requires many college officials who are familiar with that model.
 - No officials’ rating system - Is there a rating system, can Arbiter help? There is one available through Arbiter but ...?
 - Eastern MA evaluates and rates their girls’ officials (as part of US Lacrosse)
 - Officials are independent contractors of the leagues and schools.

3) Format discussion and approval

- Drafts of format were presented with highlighted areas for committee discussion and/or approval.
- Question of committee members, was the change in the MOV discussed and/or approved? R. Pearson replied it was sent forward to TMC, no action yet. Committee asked for MOV to be moved ahead immediately.
- R. Pearson suggested format language changes around no contests and forfeitures.
 - Forfeitures “may” need to be submitted and approved.
 - R. Pearson says there are some forfeits that take place because of an ineligible player, or too many games.
 - Those are automatic, so they do not need to be submitted.
 - All others must be submitted (non-automatic ones)
- Overtime, Suspended Games (format and regular season)
 - All changes are based on new rules.
 - It is frustrating that ADs do not have rule books; Could we have a sheet with the most important rules for these for each sport?
- We can remove length of game, period, etc...

Girls format, moved to approve (J. Parcels, T. Riggs) 10-0-0

Boys format moved to approve (J. Magliozzi, D. Benson) 11-0-0

4) Total number of games - Discussion

- Discussion of members; no feedback from boys’ coaches at this time, girls interested in different cutoff would then be interested in less.
- Some data may help, what games are on Memorial Day?

5) Coaches Reports/Updates

- Girls coaches, 18 game, move cutoff date, MOV support decision.
- Boys coaches - MOV total discussion, change to 6 immediately.

6) Officials Reports/Updates

- Girls Officials - once the draw is set no stick check, goalie pants/thighs, mouth guards allowed of color, compression chest protectors (color), 2027 allow team names above number on uniform, don’t have to come to a stop outside the critical scoring area, false starting, ball on dot for restart.
- Boys Officials - arm pads designed for lax and worn as required, uniform numbers solid and contrasting - Position of school name and mascot on uniform moving to above the number in 2027, wearing helmet properly, adding 1-minute non-releasable penalty for indirect contact,
- Other changes: Quarters rather than halves, stick check cannot happen once draw is set, mouthguards - can be white, compression shirts allowed.
- NFHS Rule changes to Lax page

7) Other

Joint meeting discussion

Motion to adjourn.