



2023 MHSAA / MichLOA Meeting

February 9, 2022 @ 6:00pm

Birmingham Seaholm High School

2023 MHSAA/MichLOA Meeting Agenda

- Introduction
- MHSAA Rules Presentation
- MichLOA Meeting

MHSAA Rules Presentation

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MHSAA Associate Director

- Q. Has the MHSAA considered having the teams defend the opposite end from their bench in the 1st and 3rd quarters? This would eliminate the crossover of teams at the end of the game (except OT, which is rare), and lessen the chances of any altercations, especially in tightly contested games?
- A. Yes, the Boys Lacrosse Committee discussed requiring teams to defend their own goal in the 2nd and 4th quarters in October of 2019. It ultimately did not have support from the committee and was not put forth as a proposal – the coaches felt they should have the option to select their goal after the coin toss based on several factors and should not be forced to defend any one goal. The MHSAA did make it a point of emphasis beginning that spring in both regular season and MHSAA tournament games, introducing a protocol that the losing coach holds his players back and allows the winning team to reach their goaltender first. The winning team shall take the field first at the game's end. We can certainly make this another point of emphasis.

- Q. Are AEDs required on the field?
- A. There is currently no federal, state, or MHSAA requirement for schools regarding AEDs. While the price for these devices has come down, we cannot mandate our have and AED at all school athletic facilities without funding. Increasing AED accessibility is something that will likely be on our Sports Medicine Advisory Committee agenda in the spring.
- Q. Will the MHSAA consider reciprocity for Ohio officials? MichLOA cannot cover Bedford, Monroe, etc...
- A. We are currently working on a way to address the reciprocity registration issue. I don't know what that solution is at this exact moment – but it is on our radar.

- Q. Is the finals location to stay at Howell? Are more conveniently located tournament sites being considered?

- A. Howell has been an outstanding host over the past decade. With that said, we will be going to East Grand Rapids to be in closer proximity to the Girls Finals venue, which will once again be held at Rockford – this will help fans be able to see both games in the event a school has both their boys and girls teams advance to the Finals. This is certainly not as convenient for the eastside teams and officials, but certainly helps the westside teams and officials, which have had longer travel over that entire time. We will continue to look at other future venues as well.

- Q. Has consideration been given to reducing the allowable # of Varsity contests? Too many games in too short a season.

- A. The Boys Lacrosse Committee has discussed the season-length issue. In both 2015 and 2016 there were discussions about moving the start of the tournament and final game back one week – with the tournament beginning on the Wednesday before Memorial Day and ending with the final on the third Saturday after Memorial Day. There was limited support from coaches in moving the tournament back and gaining another week for regular-season play – they did not want it to interfere with their summer/travel/club lacrosse schedules. With that said, there was also no interest in decreasing the number of games. This is certainly something we can continue to look at.

- Q. Can the MHSAA assist MichLOA in encouraging member schools to consider alternative scheduling such as Varsity before JV to help optimize officials utilization?
- A. With the 5th quarter allowance, there might be increased interest from some schools in alternative scheduling options like playing the Varsity before the JV game. I imagine there may be some hesitation from some schools with that solution specifically because they may need to provide transportation to those younger players because many of them cannot drive. But we can certainly bring that up with the committee to see if there may be some solutions, but this is something that really needs to be addressed with the league and conferences, which we can certainly look at.

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- Q. Is it a requirement that a Certified Athletic Trainer be on-site in order to start a contest?

- A. It is not required that a certified athletic trainer be on-site to start a contest. If we could require it we would, but simply put, many schools (about 50% of ours schools) cannot afford a full-time or even part-time athletic trainer – and some schools that can afford them are struggling to find an ATC to fill that position. It is a similar story in a lot of segments of the economy at the moment – not enough money, and when money is not the issue, they can't find the people. With that said, ATCs, AEDs, and emergency action planning will certainly be major topics on our Sports Medicine Advisory Committee as we look to make our events as safe as possible.

MichLOA Meeting Agenda

- Member Recognition
- Treasurer's Report
- First Impressions - Appearance Matters
- Assigner Update
- Continuing Education and MIGS Requirements
- Sportsmanship Award
- 2023 Fees
- Gently Used Equipment
- Questions

MichLOA Member Recognition



Treasurer's Report

- Financial Summary
 - \$10,600 – Feb 2022 balance
 - \$2,500 – Expenses
 - \$1,800 – Income
 - \$9,600 – Feb 2023 balance

- Dues Summary
 - 32 via PayPal
 - 7 via Venmo
 - 3 via check
 - 42 total paid

First Impressions - Appearance Matters

Uniform & Equipment

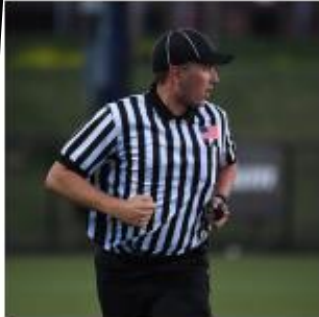


It's a Business – You'll need to invest some money upfront to set yourself up for success.

