



MASSACHUSETTS INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



MIAA Girls' & Boys' Lacrosse Committees Meeting Highlights September 14, 2021

The Boys and Girls Lacrosse Committees met jointly on September 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. There were 17 people in attendance including committee members, MIAA staff, and media.

Nominations for officers:

Girls Lacrosse:

CHAIR: Lindsey Von Holtz (AD, Mount Greylock) (ML Thimas/E. Holmes)

VICE-CHAIR: Dan O'Brien (Belmont) (L. von Holtz/E. Holmes)

SECRETARY: Ellen Holmes (J. Parcels/D. O'Brien)

Boys Lacrosse:

CHAIR: Dan O'Brien (Belmont) (J. Domingos/E. Holmes)

VICE-CHAIR: Lindsey von Holtz (E. Holmes/D. O'Brien)

SECRETARY: Ellen Holmes (L. von Holtz/D. O'Brien)

All in attendance were informed about "Conflict of Interest" standards. All in attendance completed and submitted their signed forms acknowledging compliance to the committee chairs.

Tournament Directors Report: There were no tournament directors in attendance at this meeting. MIAA lacrosse liaison Kathleen E. McSweeney stated for the record the outstanding work that the tournament directors did this past spring. Directors went above and beyond to cover all games and provide for an exceptional educationally sound experience for all student-athletes, their schools, and their extended school communities.

Chairs Lindsey von Holtz and Dan O'Brien also thanked the directors for doing an outstanding job. Similarly, they acknowledged and thanked all committee members involved with complying the COVID-19 Modifications, revised tournament formats, and pitching in whenever and wherever needed to deliver signage, equipment, and trophies to make the spring of 2021 tournaments happen.

Officials Report: Terri Riggs provided the girls' officials' representative report, outlining projected rule changes. Additional information will be presented at the January meeting.

There was lengthy discussion about the "Three Person System" during tournament play. In the boys game there are plenty of quality officials to

cover this tournament mandate. On the girls side for tournament play there is not. In summation, there is a need to attract quality officials for all sports. This realistic dilemma is of concern at the executive level of our Association.

Arbiter: Jan Martin (MIAA Staff) provided an overall view of Arbiter for Committee members. A status report will be provided at each District meeting.

Statewide Tournament: Sherry Bryant (MIAA Associate Executive Director) made a presentation about the state-wide tournament structure. She provided an overview which included FAQs and the continued roll out of the tournament design and inner workings. She shared that the power ranking posting is slated to begin the week of September 27, 2021.

Other:

- Kathleen McSweeney informed the Committee about Association programs including 2021-2022 being a year in which the MIAA will recognize and celebrate the 50th year of Title IX.
- Updates on Educational Athletics programs and the "Discriminatory Incident Reporting" initiative (which is slated to go before the Board of Directors on September 28, 2021) were also covered
- The Chairs reminded the Committee of the new "TieBreaker" format for all sports as well as the change to the handshake protocol at the conclusion of all contests; which is being replaced with a "sportsmanlike gesture" to opponents.
- All Committee members were supplied with applicable NFHS communications relevant to the sport of lacrosse: "Speeding up the Game" (Girls) and "Boys Lacrosse Rules".

Next meeting: January 14, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be **VIRTUAL**.

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