

UHSAA LACROSSE INFORMATION MEETINGS

OCTOBER 28, 2019



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UHSAA BYLAWS AND POLICIES



COACHES' REGISTRATION

- All coaches who are coaching UHSAA-sanctioned sports are required to be certified to coach through the RegisterMyCoach system.
- There are eight requirements to be certified to coach in the UHSAA:
 - Background Check, First Aid Training, CPR Training, Concussion Training, Fundamentals of Coaching, Child Sexual Abuse Prevention, Bullying Prevention Training, USBE Rule R277-515 Acknowledgement
- Contact your Athletic Director for more information and assistance

COACHES' COMMUNICATION

- As soon as possible, create a RegisterMyAthlete account as a coach to begin managing your roster. Also, have your Athletic Director ensure you are listed as the Head Coach so you can begin receiving UHSAA communications.
- Also list yourself as the program's head coach in MaxPreps.
- Contact Jon Oglesby at UHSAA to ensure you are in UHSAA online directory for coaches.

ELIGIBILITY

- Lacrosse will follow all UHSAA transfer rules
- Students who attend a district member school without lacrosse can Co-Op to another member school that has lacrosse. Students who attend a private/charter school without lacrosse must Co-Op to their brick-and-mortar boundary district member school.
- Student can not play for a club during the season while also playing for a high school team (Limited Team Membership rule).

GAME LIMITATIONS

- 16 games with each game counting as a single game.
- Tournament Exceptions
 - Teams may play two regulation-length games in a tournament that count for 1 game (2-for-1)
 - Teams may play up to six shortened-length games that count for 2 games (6-for-2)
 - You can only use one of the tournament exceptions, you can't use both in a season.

GAME RESTRICTIONS

- UHSAA member schools may only play teams who are sanctioned through a member school of a respective state association.
- Teams that UHSAA members can't play
 - Non-UHSAA sanctioned teams in Utah
 - Club teams
 - Non-sanctioned club/high school teams in other states

ALIGNMENT

- Teams were aligned by the Executive Committee with a mixture of honoring traditional regions while also trying to align for geography.
- With the number of teams who are expected to add in the 2020-21 school year, this is likely a one-year alignment option.
- Teams will be split out for the postseason according to the postseason option the UHSAA has created.

POSTSEASON



RPI

- The UHSAA is using an RPI system to seed teams for the postseason. The system requires schedules and results to be accurately entered in MaxPreps.
- The Postseason format that has been approved by the Executive Committee for 2019-20 is:
 - Top 16 teams in RPI across the two classes will be seeded into Division “A”.
 - The remaining teams will be put in Division “B”.
- Contact your Athletic Director for more information on RPI requirements.

VENUES

- The site of the UHSAA Boys'-and-Girls' Lacrosse Championships will be Zions Bank Stadium in Herriman.
 - Semifinals – Two high school sites TBA (South part of Salt Lake Valley)
 - Quarterfinals – Home sites
 - Second Round- Home sites
 - First Round – Home Sites
- Financial and administrative responsibilities will be like soccer.

SPORT-SPECIFIC INFORMATION



RULES

- The UHSAA will be using the respective NFHS rules for mens'-and-womens' lacrosse, and the according rule books.
- Playing lines-
 - Both genders have their own lines outlined within the NFHS rules. Also, both genders can play on the Unified lines, which are outlined in the rules books.

EQUIPMENT

- Sanctioned teams must follow the according equipment and uniform rules that are listed in the NFHS rules book. As a general rule, equipment must be stamped with the NOCSAE seal.
- If you have questions regarding equipment or whether it meets the guidelines of the rules, please reach out and ask the UHSAA office.

OFFICIAL BALL

- The UHSAA is in the final process of determining the official ball for postseason lacrosse. Schools are not required to use a particular ball during the season but must use a ball that meets the NFHS guidelines and is NOCSAE stamped.
- The official ball for the postseason will be announced as soon as that process is complete.

OFFICIATING



ASSIGNERS AND ARBITER

- Jeff Cluff is the UHSAA Director of Officials. All questions regarding assigning of officials, schedules to enter games in Arbiter, and issues with officials should go to him.
- The existing lacrosse officiating organizations are planning on staying in place as we transition from predominantly club to predominantly sanctioned high school lacrosse.



QUESTIONS



QUICK CONTACTS

- Administration, Eligibility, RPI, Certifications, Alignment
 - Jon Oglesby, Director of Lacrosse Operations
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- Officiating, Arbiter, Rules Interpretations
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