

MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS & GIRLS LACROSSE ADVISORY COMMITTEES MEETING
September 1, 2011

The IHSA Boys Lacrosse Advisory Committee and IHSA Girls Lacrosse Advisory Committee met jointly for their annual meeting via conference call on Thursday, September 1, 2011, at 10 a.m. Committee members present from the Boys Lacrosse committee: Greg Simmons, Chicago (Harlan); Steve Rockrohr, Glenview (Glenbrook South); Peter Groom, Oak Park (Fenwick); Dan Ganschow, Oak Park (O.P.-River Forest); Kevin Finn, O'Fallon (H.S.); Tom Cummings, Arlington Heights. Committee members present from the Girls Lacrosse committee: Christine Melone, Chicago (Mother McAuley); John Dwyer, Wilmette (Loyola Academy); Paul Moretta, Hinsdale (Central); Doug Riddle, O'Fallon (H.S.); Carol Lynn Davey, Batavia. IHSA Assistant Executive Director Matt Troha was also present.

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The committee reviewed the minutes of the 2010 Advisory Committee meeting and the status of the raft of Terms & Conditions that were developed at that meeting.
2. NFHS Boys Lacrosse Rules Committee member Paul Moretta reported on his committee's national meeting.
3. The group discussed US Lacrosse's national convention, scheduled for January 13-15 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Three IHSA advisory committee members generally attend and Illinois generally has 15 or more representatives among coaches and officials.
4. The committee reviewed the IHSA State Series entries from the 2010-11 school year. 68 schools signed the Emerging Sports List last year for Boys Lacrosse, with 54 schools entering to compete in the State Series. 42 schools signed the Emerging Sports List last year for Girls Lacrosse, with 35 schools entering to compete in the State Series. The benchmark to start a IHSA State Series requires 65 Boys Lacrosse State Series entries and 40 Girls Lacrosse State Series entries.
5. The committee discussed if the Board might be willing to lower the State Series benchmark numbers from 65 boys teams and 40 girls teams.
6. The committee discussed a survey put together by Matt Troha based on feedback from last year's meeting. The survey will be sent to member school athletic directors later this month to help information for future schools considering the addition of lacrosse.
7. The committee discussed the addition of the Boys Lacrosse and Girls Lacrosse webpages on the IHSA's new website. Both are listed under Emerging Sports at the bottom of the Sports & Activities List on the website.
8. The committee heard a report from Matt Troha that Carol Lynn Davey will be unable to continue as the IHSA's Head Clinician for Girls Lacrosse and that fellow clinician Helder Weil has taken over the Head Clinician duties.
9. The committee heard a report from Matt Troha on the status of IHSA lacrosse officials. The IHSA plans to bring lacrosse in line with all sports, as it pertains to officials, this year with testing, promotion, etc. The IHSA is also investigating working with US Lacrosse on officials sanctioning.

10. The committee discussed a timeline for deciding on the whether the IHSA will conduct a State Series in the spring of 2012. The official deadline is February 1, but the committee indicated that for scheduling purposes, if an outcome is known by December or January, releasing that information then would be beneficial for scheduling.
11. The committee discussed the proposed dates for the state finals.
12. The committee enquired about the status of some “club” programs that consist mainly of students from concentrated high schools and if any may be closer to becoming official high school programs.
13. The committee discussed and identified high schools that may have varsity or junior varsity programs that did not sign up for or were not included on the Emerging Sports and State Series entry lists from last year.