

WSLA HS League Meeting

January 30, 2016



Announcements

- Off season Results
 - Sandstorm Tournament:
 Congratulations Seattle Super Styx!
- Player Clinics – Feb 20 (Ballard & S Kitsap)
 These clinics are for players with 0-1 year of experience.
- Coaching Clinics –
 - In Season Coaching Clinics
 - 3/20; 4/3; 4/10; 4/17

By Law Vote

Purpose is to have By Laws reflect the way WSLA functions:

One League 2nd grade to 12th grade

Self Sustaining

Distributed and Posted in September, Presented in October, period for comment until now

VOTE NEEDED

Finance Report

- Monthly financial report will be posted on line.

UMPIRE RECRUITMENT REQUIREMENTS

- Requirement is proportional to the number of teams fielded
- 1-3 Teams – 1 Requirements
- 4-6 Teams – 2 Requirements
- 7-9 Teams – 3 Requirements
- 10 Teams – 4 Requirements
- Each U11 team counts as ½ a team for these purposes

IND YOUTH	ADULT	COACH	2 ND YR ADULT
Rated + 10	Rated + 5	Rated + Jamb	Rated + 8

WWLUA

- Umpire Recruitment
 - Adults for the High School Games
 - Your Players for our Junior Officials Program
- Game Cancellation Guidelines
- Invitations for Mini-Rule Sessions for Teams
- WWLUA Contact Information
- www.wwlua.org

Expectations of YOU

You will be respectful

You have the best interests of the players

You try your best

You will abide by the spirit as well as the letter of the rules

You are teaching skills way beyond lacrosse

Season Dates

January 18, 2016	Out of Season ends/No Contact Period
January 30-31, 2016	WSLA Convention @ SPU's Otto Miller Hall
January 30, 2016	WSLA League Meetings -- MANDATORY
<u>February 1, 2016</u>	ALL YOUTH SCHEDULING FORMS + ONLINE REGISTRATION <u>DUE</u>
February 6, 2016	WWLUA Umpire Training @ SPU
February 7	WSLA Board Meeting
February 22, 2016	Start of Season
<u>February 23, 2016</u>	JV SCHEDULING FORMS + ONLINE TEAM REG. <u>DUE – NO EXCEPTIONS</u>
March 1, 2016	U15 and U13 Schedule Published
March 4, 2016	JV Schedule Published
March 5-6, 2016	Umpire Rating Jamboree HS
<u>March 7, 2016</u>	Start of V Games and U11 Schedule Published
March 12, 2016	Start of U15 and U13 Games
March 14, 2016	Start of JV Games
March 19, 2016	Start of U11 Games
<i>March 20, 2016</i>	<i>U19 Team Washington Try Outs</i>
<u>April 1, 2016</u>	Last Day to Make Schedule Changes
May 6, 2016	Last Day for In-Season Varsity Games
May 9, 2016	Post Season HS Playoffs begin
May 17, 2016	Semi Final Games (single location)
May 20, 2016	HS Championship Game & Future Champions
May 28-29, 2016	Women's National Tournament – Team WA
<u>June 5, 2016</u>	End of Season Jamboree – Youth
June 7, 2016	Membership Meeting -- MANDATORY

USL – Women's game clinics*:

Jan 31: Level 1 @ SPU

Jan 31: Learn to Play @ SPU

WSLA In-season coaching

clinics**:

March 20

April 3

April 10

April 17

**These dates are confirmed, more clinics may be added later.*

***Clinic content and locations TBD*

**CHECK WWLUA FOR TRAINING
SCHEDULE**

2016 Season Preview

- Schedule Change Request
 - Teams shall communicate to each other and find a mutually agreeable solution to a change from the published schedule and then submit the change request to Brian -- scheduler@wslax.org
 - **ALL CHANGES MUST BE DONE BEFORE APRIL 1, 2016.**
- Sideline Manager
 - Each team (home and away) will provide a sideline manager whose duty shall be to control the actions of spectators to standards of proper conduct.
- Uniform Compliance
 - All teams will attest that their uniforms meet USL specifications or submit a waiver request to the WSLA board detailing the out of compliance item and replacement date.
- Two Umpire Officiating: If you do not meet Umpire Recruiting Requirements your games will be the first to be canceled.
 - Officiating priority will be given to programs who provide umpires.
- Umpire Feedback
 - Send email to Kate – president@wslax.org
 - Looking for all feedback. WSLA provides direct feedback to WWLUA for selection of playoff umpires

