



Boys Lacrosse Advisory Committee

Agenda

Florida High School Athletic Association
1801 NW 80th Blvd., Gainesville, FL. 32606
Wednesday, June 24th, 2020 – 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

- I. Introduction and Purpose
- II. Review Procedures, and Agenda
- III. Selection of Chairperson
- IV. New Business
 - a. Lacrosse Season Length
 - b. NCAA Face Off
 - c. 25 Player Roster
- V. Round Table Discussion
 - a. Team Sport Ranking Structure
 - b. Florida State High School Coaches Association Inc
- VI. Adjournment



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Recommendation Form – Agenda Item

Site: Robert W. Hughes FHSAA Building, Gainesville Florida **Date:** June 24, 2020

Item: Season length **Action or Discussion:** Action
Extend the lacrosse season

Background: The lacrosse regular season length is the shortest of any FHSAA team sport.

Recommendation: I propose to change the lacrosse season length so that it mirrors other FHSAA team sports and add a universal start date.
I think starting on Martin Luther King Day would allow everyone to know when the lacrosse season begins every year in FL and then go 14 weeks (2 weeks conditioning and 1 week for preseason).

Rationale: If you play the max 18 games you're forced to play multiple weeks with 3 games. Spring Break also falls within our season causing more issues. Some schools are able to use this week as an opportunity to take a Spring Break trip to play out of area games but, at other schools, the administration restricts games that week because there is no school. If there are no lacrosse games during Spring Break those kids lose another week of being able to play games so now their team only has 7 weeks to play games.

Alternatives to Recommendation: An alternative could be to make regular-season 10 weeks (add two weeks)

Committees Voting Summary:

Data Source: FHSAA website

Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):

Scott Rickard, Immokalee High School

Section 3 (Boys) Representative

Name of Committee Member/Staff Member

Member Role



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Item: lacrosse season length

Action or Discussion: Action

Background: Be in line with other FHSAA team sports and adding a universal start date.

Recommendation: Starting on Martin Luther King Day would allow everyone to know when the lacrosse season begins every year in FL and then we just go 11 weeks.

Rationale: The regular season for most FHSAA team sports is 11 weeks but, the lacrosse season is only 8 weeks. If you play the max 18 games you're forced to play multiple weeks with 3 games. As you know Spring Break also falls within our season causing more issues. Some schools are able to use this week as an opportunity to take a Spring Break trip to play out of area games but, at other schools the administration restricts games that week because there is no school.

Alternatives to Recommendation:

Committees Voting Summary:

Data Source:

Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):

Justin VanTassel, Maclay School

Section 1 (Boys) Representative

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Item: NCAA Face-Off **Action or Discussion:** Action
The FHSAA should follow the NCAA lead regarding face-off changes

Background: The NCAA eliminated the most popular stance and face-off grip in hopes of speeding up play and creating more competition/excitement during face offs

Recommendation: The FHSAA should adopt these new rules immediately so Florida players hoping to play in college don't fall behind.

Rationale: Allow for players to be more easily recruited at that position and for the FHSAA to be in line with the NCAA.

Alternatives to Recommendation:

Committees Voting Summary:

Data Source:

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Item: 25 player roster limit for playoffs **Action or Discussion:** Action
Remove 25 player roster limit for playoffs

Background: Boys lacrosse is a contact sports with a majority of our athletes engaged in year round training to become bigger, faster, and stronger. Just like football, the toll of entire season is overcome with roster sizes of 30 or more on varsity teams. The present rule compromises the ability to provide depth during the playoff season and also reward players who have been on the varsity roster for the regular season. In addition, having to remove players from the active roster presents a number of issues for coaches both administratively and with their players who have made a year long commitment to the team. Finally, the game has evolved to the point that the number of players rotated during even close contests is such that the 25 player limit compromises strategies used during the regular season during the most important portion of the season.

Recommendation: Raise the playoff roster limit to 32 players or no limit at all.

Rationale: Raising the limit allows for adaptation to strategies used during the regular season, increases safety for all players with increased depth and ability to substitute freely, cuts down on administrative tasks going into the playoffs, and rewards players for being members of a team throughout the entire seasons while avoiding unnecessary demotion of players who would not normally be included on a 25 player roster.

Alternatives to Recommendation: none

Committees Voting Summary:

Data Source: None other than personal experience of coaching in the state and seeing the game evolve over the last few decades so that the athletes are bigger, faster, stronger and the strategy of the game employs more players per game than in the past.

Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):

Garrick Robinson, Lake Mary High School

Section 2 (Boys) Representative

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Item: 25 Person Play Off Roster **Action or Discussion:** Action
Eliminate 25 person roster rule

Background: NCAA College rosters have 55 person limits, most Florida high school teams have 30-35 person rosters. Kids play for their team all season, then for playoffs only 25 players are chosen to roster and dress. There is no reason for this rule, it only hurts kids, parents and coaches.

Recommendation: Remove maximum roster limitations for high school lacrosse and eliminate person man play off roster. Maximum roster of 40.

Rationale: Teams have more than 25 players on their rosters. It is not fair to kids, parents and coaches when players that were on the team all season, cannot be on the playoff rosters. There is no need for this rule.

Alternatives to Recommendation: Playoff roster capped at 40 players.

Committees Voting Summary:

Data Source:

Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):

Tom West, Ponte Vedra High School

Section 2 (Boys) Representative

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Item: 3.3 Bracketing and Sites 3.3.1 Team Sports
District and/or Regional Tournaments

Action or Discussion: Discussion

Background:

Recommendation: Follow the same guidelines as other sports (girls volleyball) for making the State Tournament. In each region, have the District Champions (4) and have the other four teams based on state Rankings.

Rationale:

Alternatives to Recommendation:

Committees Voting Summary:

Data Source: 3.3 Bracketing and Sites 3.3.1 Team Sports

Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):

Stan Ross, Oxbridge Academy

Section 4 (Boys) Representative

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Item:
Recognition of the Florida State Lacrosse Coaches Association

Action or Discussion: Discussion

Background: The Florida State High School Coaches Association Inc., is a Non-Profit 501c(3) corporation whose mission is to address concerns and opportunities to grow the game of lacrosse in Florida. As a membership-driven organization, the FSLCA will promote high school lacrosse, student-athletes, coaches and schools throughout the great state of Florida. It is also our intention to work in good faith with the FHSAA and other governing bodies to accomplish our mission to grow the game of lacrosse.

Recommendation: We would like to vote on adding a permanent seat to this Advisory Committee for the FSLCA FHSAA Chairperson.

Rationale: This organization best represents the needs and desires of lacrosse coaches in the state of Florida.

Alternatives to Recommendation:

Committees Voting Summary:

Data Source:

Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):

Jonathan Montes, Oak Hall School

Section 1 (Boys) Representative

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