

MYL Board Meeting Notes 12-19-16

Ryan Larkum (US Lacrosse), Cory Dow (Treasurer), Jessica Johnson (Board member) on the phone

Barbara Snapp, Chris Johnson (VP), Wayne Sanford, Bob Johnson, Joe Hezlep and Spencer Ordway (as an observer) in person.

- 1) Rules Review – Girls **US LACROSSE RELEASED THE 2017 GIRLS RULES ON 12-18**
 - a. A Draft email was sent out to the board members. Concerns?
 - b. Do we continue to have half field restart by team scored on after a goal rather than in the defensive end for 3/4? Board voted to have the Ball at MID Field. For 5/6, the board voted to have a mercy rule for a team that is down by 4 or more goals. The losing team will then get the ball at MID Field after a goal until the score difference is 3 or fewer goals. Rules will be updated before posting on website.
 - c. 12 V 12 optional for 5/6. YES we will follow the 12U Rules from US Lacrosse. The board still believes small ball in these age groups is better for the player development and we will stress once the rules are updated.
 - d. Biggest change for grade 3/4 is the option for a goalie (needs to be decided between coaches before game is played. Moving to 8V8 per US Lacrosse 10U rules.
 - e. 3/4 and small-sided 5/6 will have 5 in attacking position including 2 M one of which will take the draw. The other 2 will remain in the defensive end. If no goalies = 7V7. BARBARA SNAPP WILL CLARIFY WITH US LAX.
 - f. No three pass rule again. If this rule needs to be tweaked – let the coaches decide on a pass rule prior to the game – we want coaches instilling touches and good sportsmanship. Officials will not be asked to keep track of passes.
 - g. Need to have 8 meter arc defined on the field. We noticed many field did not have this properly marked last year. Options – use portable arc (pricey), flour on turf or paint.
 - h. 1v1 Defense at both levels. No ZONE Defense will be allowed.
 - i. Timing of game keeping 2 halves at 20 minutes at both levels

Rules Review – Boys **US LACROSSE RELEASED THE 2017 BOYS RULES ON 12-15**

- j. 4 qtr 12 minute running at 5/6
- k. Recommend the largest small field for 5/6 70x45 for both levels (see diagram below)
- l. No long poles at 12U.
- m. We will craft some guidance for our programs to stay with small fields, the majority of Maine 5/6 teams went with smaller fields in 2016 = 45 teams as opposed to 15 on the larger 10v10. Larger modified fields should help with

cramped space at 5/6 see field discussion below. Joe Hezlep will work with TJ Bell at US Lacrosse.

- n. 7V7 for both 3/4 and 5/6 on modified field. 10v10 if grade 5/6 plays full size.

FIELD SIZE DISCUSSION

GIRLS 3/4 and GIRLS 5/6 small field. **Opting for 70 yds long and 45 yds wide to coincide with BOYS**

THE FIELD DIAGRAM



5/6 GIRLS FULL FIELD 12V12



3/4 BOYS and 5/6 BOYS SMALL FIELD (change from 2016). We are opting for the larger fields (see 1.2.1 on Field Measurements) = 70yds length and 45yds wide

THE FIELD DIAGRAMS



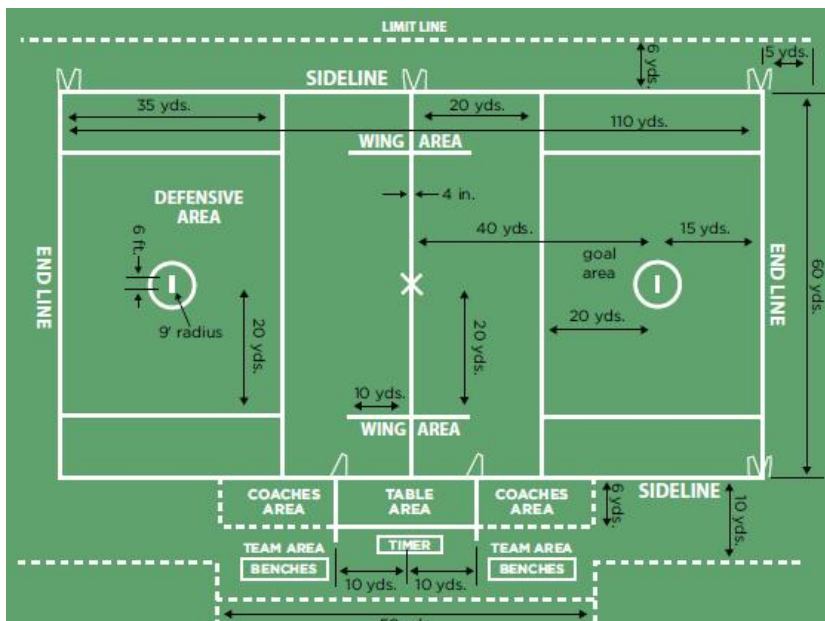
1.2.1 - THE FIELD MEASUREMENTS

The playing field shall be rectangular, 110- 120 yards max in length and 60 - 70 yards in width, if playing 10 v 10 or 60 -70 yards max in length and 35 - 45 yards max in width, if teams are playing 7 v 7 the Crossfield dimensions shall be. The boundaries of the field shall be marked with contrasting colored lines so that boundaries are easily identifiable. All lines on the field shall be between 2 - 4 inches in width.



70 yds length and 45 yds wide

5/6 Boys FULL FIELD 10V10



2) Membership

- a. Should it be \$2 per player? Barb Snapp made this motion – all board members agree. We will employ for 2017 and will communicate soon so programs can contemplate within their cost structure.
- b. We are in year 2 of grandfathering non US Lacrosse members. By 2018 all teams must be US Lacrosse members in order to play in MYL.
- c. 2,606 (1500 boys and 1100 girls) current members. Cory will work on financial projections.
- d. Grants for teams need to be assessed. Allows us to give back to start ups.

3) Financials

- a. Cory Dow will be a signature with another officer.
- b. Formal motion made to have two signatures – Joe Hezlep
 - i. Nominate Cory Dow and Jonathan Becker – Bob Johnson (VP), Chris Johnson, Barb Snapp and Jessica Johnson approved.

4) Scheduling – can we host another tournament in the state?

- Central Maine? Kents Hill or Thomas College as locations.

- Central Maine will run with the middle school tourney again. Need the date.

- 5) LAXcon – Who is going? – Jonathan and Joe for Maine Board Members however many others within the state are going. Joe is speaking at LAXCon on LADM and small field.
- 6) MISC – Learn to Play program 20-25 handbooks. Still no dates set and locations.
- 7) Moving on 7th and 8th grade. Form Sub-committee (Spencer Ordway – Gorham, John Hamblett – Marshwood), Marilyn Wells and member from Gray New Gloucester. We will ask them to run with the sub-committee.
- 8) Set next Board Meeting in February.
- 9) PRE-SEASON Meeting for ALL YOUTH PROGRAMS IN THE STATE 1st or 2nd week of March

LAST POINT MADE – MAINE YOUTH LACROSSE WILL STILL USE GRADES 3/4 and 5/6 as the structure however when deciphering US LACROSSE RULES. 3/4 = 10U and 5/6 = 12U.

NEW LOGO (not discussed), thanks Joe for getting the pro bono work.

NEW APPLICATION to be finalized before YEAR END