

MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

Boys Lacrosse Committee Meeting

East Lansing, May 12, 2011

Committee Members

Rick DeBlasio, East Grand Rapids (Advisory)
Bob Dowd, Troy-Athens High School
Greg Durham, Northville
Aaron Frank, Birmingham Seaholm
Shawn Grady, Okemos (Coaches Association)
Steve Hubbell, (Official) Detroit
Mike Jolly, Warren (Advisory)
Mike Costello, Ann Arbor Greenhills
Scott Robertson, East Grand Rapids (MIAAA)

Chris Sizemore, Portage
Mark Woodson, Romulus
Mike Van Antwerp, Holt

Member Absent:

Lorin Cartwright, Ann Arbor

Staff Member

Tom Rashid

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES AND REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ACTION

The agenda and minutes of the May 13, 2010 and January 20, 2011 meetings were presented in advance.

2011 TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

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 #13 seed depending on the number of teams in each Region. One 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 2011 Semifinal pairings determined by the committee are: Division 1- Region 4 at 2 and 1 at 3; Division 2 – Region 7 at 6 and 5 at 8.

OFFICIALS

Committee members were presented a list of 152 MHSAA registered officials who had completed a rules meeting. Of this number 55 had no ratings submitted indicating 1st or 2nd year officials. Recommendations from the two 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 collected since 2004-05 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 56 positions at Regional Semifinals and Finals, 16 Semifinal officials and eight Finals officials to the 2011 tournament. Two officials will be assigned to each Regional Semifinal and three to each Regional Finals game. Three officials and an alternate official, who will also serve as the Chief Bench Official, will be assigned to the MHSAA Semifinal and Finals games. 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. Official's schedules for most of the current season were also presented. The committee discussed, but took no action on recommending change in the number of officials assigned to tournament games and requiring that officials be members in good standing of local approved officials associations. The application and enforcement of the new head contact rule was discussed. There was consensus that dialogue between officials and coaches should occur.

MHSAA lacrosse officials training programs were conducted with 68 new officials attending three sessions throughout the 2010-11 school year at Byron Center High School, East Lansing High School and the Traverse City YMCA. As of April 1 a total of 258 boys lacrosse officials registered with the MHSAA for the 2010-11 school year, a decrease of 10 officials.

2011 TOURNAMENT PLANNING

The lacrosse Finals for both boys and girls will be played on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at separate sites within a few miles of each other in Oakland County. The boys Finals will be at Birmingham-Seaholm High School (Div. 1 at 2:30 p.m., Div. 2 at 4 p.m.). The girls Finals will be at Troy Athens High School (Div. 1 at 4 p.m., Div. 2 at 2:30 p.m.). Six potential semifinal sites were also submitted and the policy reviewed.

2011-12 PLANNING

Attendance at the October 2010 arena scheduling meeting was small. There no longer was a need for an arena scheduling meeting and one will not be held in 2011. The girls lacrosse committee also did not see the need for a meeting. Boys lacrosse teams should be encouraged to post games on MHSAA.com games wanted. The tentative committee meeting dates for 2011-12 are Thurs., Jan. 19 and Thur., May 10, 2012. The January meeting will focus again on reviewing the criteria for later season seeding which will be done at the May meeting. The early season seeding recommendations should be completed in the fall if at all possible; earlier than the December preceding the January meeting.

The number of teams in boys lacrosse over the past years is as follows:

2010-11	93 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)
2005-06	65 teams	88 schools (14 cooperative agreements)
2006-07	69 teams	88 schools (15 cooperative agreements)

Continued growth is expected and will again result in more teams in each region increasing the number of Pre regional games to be held May 17-19 and 21, 2012 (or earlier). In 2011 there were 31 Pre regional games scheduled. The 2011-12 Classifications were presented with the cut for Division 1 set at 1,676 students and above, Division 2 at 1,767 students and below.

OTHER

The committee discussed, but took no action on possible NFHS rule changes specifically with regard to options for matching official's uniform: shorter black socks and black pants with white stripes as optional in football. There was consensus that the NFHS should consider adopting the NCAA 30 second count rule and mechanic. The Coaches Association will communicate with coaches regarding a better understanding of the seeding criteria and impact of strength of schedule.

There were no recommendations to the Representative Council.