

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of January 26, 2019
General Membership/Mandatory Coaches Meeting

2045: The meeting of the Membership/Coaches of the Washington High School Boys Lacrosse Association was held on Saturday, January 26, 2019, at 11am at Upper Gwinn, SPU, Seattle, Washington.

All Board members and the Executive Secretary were present. Brian O'Rourke, Region 6 Rep and Vern Smith, At-Large attended the meeting from a satellite location with Head Coaches from nine Region 6 clubs.

All Members were present except as noted below:

Programs Absent

Burlington Edison

Programs Present/Head Coach Absent

Curtis

Eastlake

O'Dea

Program Present/Head Coach Excused

Central Kitsap

Gig Harbor

2046: After calling the meeting to order and explaining the ground rules, Board president Jimmy Twining announced that there are 89 teams fielding Varsity teams and 3 teams fielding JV teams only. Late arrivals were also advised to check in the Catie Larsen to confirm the attendance was recorded and to collect fees and paperwork.

2047: The WHSBLA was able to grant over \$21,000 in financial assistance to clubs in need of help, by waiving team fees and some or all home game fees.

2048: Lyn Porterfield, of US Lacrosse, introduced herself and Scott Pattison, who is on the US Lacrosse Board. She talked to clubs about the following:

1. US Lacrosse offered 1st Stick Grants and Hardship Memberships (\$10) for any athletes who are Free and Reduced lunch or on scholarship.
2. An NCSI Background Check is required for all coaches and is provided with a US Lacrosse Membership.
3. Safe Sport Training is not required in the 2019 season but will be in the 2020 season.
4. An Area Chair is needed to head up the All Academic/Bob Scott/Coach of the Year Awards.

- 2049: Ian reminded coaches of the Coaches Convention directly after the meeting. There are 3 sessions, 45 minutes each, covering both HS and Youth. The clinics will be led by Kort and Blake Kim.
- 2050: Coaches were asked to spread the word about the need for refs. Most referees start as youth refs and work up to high school refs so start them young! Where else can kids make \$35 - \$45/hour doing something they love.
- 2051: WALOA official, Andy Assante, was introduced to share the 2019 season rule changes and points of emphasis. The video link will be on the WHSBLA website, <https://www.nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/boys-lacrosse-rules-changes-2019/>.
- 2052: Coaches' packets and membership fees are due today. Membership fees are \$300 per Varsity team and \$200 per JV and C team. An additional \$177 league fee is also due by from each team. This money is used for additional ref pay for refs who have to travel a distance to cover games. Included in the coaches' packet is a declaration stating that your program will have all required compliance file paperwork completed. The coaches' packet and membership fees are the only items due today. If they are late, a fee will be assessed.
- 2053: The initial game fees payment is due to Catie by March 1, 2019. The first payment includes all home games on the schedule at that time. The second invoice will be sent at the end of the season and will include any additions or changes including refunds due back for referee no-shows.
If any program has trouble paying initial game fees due to school policy, get in contact with Catie immediately to work out a payment plan. The address is at the bottom of all invoices and checks are to be made out to WHSBLA.
- 2054: Compliance Files are due by February 20, 2019. File is to be scanned and emailed in one file to each member's regional board representative. Brandon will email the 2019 WHSBLA Compliance File Checklist with more specific instructions, however the checklist of items needed, as well as an example of a compliance file, is always available through the league website under Coaches Certification.

Due to a large number of programs turning in compliance files late or incomplete in prior years, FINES will be levied for files late and/or needing resubmission for missing items. Further reminder was given to submit compliance files early to allow time to submit any missing items and avoid being ineligible to start practice. If a coach joins the staff on or after February 20, just send an addendum to your compliance file with items 4,5 and 6 for that coach only. A coach cannot be on the field until the paperwork is turned in or the practice won't count.

Brandon shared an example of all items due in the compliance file, explaining how to complete each. Special emphasis was given to the mandatory background checks and how to obtain. Each coach must have a background check of a national scope. The easiest way to complete this is to go through US Lacrosse. A link is up on the WHSBLA site. This background check is good for 2 years and it is listed on US Lacrosse membership cards.

All were reminded that all coaches must show documentation of both First Aid and CPR. All coaches were reminded to start right away as these items take time.

2055: All Official Program Rosters are due by March 11, 2019. These must be emailed to your Region Rep. Rosters must be submitted using the template that will be emailed to all by Brandon at the end of February. Program rosters include all players in the program, varsity and sub-varsity, and the total count of each. The rosters are used throughout the year for a number of reasons, including player eligibility, US Lacrosse census reports, and insurance reporting. There is a necessity for roster consistency which is provided by the template. If a player is added after March 11, submit a new roster to your region rep with the new player highlighted. For a player to be eligible for playoff games, he must be on the roster by April 1.

2056: Brandon also reminded coaches to make sure program info is updated on WHSBLA website. If information needs to be changed, email the changes to Brandon. There is a new 'Games Wanted' page on the WHSBLA website. Contact Brandon if you would like to be listed as wanting to find extra games.

Double check Sportability for correct home game information and post rosters in Sportability before first home game. Email Brandon if you don't remember your Sportability login information.

Before any player is allowed to step on the field in a varsity game, they must be listed on the team roster in Sportability. All were reminded that the players' number on the roster must also match the number they wear on the field. Team rosters must be posted on Sportability before the first game.

2057: Teams are responsible for reporting scores and stats of varsity games on Sportability, as well as any player who is ejected, within 24 hours of the conclusion of the game. It was also requested that teams post JV scores on Sportability as it helps in payments to refs and knowing which games were played.

2058: InsideLacrosse.com is trying to replace LAX Power. It is optional to update that website but would be very helpful.

2059: Game and practice reminders: Maximum allowed is 20 games (contests) plus 1

jamboree. Anything with an opponent is a contest and must be reported. Jamborees consists of games no more than 3 games of 40 minutes of running time. Anything over that will count as one of your 20 games. All players must have 10 practices before participating in a game or jamboree.

2060: Season Important Dates:

- i. First day of practice – Monday, February 25, 2019
- ii. Playoffs Begin –Saturday, May 4th w/Play –In games
- iii. All-American Meeting – Sunday, May 19, 2019
- iv. WHSBLA CHAMPIONSHIPS – Saturday, May 25, 2019
- v. Fall Mandatory meeting is the first Saturday of October – October 5, 2019
- vi. 2020 Mandatory Coach meeting is last Saturday of January – January 25, 2020

2061: Updates to WHSBLA policies are highlighted in the handbook on the website.

2062: The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Catie Larsen, Executive Secretary