

# 11/12/13 Board Meeting

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## **INDIANA YOUTH LACROSSE ASSOCIATION** **MONTHLY MEETING** **NOVEMBER 12, 2013** **AGENDA**

### Attendees:

- Chriss Cheatham, IYLA
- Dan Gray, IYLA, Zionsville
- Rob Green, IYLA
- Courtney Veigel, IYLA/St Simon
- Leslie Sherman: IYLA/US Lax
- Paul Kittaka, Carmel
- John Hamilton, Center Grove
- Brendan Fitzgerald, Cath Lax of Indy
- Martin Brown, Northside
- Pete Snyder, HSE/Fishers
- Nate Anderson, Center Grove
- Michael Hoffman, Indy Jr. Rebels
- Vinny Roman, Indy Jr. Rebels
- Greg Buckbout, Carmel
- Ryan Leitch, Carmel
- Jason Koles, Brownsburg
- John Doss, Brownsburg
- Ann Rankila, Center Grove

### Phone:

- Gerald Enlow - Evansville
- Terry Roberts - Noblesville
- Andy Gruber - SLDM

### Welcome

**Review of upcoming meeting dates, times and location. This information can also be found on the IYLA website:**  
[www.indianayouthlacrosse.org](http://www.indianayouthlacrosse.org)

**Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month.**

Tuesday, November 12, 2013  
Tuesday, December 10, 2013  
Tuesday, January 14, 2013

### Location

Foster Hall at Park Tudor  
7022 N. College Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46240

### Call In Information

If you are unable to physically attend the monthly meeting, we encourage you to participate via the "Call In" number. Please note that when calling in we ask that you identify yourself and the IYLA club/organization you are representing. When matters requiring a vote, only the individual with the authority to vote for your IYLA club/organization will be considered eligible to vote.

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**Code: 4300#**

## **Old Business**

- Reading of the minutes of the last meeting, September 10, 2013 by IYLA Secretary Rob Green.
- The date has been set for the 2014 IYLA Annual & Scheduling Meeting.

Saturday, February 22, 2014  
Park Tudor School  
7022 N. College Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46220

- The dates for the US Lacrosse Level 1 and Level 2 Coaching Clinics are set for Saturday and Sunday February 22 & 23, 2014. Carmel will be hosting these clinics and will be providing specific details in the weeks to come.

## **New Business**

### **Discussion: Youth LAX tournament date:**

**Motion: Youth LAX tournament: Proposed May 17 (weekend before HS Championships) to be on same day as HS Championship, unless HS activity proves prohibitive**

**1st: Ryan**

**2nd: Pete**

**Vote: Passes unanimously**

### **Discussion: Amended Eligibility Rule**

The following pertains to the IYLA Eligibility Rule, Sections 1.1.3. and 1.2.2. The IYLA Membership will be asked at the upcoming IYLA Monthly Meeting (Tuesday, November 12, 2013) to vote on the following:

- Removal of Section 1.1.3. Church - Eligibility is based on the player attending a particular church.
- Removal of "and Church-based Programs" in the definition of 1.2.2. "School- and Church-based Programs.
- The reclassification of the two school and church based programs, St. Louis de Monfort and St. Simon, as "School Based Programs" with the definition of the following:
  - "St. Louis de Monfort - Players attend the St. Louis de Monfort Catholic School."
  - "St. Simon - Players attend the St. Simon the Apostle Catholic School."
- With regard to the entry of the new program, Catholic Lacrosse of Indianapolis, their classification would be as follows:
  - "Catholic Lacrosse of Indianapolis - Male players attend one of the following schools: St. Pius X; St, Luke; Immaculate Heart of Mary; St. Thomas Aquinas; St. Lawrence; St. Mathew; St. Andrew; St. Joan of Arc; and Christ the King."
- Players who were parishioners but not students of St. Simon and St. Louis de Montfort and who participated during the 2013 IYLA Spring Season will be allowed to participate for the remainder of their

youth lacrosse career under a Grandfather Clause. This Grandfather Clause only applies to players who participated in the 2013 or prior IYLA Spring Season(s) and not to any new incoming players who are parishioners but not students of St. Simon and St. Louis de Montfort.

Concerns were discussed:

- No verbiage to force region programs to school based like Catholics
- Parishioner kids that are used to playing with their friends, and would only have this limitation in LAX

A clause was proposed in the meeting:

- For any school that wants to establish a school based program, they may pull from parishioners to help support the establishment of their team

From: Martin Brown, Northside LAX

Date: Sun, Nov 10, 2013 at 10:25 PM

Subject: Proposed amendment to proposed rule changes

To: Chris Cheatham

Hello Christine Cheatham and IYLA Executive Board Members,

I would like to offer an amendment to the proposed Eligibility Rules changes, to be considered at the November 12 meeting. The changes as proposed state:

"Players who were parishioners but not students of St. Simon and St. Louis de Montfort and who who participated during the 2013 IYLA Spring Season will be allowed to participate for the remainder of their youth lacrosse career under a Grandfather Clause. This Grandfather Clause only applies to players who participated in the 2013 or prior IYLA Spring Season(s) and not to any new incoming players who are parishioners but not students of St. Simon and St. Louis de Montfort."

