

## **BOYS LACROSSE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 11, 2022, 9:30 am - held via Zoom

### **Members Present**

Jim Carl, Brighton  
Rick DeBlasio, Grand Rapids (Advisory)  
Kris Daiek, Riverview  
Mike Jolly, Warren (Advisory)  
Rich Kimball, Lansing  
Andrew Kransberger, Byron Center  
Andy Shira, Forest Hills  
Nick Stenson, Birmingham  
Ray Miller, Plymouth  
Adam Zarotney, Haslett (MHSLCA)

### **Members Absent**

Eric Albright, Midland (Rep Council)  
Cole Andrews, Rockford  
Nikki Norris, East Lansing

### **Staff Members Present**

Cole Malatinsky

### **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES AND REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ACTION**

The agenda and minutes of the Oct. 7, 2022 meeting were presented in advance. There were two recommendations from the Boys Lacrosse Committee to the Representative Council were to allow players to participate in five quarters in a day regardless of level, similar to the current allowance in basketball. On May 2, 2022, the Representative Council tabled those recommendations regarding fifth quarters until that committee meets in October 2022 for further discussion.

### **2022 TOURNAMENT AND PAIRINGS**

The 2022 season marked the third season the MHSAA Michigan Power Rating (MPR) was used as a primary seeding criteria for boys lacrosse. A committee member from the opposite division was assigned in advance to preliminarily seed each region and share their work with other members. The Friday and Monday prior to the meeting, MHSAA Staff sent updated results and ratings data to the coaches on the committee doing preliminary seeding work. 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 (or #10 in Region 1) 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 4 vs 6 and 5 vs 1, (winners play in semifinals), Regions 3 vs 8 and 7 vs 2 (winners play in semifinals). Division 2: Regions 10 vs 11 and 13 vs 9 (winners play in semifinals); Regions 14 vs 16 and 12 vs 15 (winners play in semifinals).

Potential semifinal sites were submitted and for games on Wed. June 8, 2022: Grandville, Rockford Howell Parker, Lansing Catholic, and Troy Athens.

The 2022 MHSAA Final doubleheader will be at Howell Parker Middle School on Saturday, June 11, 2021 – Division 1 at 5:00 pm; Division 2 at 2:00 pm. The Girls Lacrosse Finals will be at the opposite game times at Rockford High School.

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### **OFFICIALS**

Again in 2022, 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 of the MHSAA Tournament; a fourth CBO is assigned at the semifinal and final games. The Committee express strong support for continued use of the CBO during the semifinal and final games. Committee members were presented a list of 225 MHSAA registered officials. Of this number, 123 were members in good standing of an approved local officials association and had completed a rules meeting. Recommendations from Lacrosse Officials Associations and MHSAA registered assigners and officials' schedules for most of the current season were also received. 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 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 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.

### **2022-23 MEETING DATES**

Thurs. Oct. 6, 2022 (date subject to change) and Wed. May 10, 2023

The committee plans to discuss concerns with declining participation numbers in lacrosse, and subsequent issues with schools dropping junior varsity teams and many large schools not being able to field stand-alone programs.

There were no recommendations to the Representative Council.