

**EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA SCHOLASTIC LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION**

A. NAME

The name of this organization is the Eastern Pennsylvania Scholastic Lacrosse Association.

B. PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization is to promote good sportsmanship, order, and good will among the secondary schools playing boys' lacrosse and to promote the growth of lacrosse as a high school sport in Pennsylvania.

C. MEMBERSHIP AND STANDARDS OF ELIGIBILITY

Membership in the EPSLA is open to Pennsylvania schools desiring to join by paying annual dues. *All member schools must comply with all terms of the EPSLA constitution.* The head coach or his designate shall represent the views of his school at meetings.

Each member team must have 1) evidence of appropriate liability insurance coverage and 2) an official school contact (e.g. A.D., faculty member or administrator).

The following eligibility guidelines have been agreed upon:

1. A player must be registered in the school of the team on which he plays.
2. A player must not have become 19 years of age before the 1st of July proceeding the season in which he plays.
3. Graduates of high school prior to the current season are ineligible for EPSLA post season play.
4. Students attending charter schools may participate in their home district if the charter school does not field a team.
5. Students being home schooled may participate in their home district.
6. Students may only play four years of high school lacrosse in four years. Students who repeat a year of high school for academics will not be granted an additional year of eligibility. Students who repeat a year of high school because of injury or illness may appeal for an additional year of eligibility. The appeal will be made to a committee comprised of the Executive Committee and the league reps.

D. DUES

Dues for the 2001 lacrosse season and subsequent seasons until amended are:

Varsity team.....	\$30.00
JV team.....	\$20.00
Junior (9 th grade and under).....	\$10.00

The dues generally pay for such things as trophies, certificates, postage, expenses related to EPSLA post season play and area lacrosse clinics.

Payment must be received by April 1st or the non-paying school will not be eligible to vote for All State selections.

E. VOTING

Resolutions passed at meetings shall be by a 2/3-majority vote of those school representatives present, with each school having a vote. One half of the member schools must be present to constitute a quorum for voting purposes.

F. OFFICERS

The officers of the EPSLA shall serve a two-year term. The officers include:

PRESIDENT: who shall call and chair meetings of the membership and of the Executive

Committee. He shall also organize the championship game unless his team is playing.

VICE PRESIDENT: shall assist and fill the President's role if he is unable to attend

meetings or complete his term. He shall organize the Senior All-Stars Game. He shall automatically succeed to the office of President at the end of his term.

TREASURER: shall keep account of funds and dues payments. He shall allocate funds

for All-Star jerseys and post season awards. A budget statement shall be

assembled each year.

SECRETARY: he shall be the keeper of minutes for the EPSLA.

PAST PRESIDENT: shall serve in an advisory capacity and shall be a member of the

Executive Committee with the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

A US Lacrosse area representative shall be appointed from the general membership for a permanent term.

G. MEETINGS

Meetings shall be called by the President and should be scheduled for October, February and May. Interim meetings may be scheduled as the need arises.

H. LEAGUES

For the 2007 season and subsequent years until amended, the EPSLA recognizes the following 9 leagues which may declare league champions. See addendum 1 for League Affiliations.

J. SCHEDULES

The respective schools within the EPSLA do scheduling of games. All regularly scheduled games must be completed prior to the playoff at-large selection meeting.

A game is a contest with paid officials; game conditions and not listed as a scrimmage.

I. **CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY**

The playoffs shall consist of twenty-eight teams:

Automatic Qualifiers:

Central League - 5

Inter-AC - 4

Suburban - 4

Catholic League - 3

Suburban One - 3

Northeast League - 2

Del Val League - 1

PVLL - 1

Pioneer Athletic Conference - 1

At-large teams - 4

At-Large Team Selection Process

A committee made up of 9 dues-paying EPSLA representatives (1 from each of the 9 recognized leagues) plus a non-voting committee chairperson* (either the EPSLA president or vice president) will meet at a pre-determined time after the last regular season game and before the EPSLA playoff seeding meeting to select the best four (4) teams that will enter the end of season playoffs as wild card teams.

- Teams eligible for selection will be the highest seeded team(s) from each of the leagues that do not gain automatic playoff berths, based on their league standing.
- Teams presented to the committee will be considered only in the order of their league finish.
- League representatives (and alternates, one from each of the 9 leagues) will be identified by each league prior to the end of the February EPSLA meeting (or before the beginning of the first scheduled regular season game, in the event this meeting does not take place).
- *The committee chairperson will assume a place as a voting member of the committee only in the event that, at the time of voting for wild card teams, there is an even number of eligible voters present at the meeting. Once the initial votes are cast, he will continue as a voting member of the committee throughout the process of team selection (league representatives not present at the time voting commences will forfeit their opportunity to take part in voting).

Each league representative present at the meeting will bring with him a minimum of 10 copies of the regular season results of his league's team(s) eligible for wild card selection. Prior to votes being cast, each league representative will offer to

the group a summary of these results for his league's 1st eligible team; when a league has the opportunity to move a "next finisher" into the 9-team selection process (by virtue of his 1st eligible team being selected as a wild card), the league representative will be afforded the opportunity to discuss this next team's regular season performance before voting resumes.