Tips/Tricks

having Coach's Cert. Cards filled out ahead of time

premarking your tape measure for stick-checks

Extra battery for your timer

SHORTS AND SHORTS

SHORTS AND LONGS


LONGS AND LONGS

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

- black hat with white piping
- Striped collared shirt
- black undershirt
- black belt
- black shorts or pants
- black ankle socks
- black shoes

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

- whistle (x2)
- yellow flag (x2)
- timer
- measuring tape
- coin
- scorecard
- pencil





“If you’re afraid to Offend,
you can’t be Honest”

-Thomas
Paine



We are representing more than ourselves

- Especially when we wear the “Brand”
- Are we “IN” uniform when we are out there?
- Reminder: +80% probability that we are on camera, video or social media every time we are out there
- What impact does this have as we ask for raise in pay?

This goes beyond dress code but to our Hustle, our Positioning, our Knowledge of the Rules, and how we Communicate.

Know the signals



Shoes – all black



Most Important

Assigner Update

A. Assigning tips and suggestions:

- a) Please go into arbiter and set your mileage to 75 miles so we can see you in the system. This does not mean that you will be assigned games that are 75 miles away from you.
- b) Please go into arbiter and make sure your zip code is correct. You can list a work zip code for week-days and your home zip code for week-ends.
- c) Make sure you keep your availability updated and put blocks in place.
- d) Accept assigned games in a timely manner.
- e) Make sure you set up Arbiter Pay. Most schools and even tournaments use this payment system.
- f) If you are available, but the assigned game presents an issue, contact your assigner, DON'T decline the game. ONCE YOU DECLINE YOU WILL BE BLOCKED FOR THE DAY IN ARBITER.

- D. If you are multiple sport official and would like to work more lacrosse games:
- a) Make sure to let the assigner know your situation.
 - b) Please block assigner for sports other than lacrosse. It is very likely you will be able to will work most every day from the beginning of the season until the end of May (with the exception of spring break).

Continuing Education & Member In Good Standing Requirements

- Being a MIGS and Continued Ed is NOT just about the MHSAA tournament
- It's about getting prepared for the regular season
- It's about improving individually and as a group
- We are all judged together not just alone
- You are a crew on the field and we are a crew in our totality
- The tournament is a carrot and a benefit
- Higher fees can be the reward for our efforts

- By meeting the continued ed and test requirements you become a MIGS
- That allows you to be assigned to the MHSAA tournament
- Higher fees can be the reward for our efforts
- Only through providing a good and improving product on the field can we not just ask for but receive higher fees
- It is not as simple as supply and demand

- Pay MichLOA dues
- Attend not less than two continued ed meetings
- Take & pass the USA Lacrosse HS & Youth rules tests
- Complete MHSAA Lacrosse Rules Webinar
- Watch the following:
 - Gordon Corsetti “Zen and the Art of Officiating”
 - Simultaneous Fouls video
 - One lacrosse game on HUDL and submit 4 time stamped situations. Your own game from last year is preferred
- Complete by 3/21/2023

- HUDL is limited to 100 hrs so we cycle game video
- Spread sheet sent showing all games
- Many games are still on HUDL, most are not
- Send me an e mail with the date, teams , and crew
- I will tell you when video is on HUDL
- Watch quickly since this is an administrative burden
- Use the time stamp from the game
- Provide start time and brief description
- Must be complete by 3/21/2023. Start NOW

2022 Sportsmanship Awards



2022 Sportsmanship Award Recipients



- ❖ Anchor Bay High School
- ❖ Bloomfield Hills High School
- ❖ Brighton High School
- ❖ Canton High School
- ❖ Clarkston High School
- ❖ Detroit Catholic Central High School
- ❖ Northville High School
- ❖ Oxford High School
- ❖ Romeo High School
- ❖ Royal Oak High School
- ❖ Shrine High School

To Submit a Sportsmanship Award Nomination



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2023 High School Lacrosse Game Fees

- Varsity (3-man), \$75/official (\$225/game)
- Varsity (2-man), \$112.50/official (\$225/game)
- JV/Freshman (2-man), \$65/official (\$130/game)

Used Equipment

- Do you have any equipment you no longer use or need?
- Do you have any extra shirts, flags, timers, etc.?

Please donate used equipment that can in turn be provided to new officials to help offset some of their initial investment. Contact Guy Bellemare or Brian Effinger.

Questions/Closing