

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.  
**BOYS LACROSSE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
East Lansing, May 8, 2019 9:30 am

**Committee Members Present**

Steve Ayre, Tecumseh  
Sue Calvo, Swartz Creek (MIAAA)  
Jim Carl, Brighton (Coaches Assoc.)  
Rick DeBlasio, East Grand Rapids Advisory  
Mike DeWitt, Rockford  
Mike Jolly, Warren-DeLaSalle (Advisory)  
Dave Kransberger, East Kentwood  
Jerry Meter, Bloomfield Hills

Tim Ritsema, Jenison  
Pete Ryan, Saginaw  
Cody Smith, Romeo  
Matt Wilson, Bloomfield Hills

**Member Absent**

Sue Calvo, Swartz Creek

**Staff Members Present**

Cole Malatinsky  
Tom Rashid (Recorder)

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES AND REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ACTION**

The agenda and minutes of the May 9, 2019 and Oct. 9, 2018 and Jan. 17, 2019 meetings were presented in advance. The Committee was informed of the Representative Council's actions on May 5-6, 2019 regarding lacrosse committee recommendations:

- Delayed action until December 2019 to establish, beginning with the 2021 season, a third division of the Boys Lacrosse Tournament with teams in equal divisions based on enrollment. This would result in approximately 45 teams in each division: 8 Regions of 4-8 teams per division. This will be referred to the Boys and Girls Lacrosse Committees for additional review before a return to the Representative Council in December 2019 for discussion and action.
- Did not approve boys lacrosse coaches (and perhaps all coaches, or all winter and spring sport coaches) four voluntary days of practice with any number of players out of season during the school year (November-March). All other out-of-season regulations would apply. This question and topic will be included in constituent and committee discussions in all sports during the 2019-20 school year.
- Changed the Limitations of Competition to permit the option under the multi-team tournament allowance for a team to play two full games (four 12-minute quarters regularly timed to a total of 96 stop-time minutes, as opposed to three running-time games of 25-minute halves; 150 minutes total). If the game is a varsity game, one four-minute sudden victory overtime period will be permitted.

**2019 TOURNAMENT AND PAIRINGS**

This was the first year that the MHSAA Michigan Power Rating (MPR) was used as a primary seeding criteria for boys lacrosse. The MPR was visible on MHSAA.com by region and division and was received positively. A committee member from the opposite division was assigned in advance to preliminarily seed two regions each and share their work with other members. For the first time this spring, these committee members were to email all the coaches in their division in advance of the seeding meeting and seek input on the MPR and seeding within their region. The Monday prior to the meeting, MHSAA Staff sent an Excel spread sheet with updated results and power ratings to the eight coaches doing preliminary seeding. The preliminary recommendations of each committee member were submitted to the full committee which finalized the brackets based on the established criteria.

The late season Regional alignments for Division 1, Regions 1-8 and Division 2, Regions 9-16 were set based upon the pre-determined criteria from #1 seed to #9 seed depending on the number of teams in each Region. The pairings were posted on MHSAA.com the afternoon of the meeting; all seeds and placement on the bracket were final and not subject to appeal. Quarterfinal and semifinal pairings were determined. Division 1: Regions 6 vs 2 and 3 vs 1, (winners play in semifinals), Regions 4 vs 5 and 8 vs 7 (winners play in semifinals). Division 2: Regions 10 vs 15 and 13 vs 14 (winners play in semifinals); Regions 9 vs 11 and 12 vs 16 (winners play in semifinals).

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A history of semifinal and final sites and contests since the start of the MHSAA tournament was provided. Potential quarterfinal and semifinal sites were submitted for games on Fri. May 31 or Sat. June 1, 2019 (quarterfinals) and Wed. June 5, 2019 (semifinals). The policy was reviewed that a team may play at its own field in a quarterfinal game and, while not preferred, a host may be a home team in the semifinal round.

The 2019 MHSAA Final doubleheader will be at Howell Parker Middle School on Saturday, June 8, 2019 - Div. 1 at 4:30 pm; Div. 2 at 2:00 pm. The girls lacrosse finals will be at the opposite game times at Novi High School

### **TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS**

Boys lacrosse officials must be members in good standing of an approved local officials association to work the MHSAA tournament. Since 2014, three officials are assigned to all rounds; a fourth CBO is assigned at the semifinal and final games. Committee members were presented a list of 167 MHSAA registered officials who completed a rules meeting. Of this number, 102 were members in good standing of an approved local officials association. Recommendations from Lacrosse Officials Associations and MHSAA registered assigners and officials' schedules for most of the current season were received by staff. MHSAA Staff prepared recommendations for assignments based, in part, on officials who had accumulated sufficient numbers of ratings and had three or more years of MHSAA registration. The committee reviewed and approved assignments subject to MHSAA Staff implementation for tournament games from Regional Semifinal through MHSAA Finals. MHSAA Staff will assign selected officials and replacements to specific games. Officials for the regional first round at the home site will be the responsibility of the home school, which will be the top team on the bracket.

As of April 16, 2019, a total of 267 boys lacrosse officials had registered with the MHSAA for the 2017-18 school year; a decrease of 14 officials (281 officials in 2018).

### **2018-19 LACROSSE PLANNING AND PREPARATION**

The number of teams, schools and cooperative agreements since 2006-07 was presented. In 2017-18, there were 129 teams among 160 schools (24 cooperative programs; 64 teams in Div. 1; 65 teams in Div. 2). In 2018-19 there were 132 teams with 160 schools (26 cooperative program

The classification splits for 2018-19 were Division 1 – 1,482 students and above; Division 2 – 1,481 students and below. The 2019-20 splits were Division 1 - 1, 512 students and above; Div. 2 - 1, 511 students and below.

It was noted that there were no teams moving up into Division 1 in 2020. Haslett (Williamston), Grosse Pointe North and North Farmington will move from Division 1 into Division 2 and two new programs will play in Division 2 (Bay City John Glenn and St Clair Shores Lake Shore). The total number teams as of Spring 2019 are 134 (66 in Division 1 and 68 in Division 2

### **2019-20 MEETING DATES**

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019 and Wednesday, May 6, 2020

There were no recommendations to the Representative Council.