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1.0 Name And Purpose

1.1 The name of this organization shall be "The Indiana High School Lacrosse Association" (hereinafter may also be referred to as the "IHSLA" or the "Association").

1.2 The purpose of the Association is to:

- 1.2.1 Support, promote, initiate and improve the growth of high school lacrosse in the state of Indiana.*
- 1.2.2 Assure the safety of the players.*
- 1.2.3 Preserve the statistical data and records of the member teams.*
- 1.2.4 To cooperate with other amateur lacrosse organizations in promoting the sport of lacrosse.*
- 1.2.5 To legislate, through by-laws or resolutions, upon any subject of general concern to the members of the IHSLA.*

2.0 Membership

2.1 Teams seeking membership to the association must be affiliated with a particular high school within the state of Indiana or comprised of high school players that are drawn from no more than 3 high schools within the state of Indiana and those players must all be enrolled in one of those schools and must be academically eligible to play varsity sports under the guidelines that particular school.

- 2.1.1 New teams seeking membership must submit their request in writing to the IHSLA and will be made members upon the recommendation of the executive committee and approval of a majority vote by the membership.*

2.2 Teams that are affiliated with only one particular school, continue to draw players from only one school, have a coach who is paid by the athletic department to coach lacrosse and whose athletic department recognizes its players with a "Letter", shall be deemed a "Varsity" program.

- 2.2.1 All other programs shall be considered by definition "Club" teams.*
 - *2.2.2.1 It is understood that Club teams must endeavor to achieve Varsity status.*

2.3 A 2/3 vote of the voting party of the full membership is required to enact amendments and changes to the By - Laws.

3.0 Meetings

3.1 There will be two annual meetings to conduct Association business:

- 3.1.1 One shall be in late fall or early winter.*
- 3.1.2 The other shall be held before the state tournament.*

3.2 Meetings may consist of 'in person' meetings, conference calls, e-mails, e-conference participation or a combination thereof.

4.0 Executive committee

4.1 The executive committee shall consist of a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer and the immediate past president. (If Applicable)

- 4.1.1 No person shall hold more than one office at a time without the approval of the full membership*
- 4.1.2 The term of each officer shall be 2 years.*
- 4.1.3 Should the circumstances require one or more of the officers enumerated in this section be filled by appointment, such officer shall be considered elected for definition purposes.*
- 4.1.5 A legal counsel may be appointed as a nonvoting member of the executive committee by a majority vote of that committee.*

4.2 The executive committee shall:

- 4.2.1 Recommend and execute the general policies of the IHSLA*
- 4.2.2 Appoint such committees as necessary.*
- 4.2.3 Adopt a budget for the ensuing year.*
- 4.2.4 Place any matter of concern on the agenda for meetings of the full membership.*
- 4.2.5 Call for special meeting of the full membership as necessary.*
- 4.2.6 Meet as often as necessary.*
- 4.2.7 Investigate and make recommendations on possible disciplinary action involving member teams and discipline teams and/or individuals as necessary.*
- 4.2.8 Establish and promote a State Officiating Organization and assigning district.*
- 4.2.9 Recommend necessary amendments to By-Laws.*

5.0 Duties of the officers

5.1 The President shall:

- 5.1.1 Preside over the executive committee and at the annual meetings and any special meetings of the Association.*
- 5.1.2 Supervise and direct the other officers in performance of their duties and functions.*
- 5.1.3 Fill unscheduled vacancies in elective office, by appointment; such appointees serve until an election at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the full membership.*
- 5.1.4 Adjudicate and mediate in all questions, issues and interpretations that are brought to him by the executive committee or any representative from a member team.*
- 5.1.5 Be otherwise responsible for the proper conduct of the Association's business and the matters of its interest, within the framework of these by-laws.*

5.2 The Vice - President shall:

- 5.2.1 Assist the President upon request in the discharge of any and all the functions or duties pertaining to his office.*
- 5.2.2 Act in place of the President in the event of his absence.*
- 5.2.3 Succeed the to office of president in the event of death, resignation or removal from office.*
- 5.2.4 Perform other duties as the president or executive committee may from time to time assign to him.*

5.3 The secretary shall:

- 5.3.1 Act as administrative officer for the IHSLA.*
- 5.3.2 Keep records of all meetings of the association and executive committee.*
- 5.3.3 Keep statistical records for the entire membership.*
- 5.3.4 Print and distribute such matter directed by the president or the executive committee.*

- 5.3.5 Perform such duties as may be assigned him by the president or the executive committee.

