



MASSACHUSETTS INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



MIAA Girls' & Boys' Lacrosse Committee Meeting - January 14, 2021

The MIAA Lacrosse Committees met virtually on January 14, 2021 with approximately 35 people on the call including committee members, Member School Athletic Directors, MIAA staff and members of the media.

GIRLS' LACROSSE COMMITTEE:

NFHS Rules: Mary Lou Thimas, Member-at-Large and MIAA Lacrosse Representative to the NFHS presented considerations and guidelines for play during COVID 19. This information and tool will be very helpful for the upcoming COVID 19 Modifications Sub-Committee meeting.

No rule books will be printed for 2021, rules from the 2020 season will be in effect and the 2020 rule book will be used.

Officials: Teri Riggs, Officials Representative, reminded everyone that goalkeepers must have a NOCSAE (National Operating Committee of Standards for Athletic Equipment) certified chest protector this season; officials will check for this.

Two officials will be used for game play during the season

COVID-19 Rules Modifications: The sub-committee will meet next week to begin discussions for Lacrosse modifications.

JOINT COMMITTEE:

COVID-19 Sub Committee: Amendments by Lindsey Von Holtz, AD at Mount Greylock to add to the Girls COVID 19 Sub-Committee: Mary Lou Thimas and to the Boys COVID 19 Sub-Committee: Wayne Puglisi, Coaches Representative and Chris Schmidt, AD at Nipmuc Regional HS.

- GIRLS VOTE: 14-0-0
- BOYS VOTE: 15-0-0

The work of the sub-committee will be presented to the full committees, respectfully. The joint Boys and Girls Lacrosse Committee will re-convene after both committees have completed their COVID 19 Modifications Sub-Committee work.

Alignments: Both the Girls and Boys Alignments were approved as configured by the Tournament Management Committee (TMC). Additional information will be posted soon.

Neither the boys' nor the girls' lacrosse are looking to move into a 1A Tournament format.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee: Kathleen McSweeney, MIAA liaison, shared with both committees information relevant to the upcoming Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Youth Summit. Darrell Benson, Boys Lacrosse Officials Representative, offered that last week the Eastern Massachusetts Lacrosse Association formed a Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

DEI and Sportsmanship Committee: Kathleen McSweeney informed both committees of the joint venture between the DEI Committee and the Sportsmanship Committee in developing and implementing a process to report, educate, and penalize any acts of discrimination by players, coaches, and fans. The work will be presented to the Board of Directors with the goal of implementation in fall of 2021.

BOYS' LACROSSE COMMITTEE:

Officials: Darrell Benson, Officials Representative, shared that there would be no new rule books in 2021, the 2020 rule book would be in effect.

The committee was informed that all goalie's chest protectors and shoulder pads must be NOCSAE certified this year; officials will check during the pre-game.

Darrell Benson will attend the NFHS Lacrosse Rules Interpretation Meeting on 1/26/21.

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