

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Boys Lacrosse Committee Meeting
East Lansing, May 10, 2012

Committee Members Present

Jim Carl, Ann Arbor
Lorin Cartwright, Ann Arbor
Rob Dilday, Utica Schools
Rick DeBlasio, East Grand Rapids (Advisory)
Bob Dowd, Troy
Greg Durham, Northville
Shawn Grady, Okemos (Coaches Association)
Steve Hubbell, (Official) Detroit

Mike Jolly, Warren (Advisory)
Tony Quinn, Grand Rapids
Colin Ripmaster, Mattawan (MASSP)
Pete Ryan, Saginaw
Marty Simmonds, Pontiac (MIAAA)
Brad Vredevoogd, Holland

Staff Member
Tom Rashid

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES AND REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ACTION

The agenda and minutes of the May 12, 2011 and January 19, 2012 meetings were presented in advance. The very recent actions of the Representative Council to accept the committee's two recommendations for 2012-13 were reported: 1) To increase from two to three officials assigned to MHSAA Regional Semi Final tournament games and 2) Require that all boys lacrosse teams of schools who compete in the MHSAA tournament must play no fewer than half its regular season games against MHSAA member schools.

2012 TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

The committee discussed and reinforced the contents of an April 2012 online polling of committee members regarding counting Varsity B teams in the MHSAA tournament seeding. The committee indicated that at present (2012) and in the future, Varsity B team results will not be factored into MHSAA tournament seeding. Games against B teams count as one of the allowed 18 days of competition and must be considered in regular season win/loss calculations. These contests are not scrimmages unless both schools hold them out as a scrimmage under MHSAA rules. Individuals or team schedules may not exceed the limitations of competition (three games in a week, 18 games in a season).

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 #14 seed depending on the number of teams in each Region. One committee member from the opposite division was assigned in advance to preliminarily seed each region and share their work with other members. These preliminary recommendations were submitted to the full committee which finalized the brackets. Criteria were presented and laxpower.com consulted. The pairings were posted on mhsaa.com the afternoon of the meeting, are final and not subject to appeal. The 2012 Semifinal pairings determined by the committee are: Division 1- Region 3 at 2 and 4 at 1; Division 2 – Region 7 at 1 and 6 at 5.

OFFICIALS

Committee members were presented a list of 169 MHSAA registered officials who had completed a rules meeting. Of this number 70 had fewer than five ratings submitted indicating 1st or 2nd year officials. Recommendations from three 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 three year average of official's ratings and number of ratings submitted for each official were also presented. The committee received a list of those officials who worked MHSAA finals and semifinals since the tournament first began in 2004-05. The committee made adjustments and finalized officials to fill 56 positions at Regional Semifinals and Finals, 16 Semifinal officials and eight Finals officials to the 2012 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. 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. Officials schedules for most of the current season were also presented.

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The committee discussed and advanced to the Representative Council for its meeting of Nov. 30, 2012 a proposal requiring that to officiate any level of the MHSAA boys lacrosse tournament, officials be members in good standing of a local approved officials association effective with the 2013 season.

MHSAA lacrosse officials training programs were conducted with the cooperation of local associations and trainers resulting in 79 officials attending one of three sessions throughout the 2011-12 school year at Byron Center High School, East Lansing High School and the Traverse City YMCA. As of April 16, 2012 a total of 270 boys lacrosse officials registered with the MHSAA for the 2010-11 school year; an increase of 12 officials.

2012 TOURNAMENT PLANNING

The boys lacrosse Finals will be played on Saturday, June 9, 2012 at Birmingham-Seaholm High School (Div. 1 at 4:30 pm, Div. 2 at 2:00 p.m.). The girls Finals will be at Rockford High School (Div. 1 at 2 p.m., Div. 2 at 4:30 p.m.). Six potential boys lacrosse semifinal sites were also submitted and the policy reviewed that a host may also be a home team in the semifinal round.

2012-13 PLANNING

The committee adjusted the seeding criteria that as in 2012 and future years, the criteria for seeding the MHSAA boys lacrosse tournament will be based on competition against varsity opponents excluding B teams of member schools or non MHSAA member "club" teams. However, these games do count against the total number of contests allowed (18 days of competition, four scrimmages).

The online rules meeting will be posted on MHSAA.com from Mon. Feb. 4 through midnight Thurs. April 11, 2013. There will be one in-person rules meeting held prior to a MichLoa Officials Association Meeting at Birmingham Seaholm on Thurs. Feb. 7, 2013. The tentative MHSAA Lacrosse Committee meeting dates for 2012-13 are Thurs., Jan. 17 and Thur., May 9, 2013. The January meeting will focus again on reviewing the criteria for later season seeding which will be done at the May meeting. The early season seeding recommendations should be completed before the December break preceding the January meeting.

The history of number of teams, schools and cooperative agreements.

2011-12	100 teams,	118 schools (16 cooperative programs) (48 Div. 1, 52 Div 2)
2010-11	95 teams	113 schools (16 cooperative programs) (46 Div. 1, 47 Div. 2)
2009-10	89 teams	107 schools (15 cooperative agreements) (44 Div. 1, 45 Div. 2)
2008-09	83 teams	102 schools (15 cooperative programs) (40 Div. 1, 43 Div. 2)
2007-08	81 teams	99 schools (15 cooperative programs)
2006-07	69 teams	88 schools (15 cooperative agreements)
2005-06	65 teams	88 schools (14 cooperative agreements)

The following comparison of classification division lists for the past three years was presented along with the actual list of teams by divisions for 2012-13.

- (2010-11) Div. 1 - 1,707 students and above; Div. 2 - 1,706 students and below)
- (2011-12) Div 1 – 1,676 students and above; Div 2 – 1,675 students and below)
- (2012-13) Div 1 – 1,600 students and above, Div 2 – 1,599 students and below)

RECOMMENDATION TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

In addition to other requirements, to be eligible to officiate in the MHSAA boys lacrosse tournament an official must be a member in good standing of an approved local boys lacrosse officials association. (Effective Spring 2013) Adopted (12-0)