



**BOYS YOUTH LACROSSE OF WASHINGTON**

Minutes of February 5, 2009  
Coaches Meeting

- 235: The meeting of the Boys Youth Lacrosse of Washington Coaches was held on Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the TOPS School, 2500 East Franklin Avenue, Seattle, WA.
- 236: In attendance: Tim Jones, Rick Jenness, Ron Wright, Walter Valenzuela, Bob Hodge, Michael McGinn, Louis Lucchesi, and Susie Petersen as Board Members, Jim Franklin representing WALOA, and Jim Cox, Tedd Girgus, Clayton Sweet, Peter White, Dejon Hush, Steve Weaver, Zach Smith, Cury Boyd, Todd Taylor, Steve O'Neill, Randy Woo, Scott Kelly, Michael Derr, Michael Verhaar, Henry Valentine, Jennifer Okemah, Andy Farrington, Steve Lytle, Eric Scholter, Gordon MacIlvennie, Chickapony Hendrix, Greg Burdick, Stan Kosick, Charley Simpson, Johnny Price, and Ted Gray. Others were in attendance who did not sign the Attendance Sheet.
- 237: President Tim Jones advised the group of the following important dates for their calendars:
- March 7, 2009 – First games of the season
  - March 13, 2009 – Team rosters are locked. Names, jersey numbers and player's birthdates are to be sent to the Secretary at [psufan56@comcast.net](mailto:psufan56@comcast.net).
  - May 23, 2009 – Memorial Day Weekend – No games scheduled
  - May 30, 2009 – High School Championships – No games scheduled
  - June 6, 2009 – Regional Jamborees
  - June, 2009 (exact date not determined yet) – General Membership Meeting
- 243: The President also reiterated the fact that Coach Assignments (head coach or team parent) contact info must be sent to the Secretary at [psufan56@comcast.net](mailto:psufan56@comcast.net) for in-season schedule changes. Contact info should include name, email address, and phone number(s). Please submit this information by February 28, 2009.
- 244: Coaches were reminded that they must ALL have a Washington State Patrol Background Check performed on them and that at least one coach per team must have CPR/First Aid certification.



245: Ron Wright presented a brief overview of how the High School Championships will work this year. The girl's lacrosse championship will be held on a separate day, allowing for more time this year. The games are being held at Memorial Stadium in Seattle.

BYLW will be sponsoring two 5/6 **Honor The Game** games this year, so that each 5/6 team can send at least one player and that player can expect a fair amount of field time. These games will be held from Noon to 2 pm.

BLYW will also sponsor two 7/8 All-Star games from 2 pm to 4 pm. Ron has asked for volunteers to assist him in this effort.

246: Ron Wright also gave an overview of schedules. Schedules will be locked on February 8<sup>th</sup> and then posted on [www.sportability.com](http://www.sportability.com) by February 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>. Games are scheduled for Saturdays, with a few Friday night exceptions towards the end of the season. Games scheduled outside these days will not have referees assigned. Any schedule changes (i.e. field location or game time) must be reported to the appropriate regional scheduler ASAP so that WALOA can be contacted, as well as the other team involved.

The Regional Schedulers are:

- North – Scott Tracewell [scott@systemthree.com](mailto:scott@systemthree.com)
- South – Bob Hodge [b2b182002@yahoo.com](mailto:b2b182002@yahoo.com)
- East – Steve Lytle [steve@westoverscientific.com](mailto:steve@westoverscientific.com)
- West – Dejon Hush [dejonhush@yahoo.com](mailto:dejonhush@yahoo.com)

247: Jim Franklin, President of WALOA, gave details of the following rule changes for 2009:

- Gloves must be fully covered. Open palm type gloves are no longer allowed.
- Players have a choice of wearing an upper or a lower mouthguard, but it must be colored. Clear or white mouthguards are illegal.
- No tinted facemasks are allowed. However, players may wear tinted sunglasses.
- There will be no stick checks at the 3/4 or the 5/6 level. However, there will be stick checks for the 7/8 division.

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- At the point of a 4-goal lead, the team that is behind has the choice to either continue with face-offs or simply take possession at half-field.
- 3/4 Games – Two 20-minute running halves, with stoppages for timeouts, official's timeouts, and half-time. If the game is tied at the end of regulation play, the game ends. There is no overtime or sudden death for the 3/4 Division.
- 5/6 and 7/8 Games will have four quarters, and if a game is tied at the end of regulation play, the game goes into sudden death until a winner is declared.
- Body Checking – No body checking will be permitted at the 3/4 level. Contact is OK, but if an opposing player goes down, a penalty will be called. At the 5/6 level, more contact is allowed, but again, if the opposing player goes down, it is a penalty. For the 7/8 division, if the "intent" is to down an opposing player (referee's decision), then illegal body checking will be called.
- Slashing – No one-handed slashes allowed in any division. Poke checks are allowed on the glove for the 3/4 and 5/6 divisions, and poke checks and slap checks are allowed for the 7/8 division.
- Last 2 minutes of the game – The team who has possession must move the ball into the goal area (box). If the ref feels the team is stalling and not advancing the ball, the team will lose possession. If the ball comes out of the box for any reason other than being deflected off the goal post or a stick, the team loses possession of the ball.
- Penalties – In the 3/4 division, there will be immediate substitution for a player who goes off the field for a penalty. It is not, however, a dead ball situation. If there doesn't happen to be any substitutes, the player must leave the field, have a quick word with the coach, and is then allowed to immediately re-enter the game. Both the 5/6 and 7/8 divisions will serve time for their penalties.
- Unsportsmanlike Conduct – This can be called on players, coaches and fans. The refs will look to the Coach to eject fans from the field, should that penalty be called.
- It was suggested that perhaps teams should make a short list of these rules and place a copy in the front of their

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scorebooks so refs and coaches can reference them before a game starts.

- Team referees – Each BYLW is asked to present to WALOA either a parent or a high school student for referee training. WALOA is looking to have their first training for these volunteers on February 14<sup>th</sup>; location still to be determined.
- Risk Management of Fields – It is the responsibility of the home team to fill potholes with sand or a similar material to help prevent the chance of injury to players.

248: Rick Jenness spoke about the U-15 US Lacrosse National Championship being held July 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> in Baltimore, MD. There were only three slots allotted for the Pacific Northwest and two had already been taken by teams from Colorado. Rick personally secured the third spot for a “Team Washington”. For a player to be eligible, they must have been born in 1994 or later. This would encompass boys from both the youth program as well as high school freshmen.

Rick has suggested that there be try-outs held on April 19<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>, and should accept both coach recommendations and walk-ons. He is looking for some type of corporate sponsorship so that the cost of the trip should not deter any player from going if they can make the team. A locked roster is due to US Lacrosse by May 1<sup>st</sup>, along with birth certificates.

Any persons who are interested in helping to coordinate this effort should contact Rick Jenness at [rick@jennessfamily.com](mailto:rick@jennessfamily.com).

249: Packets for each club can be picked up at tonight’s meeting and will contain the *Honor The Game* stickers and instructions for every 3/4 and 5/6 team that is registered with BYLW, as well as 2009 Rule Books for every team that is registered with BLYW for the 2009 season. For those not in attendance, this package will be mailed to the Club Director listed at the time of registration.

250: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Susie Petersen, Secretary