

**Minutes of the 2024 IHSA Lacrosse Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

The IHSA [Boys](#) and [Girls](#) Lacrosse [Advisory Committee](#) met jointly via a virtual meeting. Attending on behalf of the IHSA Girls Lacrosse Committee were representing Division 1 - Patrick Mahoney, Athletic Administrator from Chicago (DePaul College Prep); representing Division 2 - Principal Kathleen Porreca from Regina Dominican; representing Division 3 - Amanda Kammes, head coach at Lisle (Benet Academy); representing Division 4 - Craig Shepherd, head coach at Dunlap High School; and GLAX Official Noreen Rodriguez.

Attending on behalf of the IHSA Boys Lacrosse Committee were representing Division 1 - Matt McGuire, head coach at Chicago (Mt Carmel); representing Division 2 - Ryan Rubenstein, Athletic Administrator from Barrington; representing Division 3 - Joe Battaglia, head coach at Hinsdale Central; representing Division 4 - Robert Allen, head coach at Dunlap; representing Division 6 - Zack Davis, head coach at Washington Co-op; and BLAX Official Tom Cummings, from Arlington Heights.

Michael Jezioro, Athletic Administrator at Hinsdale Central and State Final host manager and CarrollLynn Ellison, coordinator of the GLAX state final officials, also attended the meeting. Dan Le, IHSA BLAX Administrator was also in attendance.

Susie Knoblauch from the IHSA staff conducted the meeting.

Andy Grisinger, GLAX head coach at Normal (Community) [Coop] representing Division 5; Alex Prindable, GLAX head coach at O'Fallon High School representing Division 7; and Vince Rasa, BLAX head coach at Bloomington Central Catholic representing Division 5 were unable to attend.

#### TERMS & CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations: Item II. Dates & Sites D) State Final Tournament:

Boys ~~& Girls~~ Semifinals: Thursday of Week 48

~~Girls Semifinals: Friday of Week 48~~

Boys/Girls Finals: Saturday of Week 48

The five-year schedule for the State Final Tournament in Week 48 is as follows:

2025 June 5 (Boys 1 p.m., 3 p.m. & Girls 5 p.m., 7 p.m.) and June 7 (Boys 10 a.m., Noon & Girls 3 p.m., 5 p.m.)

2026 June 4 (Girls 1 p.m., 3 p.m. & Boys 5 p.m., 7 pm) and June 6 (Girls 10 a.m., Noon & Boys 3 p.m., 5 p.m.)

2027 June 3 (Boys 1 p.m., 3 p.m. & Girls 5 p.m., 7 p.m.) and June 5 (Boys 10 a.m., Noon & Girls 3 p.m., 5 p.m.)

2028 June 1 (Girls 1 p.m., 3 p.m. & Boys 5 p.m., 7 p.m.) and June 3 (Girls 10 a.m., Noon & Boys 3 p.m., 5 p.m.)

2029 May 31 (Boys 1 p.m., 3 p.m. & Girls 5 p.m., 7 p.m.) June 2 (Boys 10 a.m., Noon & Girls 3 p.m., 5 p.m.)

C) State Final Playing Schedule/Start Times: All State Final contests will be played at Hinsdale (Central). The time schedule for the series ~~Saturday's finals~~ will rotate each year. The schedules below are for state finals in even and odd years.

#### State Final Schedule - EVEN YEARS

Thursday - Session 1 - Games 1 - 4

1. GLAX Semifinal #1 5 1 p.m.
2. GLAX Semifinal #2 7 3 p.m.
3. BLAX Semifinal #1 5 p.m.
4. BLAX Semifinal #2 7 p.m.

Saturday - Session 2 – Games 1-4

1. GLAX 3/4 Game 10 a.m.
2. GLAX Championship Noon
3. BLAX 3/4 Game 3 p.m.
4. BLAX Championship 5 p.m.

#### State Final Schedule - ODD YEARS

Thursday - Session 1 - Games 1 - 4

5. BLAX Semifinal #1 5 1 p.m.
6. BLAX Semifinal #2 7 3 p.m.
7. GLAX Semifinal #1 5 p.m.
8. GLAX Semifinal #2 7 p.m.

Saturday - Session 2 – Games 1-4

5. BLAX 3/4 Game 10 a.m.
6. BLAX Championship Noon
7. GLAX 3/4 Game 3 p.m.
8. GLAX Championship 5 p.m.

**Rationale:** Both genders would benefit from having Friday off to rest/recover and plan for the Saturday games. The schedule in its current state disadvantages the girls' teams by not allowing them the rest/recovery and game-planning afforded to the boys' teams with having Friday off but

also severely disadvantages the girls' team that must play late on Friday and then again early on Saturday morning in even years of the current rotation.

The State Final host site, Hinsdale Central can accommodate four games on Thursday and 4 games on Saturday and by eliminating a third day, work schedule and staffing needs are easier to fill with two days of state final tournament play.

### **Approved by Consent**

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS: None

### ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. Hinsdale Central provided an update of the 2024 State Final.
2. Reviewed the number of lacrosse programs statewide and efforts to grow lacrosse programs.
3. Reviewed the number of LAX officials and the need to increase the number of licensed officials. Provisional licensing was reviewed. Clinic offerings were also discussed.
4. Discussed the number of lacrosse teams that need to enter statewide in order to be able to expand to regionals and/or increase classification. In 2023-24, 98 boys teams participated and 82 girls teams participated in the IHSA lacrosse state series.
5. Reviewed the IHSA policies in place regarding the principle of geographical assignments.
6. Sectional complexes were discussed.
7. Discussed the seeding process for the state series. In-person seed meetings were discussed.
8. Reviewed the by-law change process through the IHSA legislative commission.
9. Discussed the NFHS rules change process.
10. Reviewed the State Final time schedule/format in detail. Focus was on equity and parity between the boys/girls schedules.
11. Reviewed the need to secure sectional and super sectional host sites for the 2024-25 season. Any school wishing to host a LAX post season game can contact the IHSA.
12. Reviewed to the openings on the IHSA advisory committee. If interested in serving on the IHSA advisory committee, coaches, admin, officials can contact the LAX sport administrator.
13. Next Meeting: September 2025.