

BOYS LACROSSE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 12, 2021, 9:30 am - held via Zoom

Committee Members Present

Steve Ayre, Tecumseh
Jim Carl, Brighton (Coaches Assoc)
Rick DeBlasio, East Grand Rapids (Advisory)
Robert Dowd, Troy Athens
Mike Jolly, Warren DeLaSalle (Advisory)
Rich Kimball, Lansing
Andrew Kransberger Byron Center
Ray Miller, Plymouth
Chris Riker, Portage Northern

Members Absent

Nicole Norris, East Lansing
Kevin Wolma, Hudsonville

Staff Members Present

Cole Malatinsky
Tom Rashid (Recorder)

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES AND REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL ACTION

The agenda and minutes of the Oct. 6, 2020 and Jan. 28, 2021 meetings were presented in advance. There was a recommendation by the Boys Lacrosse Committee to the Representative Council to study and possibly modify and continue for future school years the voluntary coach/player contact days permitted for spring sports as a COVID related allowance following the cancellation of the 2020 spring season. On May 3, 2021 the Representative Council discussed the voluntary coach/player contact days allowance under COVID-19 Updates and a task force was created to review the subject prior to August 2021.

2021 TOURNAMENT AND PAIRINGS

The 2021 season marked the second 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 an Excel document 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 4 and 1 vs 5, (winners play in semifinals), Regions 2 vs 3 and 7 vs 8 (winners play in semifinals). Division 2: Regions 12 vs 9 and 11 vs 16 (winners play in semifinals); Regions 10 vs 14 and 15 vs 13 (winners play in semifinals).

A history of semifinal and final sites and contests since the start of the MHSAA tournament was provided. Potential semifinal sites were submitted and for games on Wed. June 9, 2021: Grandville, Howell Parker, Okemos, and Troy Athens.

The 2021 MHSAA Final doubleheader will be at Howell Parker Middle School on Saturday, June 12, 2021 – Div. 1 at 2 pm; Div. 2 at 5 pm. The girls lacrosse finals will be at the opposite game times at Novi High School.

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OFFICIALS

Again in 2021, 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 153 MHSAA registered officials. Of this number, 108 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.

2021-22 MEETING DATES

Thurs. Oct. 7, 2021 and Wed. May 11, 2021

There were no recommendations to the Representative Council.