

**Minutes of the 2023 IHSA Lacrosse
Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 5th, 2023**

The IHSA Boys and Girls Lacrosse Advisory Committee met jointly via a virtual meeting. Attending on behalf of the [IHSA Girls Lacrosse Committee](#) were Patrick Mahoney, Athletic Administrator from Chicago (DePaul College Prep) representing Division 1; Principal Kathleen Porreca from Regina Dominican representing Division 2; Amanda Kammes, head coach at Lisle (Benet Academy) representing Division 3; Craig Shepherd, head coach at Dunlap High School representing Division 4; Andy Grisinger, head coach at Normal (Community) [Coop] representing Division 5; and Alex Prindable, head coach at O’Fallon High School representing IHSA Division 7. Official Hilary Tully and CarolLynn Ellison were unable to attend. Attending on behalf of the [IHSA Boys Lacrosse Committee](#) were Matt McGuire, head coach at Chicago (Mt Carmel) representing Division 1; Athletic Administrator Ryan Rubenstein representing Division 2; Zack Davis, head coach at Washington representing Division 6; and Official Tom Cummings, from Arlington Heights. Patrick Gaeger, head coach at Arlington Heights (St. Viator) representing Division 3, Robert Allen, head coach at Dunlap representing Division 4, and Vince Rasa head coach at Bloomington Central Catholic were unable to attend. Michael Jezioro, Athletic Administrator at Hinsdale Central and State Final host manager also attended the meeting. Susie Knoblauch from the IHSA staff conducted the meeting.

TERMS & CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations: Item VI. Tournament Structure and Time Schedule C. State Final Playing Schedule/Start Times

EVEN YEAR State Final Schedule

Saturday	Session 3	Game 5	Girls 3/4 Place	11 a.m. 10 a.m.
		Game 6	Girls State Championship	1 p.m. noon
		Game 7	Boys 3/4 Place	3:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.
		Game 8	Boys State Championship	6 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

ODD YEAR State Final Schedule

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Recommendation: Begin to play at 10 a.m. on Saturday and group boys’ and girls’ games together.

Rationale: By beginning competition at 10 a.m., we will start an hour earlier on Saturday than the current schedule to front load the time play starts in case adjustments need to be made later in the day due to weather. The rest of Saturdays schedule can be adjusted accordingly with each

game starting approximately one hour earlier. The final game of the day would begin at 5 p.m. *Note:* 10 a.m. gametime is a typical start time for Saturday competitions during the regular season. By grouping the boys' and girls' games together, field and table adjustments only need to be made between the 6th and 7th games. Additionally this adjustment to the schedule will be more conducive for viewing for fans, media, and participants.

Approved by Consent

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS: None

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. Hinsdale Central provided an update from the 2023 State Final.
2. Reviewed the number of lacrosse programs and the number of licensed officials.
3. Discussed efforts to grow lacrosse programs and increase licensed officials. 15–16-year-old provisional licensing was reviewed.
4. Reviewed a proposal that failed last year regarding adding to the number of participants allowed on the sideline during the post season.
5. Discussed classification.
6. Review the bylaws in place to address 5th year senior classification.
7. Discussed conducting the boys/girls' quarterfinal games on M, W, F or T, R, S to assist in finding hosts and officials – concerns were unified fields, concussion protocols, weather make up dates, finding officials, and Memorial Day weekend.
8. Suggested to make the following points of emphasis in the 2023-24 rules videos: the number of varsity matches allowed (20); and sportsmanship.
9. Discussed the NFHS rules changes, specifically the move to 12-minute quarters instead of two halves for girls lacrosse. [Girls NFHS Lacrosse Rules Changes](#) [Boys NFHS Lacrosse Rules Changes](#)
10. Next Meeting: September 2024.