

THSLL/TSLA MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 3, 2024

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

DISCUSSION

Allen waiver request

Email vote: Will motioned to approve Allen's waiver requesting a waiver for a player who attends Coppell because his mother works at the school. He lives in Allen. The family is unable to take the player to Coppell practice due to family illness. Troy seconded. The motion carried.

Email to State

As everyone is gearing up for the 2025 HS Lacrosse Season, we wanted to address some of the questions we have received from member teams.

We acknowledge that this past offseason was full of changes and options for the future of our league. We view this as a very positive indicator that we have coaches and leaders in our Texas lacrosse community that are thinking about the future and proactively proposing new ideas that can strengthen our teams and players. Change is hard, but we encourage everyone to think beyond their current club situation and open your thoughts to what actions or creative solutions can lead to Texas approving lacrosse as a UIL sport or Texas gaining national respect as a powerhouse of talented players and coaches.

We are looking forward to this season and to working alongside each of you to make this year successful!

Here are some of the questions FAQ we have received:

6's:

- If I create a 6's team do all of the 6's players have to be from the same HS?
 - NO, they do not have to be from the same school but they have to represent a school other than the primary varsity school
- Does the 6;s team need their own uniforms?
 - NO, they do not need new uniforms, they can wear the Varsity schools uniform while representing the new school
- How soon will we know who will have a 6's team so we can start putting together a schedule?
 - You can start scheduling immediately.

THSLL is working to consolidate all of the 6's teams this year. *The deadline to submit a request to form a 6v6 team is January 6th.*

- Work and communicate with your District Coordinator and area Coaches to establish short term teams and schedules

Playoff Eligibility:

The Player % rule is STILL ACTIVE and will be enforced. The vote did not carry to remove the player % rule this year.

- If my club does NOT meet the Player % Rule, am I eligible for the playoffs?
 - NO – ALL CLASSES
- If I am NOT eligible for the playoffs by the Player % Rule, can I become eligible?
 - YES – ALL CLASSES, by the following exemptions:
 - Teams that do not meet the percentage requirement are eligible for the playoffs if:
 - The Program agrees to add a 6's Team made up of a majority of players not from the host school.
 - 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.
 - 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
 - The Team is a Class A Team; MUST Meet the Player % Rule
 - OR
 - 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 from playoff eligibility and is not required to move up to become eligible for playoffs.
 - OR
 - New Programs are waived for 2 years

CLASS A: Eligible if the Team is a Class A Team

- Are All Class A Teams automatically eligible?
 - NO- The Board will review waiver requests.
- Do Class A teams still have to meet the 90% rule since the % rule didn't pass?
 - YES

Class Movement:

- If I moved classes do I stay in the previous years class if it was involuntary, since it states "is considered waived and is not required to move up."?
 - YES
- If I moved classes, am I automatically playoff eligible?
 - Only if a team has moved up or down a class since the conclusion of the 2023-2024 season.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm