

MIAA Boys Lacrosse Committee
Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2025

- 1) Approval of minutes 5/7/25 - (J. Domingos, B. Scott) 10-0-0
- 2) Committee Leadership Elections and Minutes
 - Chair – D. O’Brien (J. Domingos, J. Magliozzi) 10-0-0
 - Vice-Chair – J. Domingos (D. O’Brien, L. Hanson) 10-0-0
 - Sec - S. Ridolfi (D. Phinney, D. O’Brien) 10-0-0
- 3) Tournament 2025 – Review
 - Tournament Director’s report – Dan Brothers and Richard Pearson offered an update
 - Mass Maritime Academy - great setup. Good parking, but the dual fields allowed on-time starts. Reached out a second time
 - Biggest challenge this year to note will be the difference between the starts/cutoffs for girls and boys.
 - Working to finalize MMA for finals again for 2026
- 4) Tournament Format 2027 – Process/Update
 - Possible add for administrator at each tournament game, in format
- 5) Site Administrators at games – Discussion
 - Discussion about need or not for site administration
 - Sportsmanship data presented by R. Pearson; is this a blip or not
 - Discussion by committee; challenges of finances and school control; who attends and how supervision is administered at games; left in the hands of the schools
 - Would a pregame meeting be helpful for reducing DQ’s and sportsmanship; (FH model maybe be good) Wayne to come back in January (look for the original proposal)
 - May need to dig into the data a bit more as it relates to these suspensions etc.; long way to go before mandating site administrators. Request to look at the data/league
 - Agenda item for January
- 6) Other Member Initiatives/Topics – Update/Discussion
 - Standardized Annual Calendar (committee took a straw poll/advisory vote)
 - Fall start 0-10-0
 - Winter start 0-9-1
 - Bracket release 0-10-0
 - Spring end 10-0-0
 - 1A Division of Statewide Tournament (TMC committee being developed)
- 7) NFHS Rules Update
 - J. Carbonneau discussed 2026 Rule Changes
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ game played - game can be called for lightning etc. - coaches, officials, site administrator etc.

- Defending player stepping into crease - now 1 min non-releasable for playing w/o proper equipment (no longer an unsportsmanlike)
- No longer 5 second count for goalie to return to crease
- Working horn accessible at the sideline
- Delay of game for repeated violations on face off.

8) Coaches Report/Update

- Coaches appreciated the site for the boy's finals
- Still attentive to the 1 A conversation

10. Officials Report/Update

- Darrell Benson stepping down from EMLOA president role so there will be some changes moving forward
- Question will conversations with EMass (about interpretation of rules etc.) be also facilitated and supported for CMass/WMass? J. Carbonneau to facilitate

11. Other

- R. Pearson handed out NAERA memos to the attention of the committee; posted on website

Next meetings: Jan. 21, 2026 – 12:00 p.m. Virtual
May 5, 2026 – 12:00 p.m. In-Person