2016 Playoff Process

Varsity –5 conferences (conferences were rebalanced)

- Playoff Process

- Top 3 per conference (15 teams)
- Final playoff spot – team with the most league points against the other 15 playoff teams (not overall league points)
- Seeding for the 16 playoff teams will be based upon overall league points
- Tie breakers remain head to head, points against, common opponent record (see handbook for details)
- Umpire Crews – *2 umpires for first round and quarters; 3 umpires for semifinals and finals.*

JV – Play 10 games this season to accommodate later registration dates

Game Reporting

- Score, Stats and Card reporting
- You will only be making upload to WSLAX.ORG
 - Due as soon after game as possible (3 hours max)
 - Yellow and Red cards reported with game stats
- Varsity All-Conf post game reporting form
 - Due as soon after game as possible (24 hours max)
 - Basis for league awards
- Game Summaries and Stories
 - Send to pr@wslax.org
 - Junior Reporter Opportunity

Public Relations

- We have learned a lot since June
- Score reporting is something we can manage in house.
- Need YOUR stories so we can pass them on via social media
- pr@wslax.org or via Facebook

Communications

- WEB SITE
- SOCIAL MEDIA
 - Instagram -- wa_glax
 - Facebook --- Washington Girls Lacrosse
 - Twitter -- @WA_GLAX
- Stories
 - Successes (team, player, program), Moments, Character Building, Commits,
 - Out of Season, Clinics
 - WE WANT THEM ALL

All Conference Award Process

- Recognize 14 players per conference (70 total)
- Top players recognized after each game
 - Both Home and Visiting head coach will vote separately online
 - Vote for best opposing Attack, Midfield and Defense player and best Goalie of the game – You do not need to vote for each position
 - Voting must be done within 24 hours after game
- WSLA will provide a list of top players selected, player stats and cards for the season
- Conference Winning Coach will lead a coaches meeting (via Skype or conf call that will happen mid May) with other in-conference coaches and the WSLA Conference Rep to determine All-Conf team (1 goalie, 3 defenders, 5 midfielders, and 3 attack players and two from any position).
- Players recognized during the State Championship Game

All State Award Process

- Recognize 18 players
- Based upon All Conference team players and post season play
- State Champion head coach will lead a selection committee comprised of all of the conference winning head coaches and a member of the WSLA board.
- 18 players selected – 1 goalie, 4 defenders, 3 midfielders, 4 attack players and 6 players who may be from any position
- All State Players will be announced within 10 days after the championship game

- All-Conference and All-State selections will be based upon player game nominations, individual statistics and other criteria.
- Player awards are intended to reflect the best players in the state and may or may not reflect proportionally across all conferences.

All American & All Academic

- USL Has issued new guidelines/ rules
- WSLA will get 6 slots for BOTH AA and AAA
- Criteria will be sent to all coaches (not on-line yet)
- Nominations DUE May 1
- AA/AAA Nomination Committee will send out list of 10-12 players with bios
- ALL COACHES HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE

2016 High School Regional Team

- Coach applications due 1-Mar
- U19 Regional Team
 - 8-Mar – Player Nominations due
 - 20-Mar – Tryout 12pm-3pm at Marymoor turf field #4
 - Trip is Memorial Day weekend

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Sea Town Classic

- Verbal Commitments from Teams
- Possibility of Joint Event with Men's Game
- Weekend of October 8th and 9th
 - Bo – Can I tell them anything else?

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS AT ALL LEVELS

Call for Volunteers

- Championship Day
- Regional Team Try Outs
- SeaTown Classic
- USL – WA Chapter

FINAL THOUGHTS

- WSLA is here to help make your season
- What we do matters. We do this for the players who play the game. We strive to teach them skills beyond just lacrosse that will help them grow as women and serve them as they move on into the world. Now more than ever, it is important that we take this task seriously.

FINAL THOUGHT

- Thank you for committing your time.