

MIAA Boys' and Girls' Lacrosse Meeting (Virtual)
January 11, 2021

Girls' Lax @ 9:45 AM, Joint Meeting @ 10:15 AM, Boys' Lax @ Conclusion of Combined Meeting

GIRLS' LACROSSE

1. Call to Order - 9:48 am by Dan O'Brien (L. von Holtz delayed with school commitment)

2. NFHS Rules Update/Guidelines

ML Thimas – Sub-Committee will meet at 11am on Tuesday.

3. NFHS Rules and Interpretation Meeting (1/28)

ML Thimas - Representatives from all states clarifying all rule changes from 2020. Otherwise, no other rule changes.

Discussion of potential Covid-19 considerations (ie. Not having a draw after a goal, but have the ball cleared by the goalie.) Other potential considerations to be discussed include equipment (goggles), proximity of players (not stacking) and the Substitution Area/Substitution Box. Our meeting on the 19th will help ML Thimas inform National of Massachusetts' plans.

(S. Paine leaves for Ice Hockey meeting <He is a voting member>. L. von Holtz joins at 957am.)

4. Rules update reminder for 2021

With no rule changes, there will be no new rule book for 2021. T. Riggs noted as of January 1st, goalkeeper must have a NOCSAE verified chest protector.

5. COVID Modifications Sub-Committee update

Lacrosse will benefit from three seasons going ahead of us; especially from groups such as soccer. Masks, while recommended by NAHS, are required by MIAA. C. Schmidt raised the question of should we wait to see what adjustments the Fall Sports Committee may make for Fall 2, it was suggested we move ahead knowing what we do and be prepared to adjust based on comment from MIAA and DESE.

6. Number of game officials

There exists a lack of officials for the girls' game. It is likely we will remain at two officials as we did in Spring, '20.

7. Other

Discussion of the Spring Start Date for MIAA.

COMBINED MEETING

Call to order: 10:15 am

8. September 21, 2020 Minutes – Moved to accept by J. Domingos; 2nd by D. O'Brien
Corrections for Covid-19 Lacrosse Rules Modification Subcommittees (Girls add ML Thimas; Boys add W. Puglisi) – In Favor (Girls' Committee – 14; Boys' Committee – 15) Unanimous

9. Alignment update

Approval recommended for the alignment presented by TMC with 4 Divisions. Qualifying percentages for post season are 57% for Girls and 58% for Boys.

10. DEI Summit

January 19-21 – MIAA & MSAA holding a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Schools Summit. The There will be no charge for the DEI Summit. Go to the MIAA or MSAA websites to sign up.

11. Joint Venture w/Sportsmanship Committee on reporting of DEI incidents

These are discrimination/violation incidents involving race, gender, and gender identity. If anything happens during the game or in the stands, it should be reported to DEI and MIAA. There needs to be a vote of approval of the Board. Roll out implementation is expected for September. A suggestion was made to consider a course similar to the Chemical Health policy be required. The entire environment (players, coaches, fans) factors in this discussion.

D. Benson informed the Joint Committee that the Eastern MA Officials Association have just established a Diversity and Inclusion Committee. They have decided to remove the Native American from their patch.

12. COVID Modifications Sub-Committees – A question was raised about whether the sub-committees would make recommendations to move on to Sports Medicine or would their recommendations return to the Lacrosse Committees to vote upon before moving to Sports Medicine. Discussion of how soccer's sub-committee brought it back to the full committee for vote (It was found helpful). On the other hand, Field Hockey went straight from sub-committee to Sports Medicine.

Motion by C. Schmidt, 2nd by R Keuther was made to have the sub-committee send back their recommendations to the Full Committee. (Girls Committee 14 in favor, 0 opposed) (Boys Committee 15 in favor, 0 opposed)

Combined concludes at 10:37am

BOYS' LACROSSE

13. Call to Order 10:37 am by Dan O'Brien.

14. Rules update reminder for 2021

D. Benson – No rule changes beyond equipment changes announced last year. Not reprinting rules book for 2021. NOCSAE certified chest protectors and NOCSAE approved shoulder pads required.

J. Forrest asked if the face off rule would match the college rule. D. Benson stated not at this time, but it may occur with Covid modifications. (minimizing number of face offs by including possibly the goalie clearing the ball).

15. COVID Modifications Sub-Committee BOYS

First examine guidance from EEA, Federation suggestions and recommendations from coaches. We have the benefit of being the 4th season running.

D. O'Brien noted shields or visors must be clear and must be an approved one as well as the player needing a nose and mouth covering.

W. Puglisi noted coaches are sensitive to this being a season lost. (ie. Face Offs, like a Field Goal kicker, is a specialty position.) D. Benson noted body checking an important phase of the game. While this will be challenging, the goal is to have as close to a full season as possible. J. Domingos commented that hockey is having checking and face offs, and we should get good data from that.

16. NFHS Rules Interpretation Meeting (1/16 @2pm)

D. Benson or J. Charbonneau will represent.

17. Motion to adjourn moved by D. Benson; 2nd by M.L. Thimas – Unanimous (10:53am).

Submitted by E. Holmes

Attendance

GIRLS' LACROSSE MEETING

Girls' Committee Members: L. von Holtz, D. O'Brien, E. Holmes; S. Paine, S. Freda, J. Magliozzi, D. Brothers, K. Guillemette, A. Means, G. McClay, T. Riggs, ML Thimas, B. Lurette, E. Lachapelle, C. Schmidt, F. Lalli

MIAA staff: K. McSweeney, N. Bonneau

Also Present: B. Haley, S. Paine, D. Lee, B. Keuther, J. Ogden, D. O'Brien, E. DiFiore, J. Domingos, T. McDonald, S. Ridolfi,

Media: G. Nutter (MassLive), 7 News, Boston 25, D. Ventura (Boston Herald), E. McHugh (Patriot Ledger)

BOYS' LACROSSE MEETING

Boys' Committee Members: L. von Holtz, J. Ogden, D. O'Brien, E. DiFiore, J. Forrest, D. Lee, B. Keuther, J. Domingos, D. Benson, K. Manville, W. Puglisi, E. Holmes

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