5.4 The treasurer shall:

- 5.4.1 Act as financial Officer of the league.
- 5.4.2 Be responsible for league funds and will act in association with the Indiana chapter President of U.S.Lacrosse in the management of those funds.
- 5.4.3 Submit to the Full membership at the annual meetings a detailed report of all receipts and disbursements for the preceding year.
- 5.4.4 Submit, in a timely fashion, a detailed report of all receipts and disbursements to the president or executive committee upon request.
- 5.4.5 Perform such duties as may be assigned him by the president or the executive committee.

5.5 The Past President shall:

- 5.5.1 Sit as a member of the executive committee and act in an advisory capacity
- 5.5.2 In the event of a tie vote or deadlock situation, the past president shall cast the single, tie-breaking vote.

6.1 Any officer failing to meet the responsibilities of his office or acts in violation of these by-laws may, after proper application and adjudication, be found derelict of duty and subject to appropriate disciplinary action as determined by the executive committee.

6.2 Any officer may be removed from office either for cause, or because of physical or mental disability which renders the proper performance of his duties impossible, by means of one of 2 procedures:

- 6.2.1 By action of the executive committee:
 - * 6.2.1.1 Any committee member may initiate a petition in writing for removal, citing the reason therefore and having the petition signed by another member of the committee.
- 6.2.2 By petition from the membership:
 - * 6.2.2.1 Any member of the full membership of the association may initiate a petition in writing for removal, citing the reason therefore and having the petition signed by 2 other members of the association.
- 6.2.3 Frivolous or false use of this provision by any member will lay that member open to charges under this rule.

6.3 All petitions for removal will be investigated by the executive committee.

- 6.3.1 The executive committee will then make recommendations to the full membership.

6.4 A 2/3 vote of the voting party of the full membership is required to carry the action of removal of an officer from office.

7.0 Player Eligibility

7.1 A player is eligible to play if:

- 7.1.1 He is enrolled as a student in a high school in the state of Indiana and
- 7.1.2 He is considered to be academically eligible to play varsity sports under his high school's requirements and

- 7.1.3 *He has not graduated from high school. (This rules out the possibility for post-graduate players.)*
- 7.1.4 *He can not turn 20 prior to September 1 of their senior year. (Age limitations of the Indiana High School Athletics Association (IHSAA))*
- 7.1.5 *Girls that wish to participate must be allowed to play if they meet all other requirements and no Girls Lacrosse is offered to them.*

8.0 Player Conduct

8.1 Any player or team personnel ejected from a contest will be suspended for the next scheduled game according to the IHSLA master schedule immediately following the occurrence. This applies to Indiana as well as non-Indiana games played in the state of Indiana and playoff games. If the ejection occurs during the last game of the season the suspension is carried over to the first game of the next year.

- *8.1.1 All incidence of ejection must be reported to the president and/or the executive committee within 24 hours.*
- *8.1.2 Any player or team personnel ejected from a contest must immediately leave the field of play or general playing area.*

8.2 Any player permitted to play during the suspension period will result in the additional suspension of 2 games for both the player and the head coach.

- *8.2.1 Any player or coach receiving two such penalties will be suspended for the remainder of the season.*

8.3 Un-sportsmanlike conduct by anyone connected with a program is the responsibility of the head coach and extends to assistants, fans and other team personnel. Such conduct could lead to the subjecting of the head coach and/or team to penalties included rules 8.0 and 14.0.

9.0 Coach Conduct

9.1 Each team must have an adult over the age of 21, non-playing, non-rostered coach or an adult, non-playing, non-rostered designated replacement on the sideline for each game.

9.2 If the coach is ejected or must leave the contest for any reason, he must appoint another qualified (9.1) person to assume the role of coach, In the absence of this condition, the team shall forfeit the contest.

