

MIAA Girls Lacrosse Committee  
Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2025

- 1) Approval of minutes 5/7/25 – (J. Parcels, D. O’Brien) - 10-0-0
- 2) Committee Leadership Elections and Minutes
  - Chair – L. von Holtz (J. Parcels, D. O’Brien) 10-0-0
  - Vice-Chair, C. Schmidt (L. von Holtz, J. Magliozzi) 10-0-0
  - Secretary, S. Martin (J. Parcels, L. von Holtz) 10-0-0
- 3) Tournament 2025 – Review
  - D. Brothers regrets, R. Pearson to report
  - L. von Holtz mentioned could be separate schedules because of two different cutoff dates
  - Discussion by the committee about two different cutoff dates
  - Discussion by the committee about planning for tournament; challenge of Memorial Day weekend as possible play dates
  - Suggestions to preliminary rounds, “No later than Tuesday, could be back-to-back” (should be Sunday or Monday)
  - Discussion about sites and planning
  - Babson site is very good, working on it again
  - New assignor was excellent
- 4) Tournament Format 2027 – Process/Update
  - Approval during next winter meeting
- 5) Site Administrators at games – Discussion
  - Discussion by committee about the need or not of site admin at games; some discussion of reporting procedures and consistency
  - Site administrators at games - soccer, basketball, hockey require them based on rules. Rugby needs a level 200 coach in attendance.
  - Next meeting, try to come up with language for site admins at tournament games (at least semis, or should it be TMC) “should check in with host/site admin/ TD”
  - Conversation about suspensions/cards and whether that sparks need for site administrator.
- 6) Other Member Initiatives/Topics – Update/Discussion
  - Standardized Annual Calendar (committee took a straw poll/advisory vote)
    - Fall start 7-2-3
    - Winter start 1-7-4
    - Bracket release 0-6-6
    - Spring end 11-0-1
  - Mention, 1A Division of Statewide Tournament (TMC committee being developed)
- 7) NFHS Rules Update

- K. Guillemette gave update to the committee
- New York has a shot clock trial; NFHS rules committee attentive to the NY trial
- Minor changes - and some language fixes
- Can only request stick check during breaks, TO
- Draw restart after foul - any player
- Eye black

#### 8) Coaches Report/Update

- Question about discussion for shot clock and whether it will be implemented. NY 1<sup>st</sup> year trial with a 2nd year planned, probably more globally down the road. Most likely a multi-year rollout.
- Reiterate the standard for JV and Varsity alignment with game times, quarters vs halves.
- Request for continued dialogue with coaches and officials
- Possible preseason session; Good idea to facilitate dialogue

#### 10. Officials Report/Update

- There has been a reach out to EMWLOA communication has been facilitated
- Appreciated the rule book bulk purchase; timing of the rule book; clarify when and how
- Western MA needs the test

#### 11. Other

- R. Pearson gave NAERA memos to the attention of the committee; posted on website
- January meeting, uniform colors; home and away

Adjourned

Next meetings: Jan. 21, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. Virtual  
 May 5, 2026 – 10:00 a.m. In Person