Once presentations by each league representative are complete for those teams eligible for consideration for the 1st wild card playoff spot, each league representative will rank his top 4 teams, in rank order, using a "4" for his 1st choice, "3" for his 2nd choice, a "2" for his 3rd choice, and a "1" for his 4th choice.

All votes will be submitted by open, written ballot; each ballot must be signed by the voter in order to be considered for tabulation.

Tabulation of point totals for each team under consideration will be made in an open forum; the team that collects the highest point total, after all eligible votes are cast and counted, will be considered the first wild card team.

In the event there is a tie among eligible teams for the highest point total, eligible voters will vote for one of the teams under consideration, and the team collecting the most votes will be considered the selected team. In the event there are more than 2 teams tied for the highest point total, each representative will again use rank order (3,2,1; 4,3,2,1, etc., depending upon the number of teams), and signed votes will be submitted and tabulated as above. Teams will be eliminated under this process, until a team with the highest point total is determined or 2 teams are left tied (once only 2 teams are left tied, a single vote will be cast by each eligible voter for one of these teams and the team that collects the highest number of votes will be determined the wild card selection).

Once the first wild card team is selected, the next place finisher from the selected team's league will move into consideration for the 2nd wild card spot; the above process will be repeated for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th wild card spots.

League reps note:

1. League representatives are responsible for delivering to all committee representatives accurate, written information for the teams from their respective leagues under consideration; leagues are encouraged to provide their reps with such information so that reps are properly informed and can share this information at the beginning of the meeting.
2. League reps are charged with selecting the best teams, from those under consideration, for inclusion in the playoffs; selection should not be made based upon league affiliation.

The higher seeded team will be designated the home team in all playoff rounds.

J. SCHEDULES

No practices (full equipment and under the direction of a member of the school's lacrosse coaching staff) may be held before February 26th. No games between two EPSLA schools may be played before March 19th.

K. ALL EPSLA SELECTION

All EPSLA selection will be based on a formula determined by the coaches. Coaches of each league will select All League teams, and first team All League selections will be eligible for the All EPSLA selection. *All EPSLA selections are limited to students who are not high school graduates (prior to the current season)*. The team shall consist of 9 attackmen, 12 midfielders, 9 defensemen, 4 goalies, and 3 long stick midfielders.

L. HIGH SCHOOL ALL AMERICANS

The US Lacrosse representative shall supervise the selection of the required number of high school All-American selections. A committee will meet under the supervision of the area rep to US Lacrosse. There shall be one rep per league.

M. SENIOR ALL STAR GAME

Two senior All Star games will take place at the conclusion of the season. The first four seeds from the tournament may use three players, remaining seeded teams get two players each, and all other dues paying members are eligible for 1 player each.

N. TROPHIES

The awards chairman shall arrange for trophies for all league champions the Kruze award winner from each league, the MVP or MIP from each league, as well as certificates for each member of the All EPSLA team.

O. GAME INTERRUPTIONS (LIGHTNING OR OTHER EVENTS)

If a league game cannot be completed due to an electrical storm (lightning) or other reason, league rules will apply. If a playoff game is interrupted because of events beyond the control of the responsible authorities, it shall be continued from the point of interruption. By mutual agreement of the opposing coaches and approval of the referee, any period may be shortened or the game terminated.

Amended 5/1/2008

David R. Martin, Germantown Academy

Catholic

Archbishop Carroll
Archbishop Ryan
Archbishop Wood
Cardinal Dougherty
Cardinal O'Hara
Conwell Egan
Father Judge
Kennedy Kenrick
LaSalle College
Monsignor Bonner
Northeast Catholic
Roman Catholic
St. John Newman
St. Joseph's Prep

Central

Conestoga
Haverford High
Lower Merion
Marple Newtown
Penncrest
Radnor
Ridley
Springfield - Delco
Strath Haven
Upper Darby

Del Val

Garnet Valley
Harrilton
Interboro
Kennett Square
Sun Valley

Interac

Chestnut Hill Acad.
Episcopal
Germantown Academy
Haverford School
Malvern
Penn Charter

Northeast

Academy of the New Church
Friends Central
George School
Holy Ghost
Perkiomen Prep
Shipley
Westtown

PAC-10

Boyertown
Lansdale Catholic
Perkiomen Valley
Owen J. Roberts
Phoenixville
Pottsgrove
Spring-Ford

Penn Valley

Bethlehem Area
Central Catholic
Conrad Weiser
Easton
Emmaus
Governor Mifflin
Moravian
Nazereth
Parkland
Southern Lehigh
William Allen
Wilson

Suburban

Avon Grove
Downingtown East
Downingtown West
Bishop Shanahan
Great Valley
Unionville
West Chester East
West Chester Henderson
West Chester Rustin

Suburban One

Abington
Central Bucks East
Central Bucks South
Central Bucks West
Cheltenham
Council Rock North
Council Rock South
Hatboro Horsham
Methacton
Neshaminy
Norristown
North Penn
Pennridge
Pennsbury
Plymouth Whitmarsh
Souderton
Springfield - Montco

Truman Upper Dublin
Upper Merion
Upper Moreland
Wissahickon

Independents

Coatesville
Daniel Boone
Delaware Valley Friends
Hill School
Kimberton Waldorf
New Hope Solbury
Phelps
Valley Forge
Woodlynne

