

2025 BOYS LACROSSE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 9:30 a.m. – held via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT

Rick DeBlasio, Grand Rapids (Advisory)
Jonathan Goei, Grand Rapids
JT Hogan, Spring Lake
Erik Frank, Mattawan
Phillip Jones, Midland
Brian Kaminskis, Clarkston

Matt Laurinec, Livonia
Nikki Norris, East Lansing
Jack Smith, Romeo
Jeremy Strunk, Grandville (MHSLCA)
Justin Thorington, Traverse City
Ed Traub, Dearborn

MHSAA STAFF

Dan Hutcheson
Cole Malatinsky

The agenda and minutes of the October 3, 2024, meeting were presented in advance. The Boys Lacrosse Committee made no recommendations to the Representative Council, which met on May 4-5, 2025.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2025 TOURNAMENT AND PAIRINGS

The 2025 season represents the sixth year that will utilize the Michigan Power Rating (MPR) as a key criterion for the Boys Lacrosse postseason seeding process. To ensure impartiality, a committee member from a different division was pre-assigned to each region to propose initial seeding. On the Friday and Monday before the postseason seeding meeting, MHSAA staff provided members with the latest results, updating ratings data. 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 placements on the bracket were final and not subject to appeal. Quarterfinal and Semifinal pairings were determined. Division 1: Regions 6 vs 4 and 3 vs 5, (winners play in Semifinals), Regions 7 vs 8 and 1 vs 6 (winners play in Semifinals). Division 2: Regions 14 vs 15 and 10 vs 13 (winners play in Semifinals); Regions 12 vs 16 and 11 vs 9 (winners play in Semifinals).

Potential Semifinal sites were submitted for games on Tuesday, June 3, 2025: Birmingham Seaholm, Forest Hills Northern, Grandville, Howell-Parker Campus

The 2025 MHSAA Boys Lacrosse Final doubleheader will be at U of M Lacrosse Stadium on Friday, June 6, 2025 – Division 1 at 4:00 p.m.; Division 2 at 7:00 p.m.. The Girls Lacrosse Finals will be held at U of M Lacrosse Stadium on Saturday, June 7, 2025 – Division 1 at 2:00 p.m.; Division 2 at 11:00 a.m.

OFFICIALS

Since 2014, three officials have been assigned to all rounds of the MHSAA Tournament, with a fourth Crew Bench Official (CBO) added for the Semifinal and Final games. MHSAA staff prepared assignment recommendations based on officials' completion of the requirements outlined in the *MHSAA Officials Guidebook* and input from assigners and officials associations. The committee reviewed these proposed officials' assignments for the state Quarterfinals through the Finals.

Officials for Pre-Regional games and First Round contests held at home sites will be assigned by the home school, which is the top-seeded team on the bracket. Beginning this year, Regional host schools will be responsible for securing officials for all games through the completion of the Regional Final round.

2025-26 MEETING DATES

Thursday, October 2, 2025 (date subject to change) and Wednesday, May 6, 2026

MHSAA staff is expecting to collaborate with the coaches association and MIAAA leadership to explore potential solutions to the challenges posed by the current tournament format prior to these future meetings.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

There were no recommendations to the Representative Council.