

IHSA BOYS & GIRLS LACROSSE

The IHSA Boys Lacrosse Advisory Committee and IHSA Girls Lacrosse Advisory Committee met jointly via a virtual meeting for their annual meetings on Tuesday, September 15, 2020.

Attending on behalf of the IHSA Girls Lacrosse Committee were Eddie Kane, athletic director from Chicago (Resurrection) representing Division 1; Marsha Pothof, principal at McHenry representing Division 2; Jessica Hogan, head coach at Naperville (North) representing Division 3; Andy Grisinger, head coach at Normal (Community) [Coop] representing Division 5; Darien Jacobs, head coach at Belleville (East/West) [Coop] representing Division 7; and Kristen Rymarczuk, Official from Lake Zurich.

Attending on behalf of the IHSA Boys Lacrosse Committee were Jim Juchinski, head coach at Chicago (St. Rita) representing Division 1; Dan Jones, Athletic Director at Hinsdale (Central) and state final host manager representing Division 3; Zach Davis, head coach at Washington representing Division 6; and Tom Ellis, Official from Naperville. Matt Troha from the IHSA staff was also present at the meeting.

TERMS & CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

None

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The committee discussed the high risk ranking for boys and girls lacrosse as determined by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). The committee questioned whether girls lacrosse should and could be made to be a medium risk sport.
2. The committee heard an update on the IHSA lacrosse season for 2020, which will be played in the summer season from April 19 to June 26.
3. The committee discussed what a postseason format might look like within IDPH Regions.
4. The committee discussed the contact day limitations for lacrosse that can currently be conducted until October 31.
5. The committee heard a report on officials licensing for the 2021 season. The IHSA will leave 2021 licensing open until the season begins. Licensing for the 2021-22 school year will open on July 1.
6. The committee discussed the creation and review of a Return To Activities document prior to the 2021 season.
7. The committee discussed the independent team rule and participation as it relates to this summer's season.

8. The committee discussed the pros and cons of allowing participation on high school and clubs team simultaneously.

9. The committee discussed meeting again virtually in January to determine the outlook and next steps for the 2021 season.

10. The committee discussed scheduling timelines for 2021, as well as the role conferences will play.

11. The committee discussed forming temporary conferences for 2021 with independent teams to help ease scheduling.

12. The committee discussed a follow-up email that Matt will send from the IHSA office with several updates and a survey related to the independent team rule.