

THSLL/TSLA MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 22, 2024

The THSLL Board Meeting was called to order by Nancy Powers at 7:05pm. In Attendance: Andris Dikmanis, Will Doby, Elizabeth Dupont, Tony Martin, Sean Ray, GL Vandyne, Troy Walker Non-Voting:, Nancy Powers. Not Attending: Monica Joy, Chris Shaffer

DISCUSSION

State Meeting Voting

Board discussion about the state meeting results including the team participation vote.

Notify teams

Troy motioned to approve board ruling pertaining to the percentage requirement. Elizabeth seconded. Motion carried.

Notify teams of the revote and of the board ruling.

The following required additional attention and/or a revote:

1. **Season Timelines:** End of season, Saturday, April 26th. [revote] <https://forms.office.com/r/q5gbfs1wxj>
2. **Class C Playoff Options:** 16-team playoff format – 2 options [revote] <https://forms.office.com/r/5cxPun7QR7>
3. **Waiver Options:** Discussing waivers for teams that do not meet the 70%/90% host team player profile. More information at bottom of email.

During the State Meeting, we discussed whether to calculate percentages based on all eligible voters or only those who actually voted. The outcomes remained unchanged regardless of the method used.

SUMMARY OF VOTING ITEMS:

Voting Item #1- 2024/2025 Proposed Budget – **Passed**

Voting Item #2- Appendix B Timetable A – New season end date proposed.

Voting link is: <https://forms.office.com/r/q5gbfs1wxj>

Voting Item #7 - Change the number of Class C playoffs teams to 16 teams from 8 teams. Seeding for Class C playoffs is determined by Lax Numbers from THSLL varsity games. The THSLL board will implement the THSLL tie breaker rules if necessary. - **Passed**

See voting link to determine Class C playoff structure:

<https://forms.office.com/r/5cxPun7QR7>

Voting Item #8 Remove team percentage rule- **Did not pass NOTE see Below**

Context on Host School Percentages

The 2020 Class Restructuring plan included a clause requiring that teams in Classes B, C, and D consist of at least 70% of players from their Host School, with Class A teams requiring 90%. Teams failing to meet this requirement would be ineligible for playoffs. This clause was introduced for several reasons. One of the guiding principles of the Texas High School Lacrosse League (THSLL) is to build school-based lacrosse teams, where all players attend the same high school. It also aimed to prevent the formation of “super teams” by combining players from multiple schools. Additionally, the

THSLL's long-term goal has been to have lacrosse sanctioned by the Texas University Interscholastic League (UIL), believing that UIL would be more likely to sanction the sport if teams were composed of players from the same high school.

However, over the past three seasons, this clause has not achieved the intended outcomes. New teams have not emerged to meet the percentage mandate, no super teams have formed from multiple high school feeders, and the UIL's primary concern remains the number of schools with lacrosse programs.

THSLL BOARD RULING

Teams that do not meet the percentage requirement are eligible for the playoffs if:

1. The Program agrees to add a 6's Team made up of a majority of players not from the host school.
1. The 6's team must be identified on the roster as a team from a high school other than the host high school. Players may play for both the varsity full field team and the 6's team.
2. The 6's team name must use the name of the school that differs from the Host School. Team may consist of Varsity and JV players from traditional teams.

OR

2. The Team is a Class A Team;

OR

3. A team that has moved up or down a class since the conclusion of the 2023-2024 season, whether voluntary or involuntarily, is considered waived and is not required to move up.

OR

4. New Programs are waived for 2 years;

Tascosa/Amarillo

Email vote/discussion. The board reviewed the team application from Tascosa. Troy motioned to approve to the application to accept Tascosa/Amarillo to join THSLL in the Central Class D West. Sean seconded. The motion carried.

Prosper

The board discussed Prosper's email to the board requesting several changes to the league. Will Doby will communicate with the Prosper Board.

Gateway Appeal

Gateway submitted an appeal to the movement from class C to class B. Andris motioned to deny the appeal from Gateway to remain in Class C. GL seconded. The motion carried. Troy will contact Gateway.

Kemp Application

Kemp applied to THSLL as a 6's team. They are part of East Texas Lacrosse with youth teams/players coming from Kemp, Mabank, Athens, Tyler and the small communities surrounding the area. 8 players are committed and expect 4 or 5 more players to join. Youth players also are forming teams. They have a middle school field in Kemp and will also try to play games at Kemp High school. They also have fields in Athens, Seven Points, and Gun Barrel City. Tony motioned to approve Kemp as a THSLL 6s team. Troy seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm, Next meeting November 12,2024