

IHSLA Meeting 8/31/2009

Meeting Minutes

Rich Martin presided over the meeting at the Hillside Best Western at 7:00PM on Monday, August 31, 2009.

1. Brendan Dawson, head coach of the Aurora University lacrosse team, introduced himself and outlined the university's plans for starting a DIII lacrosse program in 2011. AU is interested in getting feedback on players, particularly current high school seniors and juniors, who have an interest in playing lacrosse at the college level.
2. Bob Buckley from GLLOA (Great Lakes Lacrosse Officiating Association) presented two updates on officiating issues for the 2010 season. First, the GLLOA contract will be the same as the 2009 season and they will be sent to the schools soon. Second, GLLOA will be meeting with NISOC on Sept 28 to discuss issues regarding non-standard contracts to prevent the brinkmanship which occurred last season.
3. Dues will be set for \$100 per school (includes one team) and \$50 for each additional team. For example, a school with a Varsity, JV and Frosh team will pay \$100 + \$50 + \$50 = \$200 in IHSLA fees.
4. Paul Moretta (A.D. at Hinsdale Central) and Steve Rockrohr (A.D. at Glenbrook South) updated the group about their activities with the IHSA. Paul and Steve represented the IHSLA on Aug. 10 when they met with the IHSA administrators to argue for official sanctioning of boys lacrosse. The IHSA was interested in approving the sport for sanctioning, but wanted to see 65 Emerging Sport Agreements before they would consider approval. Paul and Steve currently have 63 ESA's and are expecting two more from Chicago Public Schools before they go back to the IHSA on Sept 18.
5. Paul and Steve took questions from the group regarding IHSA status. They clarified many concerns of the coaches and parent board members at the meeting. Below are a few clarifications they provided to the group.
 - a. Once a sport is IHSA sanctioned, there is no obligation for a school to support the sport. They are not obligated to participate in it, they are not obligated to fund it, they are not obligated to make it a varsity sport, they are not obligated to provide field time, to schedule games, to hire coaches, to arrange transportation, to get uniforms, etc. The decision to make the sport varsity, fund the sport, and provide support is entirely up to the school board, the administration, and the A.D. They may provide whatever support level and funding level they choose for the sport of lacrosse.
 - b. After sanctioning, the lacrosse clubs may still exist as parent-run and parent-funded clubs. Clubs will be able to play other high schools whose programs have become varsity sports, as long as the schools complete the proper sport agreements with the IHSA.
 - c. After sanctioning, the organization of the lacrosse programs across the state will run the gamut from "totally school funded and run" to "totally parent-funded and run". It is likely that most high schools will not change their policies toward lacrosse immediately. It is likely that most schools will either stay the way they are (parent-funded and parent-run) or will move to some sort of hybrid arrangement, such as limited funding and limited coaching staff. In these cases,

the parent boards will have to share organization and funding responsibilities and augment the school's support. It is very unlikely a school would shut down the lacrosse program, especially if funding was coming from the parents.

