

## **WSLA Board Meeting | Via GoTo Meeting | 5.7.2017 | 7:30pm**

*In Attendance, Online/Phone: Lyn Porterfield, Kate Roper, Cathie Frizalone, Sara Towner, Tami Tommila, Sekou Spencer, Rebecca Prince, Olivia Jarvis, Penny Moss, Lyndsey Gillis*

*Excused: Elaine Morse, Suzanne Replinger, Bo Weingaertner, Jason Hennig*

### **Executive Director Position**

Lyn and Kate have been working hard to find a replacement for the Executive Director Position. They have an interested party who has full board support. They will be introduced during the June league meeting with an official start date of July 1.

### **Championship/Semi Games —HELP**

WSLA will need all hands-on deck! Beyond board members, WSLA is looking for parents to help with multiple responsibilities. Championship Programs will be done online and paperless this year. Vendors have been secured for Starfire and Lyn has done an excellent job organizing game logistics.

### **EOS Event Update**

60 Acres canceled the use of their fields for the End of the Season Jamboree (due to flooding). The event will be held at Starfire instead and will coincide with the Boys HS Championship event. It will be just a one day jamboree event on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 8am-8pm. We anticipate 75% participation due to the holiday weekend (we typically see 85-90% participation rate).

ACTION: WSLA will need to negotiate with the boys' league in terms of vendors.

### **Lacrosse Unified Field Lines**

Kate has been working with connections at US Lacrosse to develop 'Lacrosse Unified Field Lines'. The option to line fields in our area with this unification will allow for more field use, given how many fields lack girls (and boys) lacrosse lines. The proposed unification plan is embedded into a soccer field for ease of lining and use (SEE BELOW). Multiple organizations, both locally and nationally, have approved use of this unification. This discussion amongst our board and other organizations (boys' lacrosse, parks and recs etc.) will continue to develop in the near future.

### **Season Culture Shift**

Discussion ensued about some of the issues, culture wise and logistically, that have been difficult for the league to handle this spring. There have been a lot of incidents at the youth level that have been inappropriate in terms of positive coaching and communicating in general. With some having lost sight of the goal of youth sports, the board is looking for ways to push out communication regarding expectations of coaches/parents. The communication would act as a reminder and encourage what the goals of youth sports and girls' lacrosse is all about. With the amount of growth, we have seen in our area, the culture is becoming more like soccer and other 'mainstream' sports. The question is what can we, WSLA, do to help prevent bad behavior and encourage positivity.

### **June Meeting Outline**

At the June meeting, Kate will share an overview of this Spring's statistics, Team WA, season overview, and the culture shift.

ACTION: Lyn will secure break out rooms for small group discussions

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm

# LACROSSE UNIFIED FIELD LINES

## Boys & Girls Game • 120 yds X 65 yds\*

Full Field Diagram & Dimensions for 14U & HS Games  
(7th-12th grade players under 19 years old)

### DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR 2017 SEASON

for Boys' & Girls' Game:

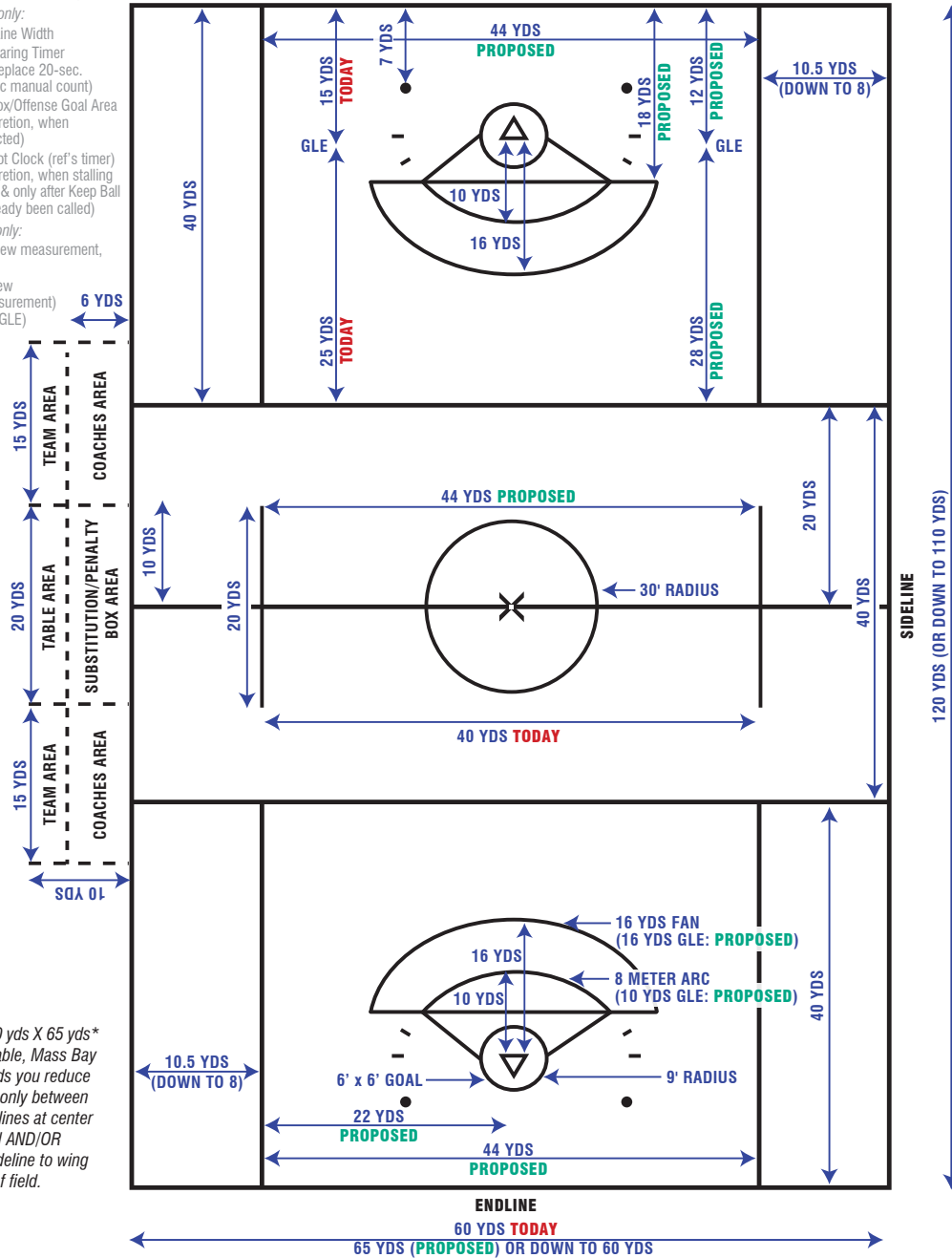
- 12 yds GLE to Endlines
- 28 yds GLE to Restraining Lines
- up to 65 yds Full Field Width
- up to 120 yds Full Field Length

for Boys' Game only:

- 44 yds Wing Line Width
- 30 second Clearing Timer (ref's timer) (replace 20-sec. timer + 10-sec manual count)
- Keep Ball in Box/Offense Goal Area (ref's call discretion, when stalling suspected)
- 30 second Shot Clock (ref's timer) (ref's call discretion, when stalling still suspected & only after Keep Ball in Box has already been called)

for Girls' Game only:

- 8 Meter Arc (new measurement, 10 yds GLE)
- 16 yds Fan (new 12-meter measurement) 16 yds above GLE)



\*NOTE If 120 yds X 65 yds\* is not available, Mass Bay recommends you reduce field space only between restraining lines at center area of field AND/OR between sideline to wing line areas of field.