9.3 Coaches ejected from a game are subjected to the penalties specified in rule 8.0.

9.4 Following a coaches First ejection, a letter of explanation must be submitted to the executive committee within 3 days by the ejected coach. The executive committee will review and investigate the incident.

9.5 Following a coaches Second ejection, a letter of explanation must be submitted to the executive committee within 3 days by the ejected coach. A copy of the letter will be sent to all team representatives, the Athletic Department of the school and to all interested parties. The executive committee will review and investigate the incident and determine an appropriate disciplinary course of action.

9.6 Following any written complaint submitted to the executive committee initiated by any coach, Team representative, athletic department or lacrosse official, the executive committee will review and investigate

the complaint.

10.0 Decisions by Officials

10.1 The application and interpretation of the game rules shall be the sole responsibility of the officials.

10.2 Game ejections are not subject to appeal during the game. All such violations are to be reported to the president and/or executive committee and the head official within 24 hours by the game officials. These violations will be reported to the school's athletic director or club team's representative.

11.0 Team responsibilities

11.1 Must be represented at all Association meetings.

11.2 Must be in good standing with the Association with respect to dues, officials' fees and paper work.

11.3 Must attend all scheduled games and playoff games.

11.4 Must notify opponent, head official and the league secretary 48 hours in advance of a possible cancellation or change in start times.

- 11.4.1 A cancellation is to be re-scheduled within 48 hours with date and time agreed by both coaches and notification made to the secretary and head official.*

11.5 Each team must have an adult over the age of 21, non-playing, non-rostered coach or an adult, non-playing, non-rostered designated replacement on the sideline for each game.

11.6 Must have equipment that meet NCAA requirements.

- 11.6.1 All teams that are full members of the IHSLA shall have two sets of uniforms, light and dark in color. The light jersey shall be worn by the home team.*
- 11.6.2 Numbers must be visible on the uniform and must be of N.C.A.A. regulation size and placement.*
- 11.6.3 Equipment color does not have to match the team colors.*

11.7 Must submit a complete team roster to the Secretary one week prior to the first game.

- 11.7.1 The roster must be signed by the coach.*
- 11.7.2 All players that join a team after the roster is submitted to the secretary must be added to the roster and it must be resubmitted to the secretary before the new player is allowed to play in a game.*

11.8 The home team is responsible for:

- 11.8.1 Providing a playing field of regulation specifications and obtaining duly qualified official(s).
 - * 11.8.1.1 In the absence of these conditions the visiting team can cancel the game and request it be rescheduled at a mutually acceptable date. If no agreement can be reached the home team shall forfeit the game.*
 - * 11.8.1.2 Rule 11.8.1.1 applies in those situations where a team has to reschedule game(s) due to sanctions placed on it by its school administration, athletic director or other school official**

- 11.8.1.3 *If unforeseen circumstances cause there to no officials for the game both coaches may agree to appoint assistants or some other qualified adult to officiate the game. If the coaches can not agree, differ to rule 11.8.1.1.*
- 11.8.1.4 *It must be recognized that the Association games may require considerable travel time to reach the game site. Reasonable consideration shall be given the visiting team tardiness because of travel complications.*
- 11.8.2 *Access to immediate medical care at each home game. This is minimally defined as access to a functioning cell phone and emergency phone numbers.*
- 11.8.3 *A scorer's table, scorebook, chairs, 2 clocks, horn, extra balls or ball boys and appropriate personnel at each home game.*
- 11.8.4 *Access to ice and water on the field for visiting team.*
- 11.8.5 *Security at the games, as necessary. 11.8.6 A game administrator who is responsible for assisting the officials with the administration of the game and that they have safe conduct to and from the playing area, when necessary.*
- 11.8.7 *Providing the visiting team with a copy of the official score card following the game. AU requirements are to act in conjunction with any and all of the schools requirements.*

12.0 Scheduling

12.1 Association schedules must be completed and submitted to the Secretary by February 1.

- 12.1.1 *All other games to be submitted as soon as possible.*
- 12.2 *An official schedule will include:*
 - 12.2.1 *Date and Time.*
 - 12.2.2 *Designation of home team.*
 - 12.2.3 *Opponent*
 - 12.2.4 *Location*

12.3 Home team coaches are to confirm game date, time and location with the visiting coaches and officials at least 24 hours in advance of the game.