- d. The rules and regulations pertaining to recruitment, season limits, off-season limitations, tournament play, coaching certifications and player eligibility after sanctioning will be exactly the same as they are now. All member schools of the IHSLA have signed the IHSA ESA, so they have already agreed to abide by the IHSA rules in this area.
 - e. After sanctioning, some schools may totally take over the organization of the lacrosse program. The parent boards at these schools may find themselves becoming "booster clubs" which augment the expenses of the team. It is up to the individual schools to determine how the booster clubs operate (in aggregate for all sports or individually for each sport). The parents involved in the booster clubs must work with the schools A.D. to figure out how they will share responsibilities. School booster clubs must abide by the IHSA rules regarding recruitment, off-season activities, and season limits (just as the parent boards do now).
 - f. After IHSA sanctioning, there is no reason for the schools to replace outside qualified coaches with teachers. A.D.'s in public schools with union contracts must make sure that teachers who are more qualified than outside coaches are not being denied coaching opportunities.
 - g. After sanctioning, the IHSA runs the state championship tournament. The IHSA schedules it, the IHSA seeds it, and the IHSA gets revenue from the playoff games and the championship game. Under an IHSA structure, there is only one class of schools until there are more than 300 schools in the league, at which point they break down into two classes. The playoff brackets are generally determined regionally. The regional winners advance to play the other regional winners. Notice that this arrangement does not necessarily result in the two best teams playing each other in the championship game. For lacrosse, the IHSA will follow the same playoff and championship format they use for all other IHSA sports. It is unlikely they will make special rules for lacrosse like they do for football or baseball.
 - h. The IHSA does not care how the conferences are determined. The IHSA is conference-blind when it comes to running the state championship tournament. The conferences exist for the convenience of the A.D.'s to schedule local games for multiple sports. The IHSLA is rearranging the lacrosse conference structure to better match the IHSA conference structure so it is easier for the A.D.'s to schedule and discuss lacrosse activities.
 - i. After sanctioning, the IHSA certifies referees. In the sport of lacrosse, the IHSA requirements are well below the current requirements for lacrosse referee certification. GLLOA will work with the IHSA to consider stricter certification requirements to prevent unsafe lacrosse play.
 - j. Some of the coaches were worried that the one-class IHSA structure would remove the incentive for B-class teams to get better. The A.D. reps suggested the IHSLA conduct their own Class-B tournament to crown a lower tier champion to keep the motivation alive.
6. The IHSLA is changing the conference structure to better align with other sports. The new conference structure is attached. Each team must play at least 5 games within their conference. Scheduling begins immediately for conference games. All conference schedules must be completed by Sept. 15. No non-conference games may be scheduled before conference games are scheduled. All conference schedules must be submitted by a conference scheduler to Linda Bertelson at Lacrosse America.

7. Non-conference game scheduling will begin Sept 15 and must be finished by Oct. 5. All non-conference schedules must be submitted by the school to Linda Bertelson at Lacrosse America.
7. The group separated into their new conferences to assign responsibilities. Each conference selected a conference scheduler and an executive board member (attached).
8. The next meeting is scheduled for Jan 25, 2010 at 7:00PM in the Hillside Best Western. An interim meeting will be scheduled on Oct 5 at a location to be determined later to facilitate non-conference scheduling.

IHSLA 2010 Conference Alignment

		2010 Class	2010 Levels	IHSA Conference
Central Suburban (CSL)				
Deerfield HS	DF	B	V, JV, F	Central Suburban
Evanston Township	ETHS	A	V, JV, F	Central Suburban
Glenbrook North	GBN	A	V, JV, FA, FB	Central Suburban
Glenbrook South	GBS	A	V, JV, F	Central Suburban
Highland Park	HP	A	V, JV, F	Central Suburban
New Trier	NT	A	V, JV, FA, FB	Central Suburban
Mid Suburban (MSL)				
Barrington	BAR	A	V, JV, F	Mid-Suburban
Conant	CON	A	V, JV, F	Mid-Suburban
Fremd	MFD	A	V, JV	Mid-Suburban
Hoffman Estates	HE	A	V, JV, F	Mid-Suburban
Palatine	PAL	A	V, JV	Mid-Suburban
Schaumburg	SCH	A	V, JV	Mid-Suburban
North Suburban (NSL)				
Lake Forest	LF	A	V, JV, F	North Suburban
Lake Zurich	LZ	B	V, JV, F	North Suburban
Libertyville	LIB	A	V, JV, FA, FB	North Suburban
Mundelein	MUN	B	V, JV, F	North Suburban
Stevenson	STV	A	V, JV, F	North Suburban
Vernon Hills	VER	B	V, JV, F	North Suburban
Warren Township	WAR	B	JV, FA, FB	North Suburban
Grayslake Central	GC	B	V, JV, F	Fox Valley
Grayslake North	GN	B	V, JV, F	Fox Valley
Chicago Public Schools (CPS)				
Lane Tech	LAN	B	V, JV	Chicago Public
Lincoln Park	LPK	B	JV	Chicago Public
Mather	MAT	B	V, JV, F	Chicago Public
Northside Prep	NP	B	V, JV	Chicago Public
Taft	TFT	B	V, JV, F	Chicago Public
Harlan Academy	HAR		JV, F	Chicago Public
Collins Academy	COL		JV, F	Chicago Public
Chicago Academy	CHGO		JV, F	Chicago Public
Orr Academy	ORR		JV, F	Chicago Public
Independent				
Belvidere	BEL		F	