I would like to amend the above to the following:

"Players who participated with an IYLA member club in the 2012 season (their 'original club'), in accordance with the rules of IYLA, who would otherwise be required to play with a different club for the 2013 season, will be allowed to participate for the remainder of their youth lacrosse career with their original club under a 'Grandfather Clause'."

My intent is simply that I believe that lacrosse players who have been playing with clubs such as Carmel Dad's, HSE, and Northside, who would now be required to play with one of the new clubs, should be allowed to continue with their original club for the remainder of their youth lacrosse career.

**Motion for amendment to Eligibility Rule as written above:**

**Leslie: 1st**

**Martin: 2nd**

**Vote: Rejected Unanimously (less Cath Lax abstention)**

#### **Discussion: Indy Junior Rebels Proposal**

The Indy Junior Rebels Lacrosse program is seeking entry for two teams (Boys 5/6th grade and Boys 7/8th grade) into the 2014 Indiana Youth Lacrosse Association spring season.

➤ **Vision Statement**

- The Indy Junior Rebels Lacrosse Program will serve as the premier "feeder" of experienced lacrosse players to the Roncalli High School Lacrosse Program.

➤ **Mission Statement**

- The Indy Junior Rebels Lacrosse Program will provide opportunities for boys in grades 5-8 who attend

schools that typically feed into Roncalli High School to learn and play the game of lacrosse in a fun, instructional, and competitive setting in the Indiana Youth Lacrosse Association (IYLA). We will accept players of all skill levels and provide them with quality coaching with the ultimate goal of preparing them to play lacrosse at the high school level, preferably at Roncalli High School. We will also demonstrate values consistent with those of US Lacrosse and the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO).

**Key Points for Consideration**

- Indy Junior Rebels player eligibility is defined by attendance at one of the South Deanery Schools of the Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis (St. Barnabas, St. Mark, St. Roch, St. Jude, Nativity, Our Lady of Greenwood, Sts. Francis & Claire, Holy Name, Central Catholic). *Note: Enrollment Numbers and school locations attached below.*
- There are no existing lacrosse opportunities on the south side of Indianapolis.
  - Center Grove is the closest existing IYLA program which is >20 miles away from Nativity in the South Deanery).
- Approximately 60 players have expressed an interest in playing for the Indy Junior Rebels.
  - Of the ~60 players that have expressed interest, ~15 have played organized lacrosse previously.
  - We have held 2 free clinics (in October and November) with attendance in the 30-40 player range each time.
  - We have had interest from players at all schools in the South Deanery with the exception of Central Catholic and Our Lady of Greenwood.
- Indy Junior Rebels are the recipients a *US Lacrosse First Stick Grant* which provides the program up to 24 sets of player equipment (plus 1 set of goalie equipment) as well as discounted US Lacrosse membership and free admission for one coach to attend a US Lacrosse Level 1 Coaches Clinic.
- US Lacrosse Membership will be required (also a condition of accepting the US Lacrosse First Stick grant).
- We already have a Level 1 certified coach - Mike Hoffman (who attended the recent US Lacrosse coaching clinic in Louisville, KY).
  - Head coaches will be required to complete at least Level 1 certification and Positive Coaching Alliance training.
- We have verbal agreement for field use in the spring at both Nativity and St. Barnabas grade schools.
- We are in the process of establishing ourselves as a formal legal entity (Indy Junior Rebels, LLC) and are exploring options for obtaining 501c3 status.
  - Details of Board Structure to be determined once LLC formation is complete
  - Initial Board positions have been discussed as follows:
    - President – Vinny Romano (St. Barnabas)
    - Vice President – Mike Hoffman (St. Barnabas)
    - Varsity Coach Representative – Sean Cross (Roncalli)
    - Treasurer – William Baker (Our Lady of Greenwood)
    - Secretary – Tim Bowman (St. Mark)
  - Budget and fundraising efforts will be finalized upon LLC formation.
- A girls program would be considered if sufficient interest is expressed. No interest expressed to date.
- Ed Tinder of the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) has expressed support for our program and has commended us on our efforts to provide this opportunity.
- Athletic Directors and/or School Principals at each of the South Deanery schools have been made aware of or program and have been assisting in communications to prospective players.

**South Deanery School Enrollment and Location**

School	Grades	Enrollment	Address
St. Barnabas	PK-8	540	8300 Rahke Road Indianapolis, IN 46217
St. Jude	K-8	509	5375 McFarland Road Indianapolis, IN 46227
St. Mark	K-8	260	541 E. Edgewood Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46227

St. Roch	PK-8	309	3603 S. Meridian St. Indianapolis, IN 46227
Holy Name	PK-8	264	21 N. 17th Ave. Beech Grove, IN 46107
Central Catholic	K-8	194	1155 E. Cameron St. Indianapolis, IN 46203
SS. Francis & Claire	PK-8	396	5901 Olive Branch Road Greenwood, IN 46143
OLG	PK-8	419	399 S. Meridian St. Greenwood, IN 46143
Nativity	PK-8	350	3310 S. Meadow Dr. Indianapolis, IN 46239
<i>TOTAL ENROLLMENT</i>		<i>3241</i>	

\* Enrollment data obtained via <http://www.archindy.org/Parishes/deanery/index.html>

**Motion: Indy Jr. Rebels to be an IYLA member in IYLA as a school based program**

**1st: Danny**

**2nd: Ryan**

**Vote: Unanimously accepted with one objection from Northside program**

Meeting Adjourned