13.0 Game suspensions

13.1 Up to the time when the game officials take control of the game, 20 minutes before scheduled face-off, the home team administrator shall determine if the game shall begin.

13.2 Once the officials have assumed control of the game, the following will apply if in their opinion there is a dangerous lightning situation:

- 13.2.1 *A 20 minute suspension of play.*
- 13.2.2 *Two suspensions are to occur before a game is to be canceled or postponed.*
 - 13.2.2.1 *Consideration for a third suspension is given if the visiting team has had extensive travel.*

13.3 If the game is halted in the fourth period, with a point spread of 4 or more goals, the team in the lead shall be declared the winner.

13.4 If the game cannot be rescheduled for any reason and the game has gone beyond the half the team in the lead shall be declared the winner. If the game is tied, the game will be considered a tie.

13.5 If the game cannot be rescheduled for any reason and the game has NOT gone beyond half, the game will be listed as a Did Not Finish (DNF).

13.6 Rescheduled games are to be restarted from the point where play was suspended and must be scheduled before the playoffs.

- 13.6.1 Any team personnel that not participating due to un-sportsmanlike rule (Rule 8.0), are not to participate in the rescheduled game.

14.0 Forfeiture

14.1 In the case of a team failing to appear for an officially scheduled game or failing to make contact within 1 hour after scheduled face off, the team failing to appear or make contact shall forfeit the contest. (Exceptions allows as per N.C.A.A. Regulations.)

14.2 (Rule 11.8.1) The home team is responsible for providing a playing field of regulation specifications and obtaining duly qualified officials.

- 11.8.1.1 In the absence of these conditions the visiting team can cancel the game and request it be rescheduled at a mutually acceptable date. If no agreement can be reach the home team shall forfeit the game.

14.3 (Rule 9.2) If the coach is ejected or must leave the contest for any reason, he must appoint another qualified person to assume the role of coach. In the absence of this condition, the team shall forfeit the contest.

14.4 Each team must have at least 10, able, properly equipped, rostered players to play a game. Failing to have 10 players will result in a forfeit, unless agreed to by both coaches.

14.5 Any game that is played with illegal or ineligible players will be forfeited, even if the violation is discovered after the fact.

15.0 Probation

15.1 There are to be three types of probation:

- 15.1.1 Administrative probation is levied by the executive committee or president on teams failing to be in good standing with the Association with regards to dues or paperwork. The probation is lifted immediately upon submission of the article in arrears.
- 15.1.2 Executive probation is brought by the executive committee and may only be lifted upon the approval of the executive committee.
- 15.1.3 Full probation is brought by the entire Association body by 2/3 vote and can only be lifted by the entire Association body by 2/3 vote.

15.2 A team under probation, of any kind is not qualified for the playoff and none of its players are eligible for Association honors.

16.0 Association play and playoffs

16.1 To qualify for the play off teams must not be on probation and must complete at least 5 games against 5 different IHSLA opponents.

- 16.1.1 Qualifying games must be completed by Saturday, May 8. 1

6.2 Teams are to be ranked by a coaches poll. (Completed after the last regularly scheduled game of the Association.)

16.3 The top 8 teams qualify for the round 1 of the playoffs.

- 16.3.1 The round 1 games are to be played at the site of the higher seed.
- 16.3.2 The round 1 games are to be completed on a pre-determined date at a pre-determined time set by the league and the executive committee.
- 16.3.3 In the case that there are not eight teams that qualify the highest seed(s) gets a bye in the first round.
- 16.3.4 Game 1 will be Seed #8 playing at Seed #1, Game 2 will be Seed #7 playing at Seed #2, Game 3 will be Seed #6 playing at Seed #3 and Game 4 will be Seed #5 playing at Seed #4.
- 16.3.5 The winning teams advance to the Final four, to be played on a single pre-determined site at a pre-determined date.

16.4 The Semi-finals will be played on the pre-determined site and date.

- 16.4.1 The games are to be played at a single pre-determined site.
- 16.4.2 The winners of games 2 and 3 will play the morning game and the winners of games 1 and 4 will play the afternoon.