West Suburban (WSL)

Hinsdale Central	HC	A	V, JV, FA, FB	West Suburban
Lyons Township	LT	A	V, JV, F	West Suburban
Oak Park River Forest	OPRF	A	V, JV, F	West Suburban
York HS	YK	B	V, JV, F	West Suburban
Glenbard West	GBW	B	V, JV	West Suburban

Catholic Conference

St. Viator	SV	A	V, JV, F	East Suburban Catholic
Nazareth Academy	NAZ		JV	East Suburban Catholic
Notre Dame	ND	B	V, JV, F	East Suburban Catholic
Benet Academy	BEN	A	V, JV, F	East Suburban Catholic
Marian Catholic	MC	B	V, JV, F	East Suburban Catholic
Montini Catholic	MON		JV	
Marmion Academy	MAR		JV, F	
Saint Ignatius	SI	A	V, JV, F	Chicago Catholic
Saint Rita	SR	B	V, JV, F	Chicago Catholic
Loyola Academy	LOY	A	V, JV, FA, FB	Chicago Catholic
Fenwick	FEN	A	V, JV, F	Chicago Catholic
Saint Laurence	STL		JV	Chicago Catholic
Mount Carmel	MTC		?	Chicago Catholic

DuPage Upstate

West Chicago	WC	B	V, JV	DuPage Valley
Wheaton North	WN	B	V, JV, F	DuPage Valley
Naperville Central	NC	B	V, JV, F	DuPage Valley
Naperville North	NN	A	V, JV, F	DuPage Valley
Wheaton Warrenville South	WWS	A	V, JV, FA, FB	DuPage Valley
Waubonsie Valley	WV	B	V, JV, F	Upstate 8
Neuqua Valley	NV	A	V, JV, F	Upstate 8
St. Charles East	STCE	A	V, JV, F	Upstate 8
St. Charles North	STCN		JV, F	Upstate 8
Geneva	GEN	B	V, JV, F	Suburban Prairie East

South Suburban

Homewood Flossmoor	HF	B	V, JV, F	SICA East
Sandburg (D200)	SAN	B	V, JV, F	SICA West
Lincoln-Way	LW		JV, F	SICA West
Minooka	MIN		JV, F	Suburban Prairie South
Lemont	LMT		JV	Suburban Prairie North
O'Fallon Township	OF	B	V	
Champaign Cent.	CCE	B	V, JV	Big 12

IHSLA 2010 Conference Schedulers and Board Representatives

CONFERENCE SCHEDULERS

Conference	Scheduler	School
Mid Suburban	Joe Garofalo - Head Coach	Hoffman Estates
Central Suburban	Robert Ruiz - AD	Deerfield
Northern Conference	Brian McDonald - AD	Vernon Hills
Catholic Conference	Rob Snyder - Head Coach	Loyola
South Suburban	Gail Smith - Asst. AD	Homewood Flossmoor
West Suburban	Eric Nuss - Head Coach	Lyons Township
DuPage	Paul Stolzer - Asst. Coach	St. Charles Co-op
Chicago Public Schools	Steve Rooney - Head Coach	Lincoln Park HS

CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Conference	Representative	School
Mid Suburban	Jon Cygnar - Former Head Coach	Fremd
Central Suburban	Tom Herrala - Head Coach	New Trier
Northern Conference	Brady Sullivan - Head Coach	Libertyville
Catholic Conference	Mike McCormick	Marian Catholic
South Suburban	Mark Thompson - Coach	Homewood Flossmoor
West Suburban	Rich Dieters - Parent	York
DuPage	Paul Stolzer - Asst. Coach	St. Charles Co-op
Chicago Public Schools	Steve Rooney - Head Coach	Lincoln Park HS