

**To:** OHSAA Boys Lacrosse School Athletic Directors & Head Coaches

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

**Re:** Introductions and Pre-Season Information

**Date:** Friday, January 7, 2022

My name is Tyler Brooks and I am the new boys lacrosse administrator here at the OHSAA office. I have been with the OHSAA since 2014 and I have administered the sport of wrestling for the last three years, as well as boys and girls golf this past fall. I will also be administering girls lacrosse this spring. In addition to my sport administration duties, I also have responsibilities within our officiating department.

For any questions related to our sport in regards to OHSAA regulations, please email me at [tbrooks@ohsaa.org](mailto:tbrooks@ohsaa.org). If you have any questions related to the NFHS Rule Book, please email your Director of Officiating Development (DOD) for boys lacrosse, Mr. Lee Spitzer at [laxspitz@columbus.rr.com](mailto:laxspitz@columbus.rr.com).

I look forward to working with you all to make boys lacrosse the best that it can be for our OHSAA student-athletes!

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### **1 - Upcoming Season Dates**

February 8	Online State Rules Meeting Available Online
February 21	First Day of Coaching and Tryouts
March 18	Regular Season Begins
March 29	Non-Interscholastic Date
May 8	Tournament Draw/Seed Date
May 14-19	Regional Qualifying
May 18-21	Regional Quarterfinals
May 23-27	Regional Semis & Finals
May 31- June 2	State Semifinals
June 4	State Championships
June 4	Season Ends

### **2 - Online State Meeting Dates**

The online state rules meeting will be available through myOHSAA on Tuesday, February 8 at 9 AM. All coaches will be emailed directly when the meeting is available. The meeting will be available until Friday, March 18. After March 18, a \$50 late fee will apply until Monday, May 2 at 11:59 pm. After May 2 there will no opportunity to complete the required meeting.

The 2022 Boys Lacrosse Coaches Manual will be available prior to the state meeting going live on February 8.

### **3 - Update on Required Shoulder Pads for 2022 Season**

Since the 2020 NFHS Rule Book, the following rule has been published:

Rule 1 - Section 9 - Article 1 - d:  
*Shoulder pads designed for lacrosse (optional for goalkeeper).*

**NOTE: Beginning January 1, 2022, field players must wear shoulder pads that meet the NOCSAE ND200 lacrosse standard for chest protectors.**

I have been told by some schools that manufacturing / supply chain concerns remain for the upcoming season. Please review the statement below from USA Lacrosse and their informational webpage (including links to equipment):

<https://www.usalacrosse.com/lacrosse-chest-protector-faq>

**IMPORTANT UPDATE (Dec. 8, 2021):** *At this time, the implementation date requiring that shoulder pads designed for lacrosse and meeting NOCSAE standard ND200 remains as January 1, 2022. USA Lacrosse is aware of concerns raised by some that there will not be enough products for the start of the 2022 season. USA Lacrosse has spoken with multiple manufacturers and retailers, and they do not expect that current supply chain issues would affect the start of next season. USAL encourages consumers to consider multiple online and brick-and-mortar providers to find needed equipment. If there are any changes or new developments, USA Lacrosse will keep our members updated with the latest information.*

#### **4 - Review of Significant Changes to 2022 Regulations**

The most significant change made to the boys lacrosse regulations was 1.4, which now reads:

*Penalty for participation in more than six (6) quarters per day:  
The penalty for exceeding the participation limitation during a contest is forfeiture of the contest in which the ineligible player is participating. When discovered, the ineligible player is removed from the contest, and the contest may continue to completion; however, the result of the contest shall be a forfeiture by the offending team.*

This type of change was made in all team sports when an individual is discovered having exceeded their daily participation limitation. Please be aware of this change and track your players' daily quarter limitations diligently.

Here is a link to the 2022 Boys Lacrosse Regulations:

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

#### **5 - Mailing of NFHS Rule Book to Schools**

The 2022 NFHS Boys Lacrosse Rule Book has been mailed to each boys lacrosse school and should arrive to your school no later than January 8. Please check with your AD if you have not received your copy of the 2022 rule book. If you are interested in purchasing additional NFHS publications, please visit the NFHS website: <https://www.nfhs.org/resources/publications/>

#### **6 - Review of OHSAA Bylaw 9-2-1: Travel to Non-Bordering State**

Per the spring 2021 referendum voting, schools are now required to request permission from the OHSAA prior to traveling to a non-bordering state for competition (Bylaw 9-2-1) for the current 21-22 school year.

This form is available on the boys lacrosse webpage at the link below:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Eligibility/forms/NonBorderingStateApproval.pdf>

Full text of revised bylaw is below:

*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. (Visit [ohsaa.org](http://ohsaa.org) to obtain the required form to request this travel permission).*

*Penalty for violation: A school which travels to a non-boarding location to compete in contests on more than one occasion shall be ineligible for the OHSAA postseason tournament in the sport in which the out-of-state travel was involved and could be subject to additional penalties as referenced in Bylaw 11. A school which travels to a non-boarding location without approval from the Executive Director's Office shall be subject to a fine and could be subject to additional penalties as referenced in Bylaw 11.*

## **7 - Review of Out-of-Season Regulations**

8.3) Individual Skill/Coaching Instruction – Team Sports of Baseball, Basketball, Field Hockey, Football, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball and Volleyball

8.3.1 - From August 1 through May 31 From School Coaches – In the sports of basketball, field hockey, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer and volleyball, individual skill/coaching instruction may be received by a member of a school team or individuals at any time prior to and after the school season and outside the defined no-contact periods (see General Sports Regulation 11) from school coaches provided that no more than four members of a school team or individuals are present at one time in all facilities where the individual skill/coaching instruction is taking place.



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