

To: OHSAA Boys Lacrosse School Athletic Directors & Head Coaches

From: Tyler Brooks, Senior Manager of Officiating & Sport Administration

Re: April Update

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1 - Training Material for Scorekeepers

Please see the document below and save for your records if you would like. I realize that the NCAA uses a different rule set from our high school / NFHS rule book, but this should be a helpful start to a new scorekeeper:

http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/stats/Stats_Manuals/Lacrosse/mlax22.pdf

2 - Legally Marked Field and Prescribed Penalty

The issue of legally marked playing fields has come up a few times to start this season.

NFHS Rule 1-2-1 states:

“...The boundaries of the field shall be marked with white or contrasting-colored lines. The long sides of the field shall be designated sidelines, the short sides shall be designated endlines. A bold white line shall be marked through the center of the field perpendicular to the sidelines. This line shall be known as the center line.

All lines shall be no less than 2 inches wide nor more than 4 inches wide. Exceptions are the goal line, which shall be 2 inches wide, and the center line, which shall be 4 inches wide.

NOTES:

- 1. If the field of play has a logo in the center or at any other part of the field of play, that logo should not obstruct the visibility of the required marks. A solid or shadow-bordered line is permissible. A shadow line is a line that designates the continuation of the required line by use of a border or outline lines at least ¼ inch wide.*

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PENALTY: Failure to have clearly marked centerline that runs the entire width of the field is illegal procedure assessed against the home team.”

If your boys lacrosse field does not have a clearly marked centerline that runs the entire width of the field, the penalty is illegal procedure and results in the loss of the initial face off of the game. Please review your field markings and ensure they are legal by rule!

3 - Reminder on Out-of-State Travel

Per Bylaw 9-2-1 below, a form is required for a team to travel out of state to any location that does not border Ohio.

Bylaw 9-2-1: *Schools may travel out of state to compete in contests in states or provinces in Canada that border Ohio regardless of distance to travel. The states are Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. The province is Ontario. Additionally, schools may travel out of state one time per sport per interscholastic season to compete in contests in any location that does not border Ohio subject to approval from the Executive Director’s Office. (Obtain the required form to request this travel permission [here](#)).*

Links to Resources

Boys Lacrosse Regulations - <https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Lacrosse-Boys/BoysLaxRegs.pdf>

Coaches Manual - <https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Lacrosse-Boys/2022/2022BLXCoachesManual.pdf>

Tournament Regulations - <https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Lacrosse-Boys/2022/2022BLXTournamentRegulations.pdf>

Past Email Updates - <https://www.ohsaa.org/Sports-Tournaments/Lacrosse-Boys/Athletic-Director-Coach-Updates>



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