

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
Boys Lacrosse Committee Meeting
East Lansing, May 9, 2013

Committee Members Present

Jim Carl, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard
Sue Calvo, Swartz Creek (MIAAA)
Rob Dilday, Utica Schools
Rick DeBlasio, East Grand Rapids (Advisory)
Greg Durham, Northville (Advisory)
Shawn Grady, Okemos (Coaches Association)
Mike Jolly, Warren De-LaSalle (Advisory)
Nick Kocsis, Detroit-U of D Jesuit,
Scott La Rente, Howell

Tony Quinn, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central
Pete Ryan, Saginaw Heritage
Pete Sims, Rockford

Absent

Tony DeMarco, (Official) Dearborn Heights

Staff Member

Tom Rashid

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES AND REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ACTION

The agenda and minutes of the May 10, 2012 and January 17, 2013 meetings were presented in advance.

2013 TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

The committee reinforced the decision of May 2012 to not count Varsity B teams in the MHSAA tournament seeding. Games against B teams count as one of the allowed 18 days of competition in a season, three in a week, and must be considered in regular season win/loss calculations of games and are not scrimmages unless both teams determine so in advance.

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. A 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 2013 Semifinal pairings determined by the committee are: Division 1- Region 4 at 2 and 1 at 3; Division 2 – Region 7 at 5 and 6 at 8.

OFFICIALS

There were two new elements with respect to officials in the 2013 tournament: 1) The requirement that to work the MHSAA tournament, officials must be members in good standing of an approved officials association and 2) Three officials will now be assigned to the Regional Semifinal round. Committee members were presented a list of 161 MHSAA registered officials who had completed a rules meeting. Of this number, 99 had fewer than nine ratings submitted; indicating 1st or 2nd year officials or those were not members in good standing of an approved officials association. 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 72 positions at Regional Semifinals and Finals, 16 Semifinal officials and eight Finals officials to the 2013 tournament. 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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As of April 11, 2013 a total of 293 boys lacrosse officials registered with the MHSAA for the 2012-13 school year; an increase of 23 officials. MHSAA lacrosse officials training programs were conducted with the cooperation of local associations and trainers resulting in 77 officials attending one of three sessions throughout the 2012-13 school year at Byron Center High School, East Lansing High School and the Traverse City YMCA.

2013 TOURNAMENT PLANNING

The Boys Lacrosse Finals will be played on Saturday, June 8, 2013 at East Grand Rapids High School (Div. 1 at 2 pm, Div. 2 at 4:30 p.m.). The Girls Finals will be at Rockford High School (Div. 1 at 4:30 p.m., Div. 2 at 1 p.m.). Six potential Boys' Lacrosse Semifinal sites were also submitted and the policy reviewed that while not preferred, a host may also be a home team in the semifinal round.

2013-14 PLANNING

The committee recommended that a common spread sheet be used for each committee member to calculate statistics in the preliminary late season seeding.

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

2012-13	105 teams	123 schools (17 cooperative programs) (52 Div. 1, 53 Div. 2)
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
(2013-14) Div. 1 - 1,601 students and above, Div. 2 - 1,600 students and below

The 2013-14 tentative committee meeting dates are Thurs. Jan. 16 and Thurs. May 8, 2014

There were no recommendations to the Representative Council.