16.5 A Consolation game will be on the pre-determined site and date.

- 16.5.1 The game will be played between the losers of the two semi-final games.
- 16.5.2 The winner of the Consolation game will be awarded the Third place trophy.

16.6 The finals will be played on the pre-determined site and date.

- 16.6.1 The game will be played at the site of the semi-finals.
- 16.6.2 The game will be played between the winners of the two semi-final games.
- 16.5.3 The winner of the finals will be awarded the First place Trophy to be retained by them until the next finals and will be accorded the title of "Indiana State Champion of High School Lacrosse."

16.7 The executive committee shall have the right to review and change the tournament seeding, site, time and date.

17.0 All - Indiana Selections

17.1 By May 1, 1998, each team must submit their All - Indiana nominees to the league vice-president.

- 17.1.1 The nominations will include a maximum of 3 Attackmen, 3 Midfielders, 3 Defensemen, 1 Goalie and 1 specialty player, (i.e. Face-off specialist, long stick Midfield).

17.2 Before the first round of playoffs and at a pre-determined time, the coaches will provide the vice-president with their votes for All - Indiana.

- 17.2.1 Each coach must vote 3 Attackmen, 6 Midfielders, 3 Defensemen, 1 Goalie and 1 specialty player, (i.e. Face-off specialist, long stick Midi).
- 17.2.2 Coaches may not vote for their own players.
- 17.2.3 Coaches that fail to submit their vote by the designated time may have their players removed from the All - Indiana roster.
- 17.2.4 In case of a tie vote between players who receive 2 or more votes, both players will be honored.

17.3 The selected players will receive a formal certificate of merit bearing the title of "All State" player and shall be honored at a presentation between the Final Four games.

- 17.3.1 *Players receiving at least 1 vote, will be awarded honorable mention and will receive a formal certificate of merit.*

18.0 Association Awards

18.1 Along with the All- Indiana selections the coaches will vote for a coach of the year.

- *18.1.1 Coaches may not vote for themselves.*

18.2 Along with the All - Indiana selections the coaches will vote for 1 "Indiana Player of the year".

- *18.2.1 Coaches may not vote for their own players.*

18.3 After the Finals on Sunday May 23, the coaches present will vote for 1 Most Valuable Player of the tournament. He will be immediately announced as MVP of the tournament.

19.0 All - Star Team

19.1 The Indiana All - Star Team will consist of -

- *19.1.1 The All - Indiana selections*
- *19.1.2 The teams the finish 1 and 2 will be permitted to add 3 players to the All - Star roster*
- *19.1.3 The teams that finish 3 and 4 will be permitted to add 2 player to the All - Star roster.*
- *19.1.4 The team that finish 5 and 6 will be permitted to add 1 players to the all - Star roster.*
- *19.1.5 All other teams will be permitted to add 1 player to the All - Star roster.*
- *19.1.6 The coach of the year will be the All - Star coach.*
 - * *19.1.6.1 The coach of the year will name assistant coaches.*
 - * *19.1.6.2 The coach can fill out the team with All - Indiana selected players.*

20.0 All - Americans and Coach of the Year

*20.1 Selections: One week prior to the tournament, member teams (USLCA) provide the coaches association Representative or his designee with the name of 2 players they wish to nominate to be All - Americans, 1 player they wish to nominate for Academic All - American and Coach of the year. All American nominees will be submitted to the National Coaches Association. **THE IHSLA DOES NOT SELECT ALL - AMERICANS. THE COACH MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COACHES ASSOCIATION.***

- *20.1.1 All IHSLA teams should have their coach become a member of the National Coaches Association.*

20.2 The IHSLA Coach of the year selection will be forwarded to the appropriate organization for official notification and awards.

21.0 Insurance

21.1 Every team must have insurance coverage.

- *21.1.1 Teams that do not fall under their school's comprehensive coverage must have all players and coaches be members of US Lacrosse, and fall under it's insurance coverage.*
- *21.1.2 Players that are not covered by the school coverage or are not a member of US Lacrosse are not eligible to play.*

21.2 Every team must be able to provide proper documentation for insurance coverage, either through the school or US Lacrosse, at the request of the Association President and/or the Executive Committee.