
Eastern Massachusetts Lacrosse Coaches Associations

Margin of Victory

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OVERVIEW

The MIAA Boys and Girls Lacrosse Committees in conjunction with the coaches of the Eastern Massachusetts Lacrosse Coaches Associations are proposing to the Tournament Management Committee a reduction of the Margin of Victory from 10 goals to 6 goals.

GOALS

1. Uphold the MIAA's initiative in the value of sportsmanship in the sport of lacrosse.
2. Create value in continued scheduling of competitive opponents in the power seeding era.

SPECIFICATIONS

We are requesting Richard Pearson and Lacrosse committee chairs to present this proposal to the Tournament Management Committee. On October 5, 2023, both lacrosse committees voted to accept the tournament format only with a reduction to the current Margin of Victory.

In our proposal to reduce the 10 goal margin of victory to 6, we can present factors for this reduction that include:

- The ability for coaches to manage the sportsmanship of a game contest.
- Competitive scheduling to aid in the strength of the current tournament format process.
- Alignment with the NFHS boys lacrosse rules.
- Establish a realistic margin of victory based on possession ratios in other sport margins.

In conclusion, none more important than the forced games within league environments. Theoretically, a team's most competitive games come from the top of their league and non league schedule. This proposal is an attempt to reward a more competitive non league schedule and to maintain the respect and honor of the lower level games required by the league schedules. Both of these factors are believed to be directly coordinated with the intent of the power seed and maintaining the sportsmanship of game events.

