



BOYS LACROSSE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 9:30 am - held via Zoom

Members Present

Jim Carl, Brighton
Kris Daiek, Riverview
Rick DeBlasio, Grand Rapids (Advisory)
Mike Jolly, Warren (Advisory)
Bill Kennedy, Holland
Nick Levanti, Hartland
Meg Seng, Ann Arbor (Rep Council)
Andy Shira, Forest Hills
Nick Stenson, Birmingham
Adam Zarotney, Haslett (MHSLCA)

Members Absent

Nikki Norris, East Lansing

Staff Members Present

Cole Malatinsky

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES AND REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ACTION

The agenda and minutes of the Oct. 6, 2023, meeting were presented in advance. There were no recommendations from the Boys Lacrosse Committee to the Representative Council which met on May 7-8, 2023.

2023 TOURNAMENT AND PAIRINGS

The 2023 season marked the fourth season the MHSAA Michigan Power Rating (MPR) was used as a seeding criterion 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 rating 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 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 4 and 8 vs 7, (winners play in semifinals), Regions 3 vs 1 and 2 vs 5 (winners play in semifinals). Division 2: Regions 15 vs 12 and 11 vs 14 (winners play in semifinals); Regions 9 vs 16 and 10 vs 13 (winners play in semifinals).

Potential semifinal sites were submitted and for games on Wed. June 7, 2023: Grandville, Howell Parker, Grand Ledge, and Troy Athens.

The 2023 MHSAA Final doubleheader will be at Memorial Stadium – East Grand Rapids HS on Saturday, June 10, 2023 – Division 1 at 2:00 pm; Division 2 at 5:00 pm. The Girls Lacrosse Finals will be at the opposite game times at Rockford High School.

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OFFICIALS

Again in 2023, 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 expresses strong support for the continued use of the CBO during the semifinal and final games. Committee members were presented with a list of 249 MHSAA registered officials. Of this number, 97 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 also received. MHSAA Staff prepared recommendations for assignments based, in part, on officials who had accumulated enough 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.

2023-24 MEETING DATES

Thurs. Oct. 5, 2023 (date subject to change) and Wed. May 8, 2024

Following challenges created by teams playing scheduling a limited number of contests against MHSAA member school opponents by the late season seeding meeting, MHSAA Boys Lacrosse Tournament seeding protocols and contests against out-of-state opponents will be a topic on the October agenda.

RECOMMENDATIONS

There were no recommendations to the Representative Council.