



Texas High School Lacrosse League



2006 THSSL Coaches State Meeting Minutes

Location: Jesuit High School, Dallas Texas

Date: 10-21-06 11:00 AM

Reference Documents:

2006-2007 THSSL State Annual Meeting Agenda dated October 21, 2006(handed out to attendees)

THSSL Boys Rule Book (Draft with proposed change

Proposed THSSL 2007 Budget

Dave Hammil Commissioner Opens Meeting

Mike Crimmins takes attendance and count proxies.

Dave H. asked for agenda items from the floor-none were requested

Eligibility: Dave Hammil & Mike Crimmins summarized as situation in the North in which the families of two players (Polka and Martin) were recruited to play at a DI school, seemingly violating the league rule regarding eligibility.

Mike C. reviewed details of issue from handout. After summarizing details he asked the floor if his assessment was accurate.

-comments from the floor:

Dave Flick asked what the catalyst was for the Martin and Polkas wanting to leave.

Players wanted to move from Plano East to Plano West (D1)

Internal issues within the Plano East (coaches & officers quitting, disagreements with club) contributed to players wanting to leave. Comment was made that the issue was more than simply players wanting to move from DII to DI.

-Players are participating with Plano West during the fall season(not governed by THSSL). Players parents are challenging league ruling.

THSSL Coordinator North DI (Mike C.) and Commissioner (Dave H.) have ruled that the players are ineligible to play for Plano West.

Later in the meeting, a the Board will propose a resolution, by show of hands by eligible attending voters and proxies, if league members reaffirm the eligibility rule, and the Commissioner's and North DI coordinators ruling.

11:50-12:20: Break for Lunch

Dave H: Requested from the floor that the member teams to go back to teams and ask for volunteer to step forward for the Secretary position (currently filled by Dave H.)

Per League Calendar, games are to be loaded into the league website for eventual transfer to the SWLOA for assigning. Also contact information needs to be updated in time for league dues.

Coaching recruitment initiative: League is attempting to establish a program to recruit coaches. Ryan Boyle(sp?) was recruited to act as point person, but not willing to participate at this time. Each district needs a representative to act as a recruiting focal point. Dallas currently has this position filled.

New and Transitioning Teams

North

Wiley (North District) has been accepted as a DII North team in their first year (2007 season)

McKinney is moving from new team to DII

Highland Park is adding a DII team

Plano West dropped their DII team

South District: No team movement or new teams.

Central: No team movement, but Bowie is anticipating moving to DI for 2008

SWLOA:

Assigning Fees for 2007: Varsity 115, JV 90

Officials fees

2008 \$65, \$55 jv

2009 \$65, \$55 jv

2010 \$70, \$60 jv

Officials Evaluation for playoffs, Joe Donoghue will send out an evaluation form to coaches for them to evaluate officials

Budgets:

Budget in handout available (also on website)

Dave Flick made a motion to approve budget, Rusty Genson, seconded it. Put up for vote and unanmaously approved.

Dues increase:

New dues increases passes, votes are unanimous.

Rules Waivers:

No new rule waivers proposed.

Rule Changes (Reference draft of THSLL Rule Book changes)

There are two rule changes

1. Under paragraph 6, the word “shall” in proposed to “may” to allow Board
2. Add paragraph 18

Motion made (name) unknown and seconded by Mike Block. Unanimously approved.

Eligibility

Reiteration that JV teams do not have seniors

(Reference paragraph 8 of draft of THSLL Rule Book changes)

Motion is made to approve wording for 1st paragraph. Motion is seconded unanimously passed.

First Criteria

Motion is made to approve wording paragraph regarding “First: School Attended:” criteria for eligibility. Motion is seconded and unanimously passed

Second Criteria

Motion is made to approve wording paragraph regarding “Second: Attendance Zone:” criteria for eligibility. Motion is seconded and unanimously passed.

Third Criteria

Motion is made to strike paragraph regarding “Third: School District:” criteria for eligibility. Motion is seconded and unanimously passed.

Motion for 4th paragraph, & seconded . Motion passed unanimously passed

(Stricken out proposal)

Forth Criteria

Mike Crimmins reviewed mechanics of rule. Motivation of rule is to support new teams with players

Dave Flick, (Assistant Coach Plano West) presented a map showing geography between West Plano, Plano, and Plano East.

Does not like rule

Feels that rule give advantage to private schools by allowing players to participate.

To DI privates (point 1)

Cannot play for Division I public (point II)

Can play for DII (point 3)

PW develops players from outer areas. Players who participate and develop in junior programs cannot participate in PW because in high school because of rule, even though the player may live geographically close to the school, but is districted to a bordering district. Players in these outlying or bordering district will be forced to play for DII.

PW asserted that affected players would be required to travel long distances to participate in a DII, even if the DI program is closer. Other coaches stated that it is not uncommon for players to have to travel

Derek Thompson of Highland , and established DI public program stated that he would not be interested (and player would be ineligible anyway under HP district rules) in allowing an adjacent district player to participate.

Motion to replace “primary residence” and replace with “closest to students school”

Motion to replace “DII” to “closest school”. Motion seconded. Motion DOES NOT PASS.

Motion to pass Forth criteria as modified and seconded. Motion passes.

Motion is made to approve new wording to paragraph beginning with “When a Division II Team matriculates to Division I...” in the rules draft and is seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion is made to approve new wording in paragraph beginning with “Any exception to these rules must be approved in writing.....” in the rules draft and is seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion is made to approve paragraph 8.1 regarding “District Eligibility Committee” and is seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion is made to approve paragraph 8.3 regarding “Time of Eligibility” and is seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion is made to approve paragraphs 8.41 & 8.42 regarding “JV transfers” and “Varsity transfers”. Motion is seconded and passes unanimously.

Motion is made to approve paragraph 8.43 regarding “Non-Compliance”. For 2007, coaches suggested that a waiver be proposed to allow a player released by a coach to be allowed to play for another team. Motion is seconded and passes unanimously.

Motion is made to approve paragraph 8.44 regarding “Hardship” and is seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion is made to approve paragraph 8.45 regarding “Cuts” and is seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Voting on Resolutions presented in paragraph 3. of “THSLL Division I Eligibility & Transfer Proposal.

Paragraph 3.4 was omitted from resolution as it is already addressed in approved rules (commissioners rule 18)

League would like each district to collect name, number, class and school (JV too) for waiver players for other teams to verify on league website.

17 Players honors –rule changed tabled to next year

Louisiana teams: travel requirements are a burden for North DII teams. Suggestion was made that in 2-3 years, LA would split off as their programs strengthen.

Meeting adjourned.

League wants new programs to build around established players, not have them moved to DI programs. Siphoning off players to DI teams would retard growth and maturation of DII teams.

League wants teams to migrate to a school base system.