

**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.

SSECRETARY: he shall be the keeper of minutes for the EPLSA.

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-2

PVLL-1

Pioneer Athletic Conference-1

At-large teams - 3

A committee which has 1 representative from each league shall select the 3 at-large teams. The members (and alternates, one from each league) of the committee shall be selected prior to at the February coaches meeting. This committee will meet at a place and time to be determined, after the last regular season play date but before the playoff seeding meeting. The charge of this committee shall be to select the best three teams from those who do not gain an automatic playoff berth (based on their league finishes), using the criteria below (*criteria must be considered in the order listed*):

1. head to head results
2. results against common opponents
3. league representatives bring to the at-large meeting a carefully considered ranking of possible at-large teams. These rankings will be considered if the 1st criteria do not fill all 3 at-large slots. It is assumed that the 9 league reps will study the situation in advance to rank as accurately as possible. A non-voting chair of the at-large committee will tabulate the results in the presence of all reps.
4. if there is still a tie after #3 above, the 9 reps would vote secretly between the teams under consideration.
5. if still a tie, flip a coin.

The committee will consider the above criteria in comparing the teams, one from each league and highest rated Independent teams, that occupy the highest league places of those teams not yet in the playoffs. After the first at-large team is selected, the committee will continue these processes until three teams are selected, always comparing the teams as described above.

The first item of business at the post regular season (May) meeting will be to determine playoff seeds for the twenty-eight playoff participants. The following procedure shall be used to determine playoff seeds:

1. All teams making the playoff shall receive a ballot.
2. Each playoff coach will rank the 28-playoff teams, with the first seed receiving 1 point, second seed 2 points, etc.
3. Total points will be calculated for each team. The team with the lowest number of points will be awarded the first seed; second lowest number of points will be the second seed, etc.
4. In the event of a tie, head to head results will determine which team gains the higher seed. If the teams did not play, the winner of a coin toss will gain the higher seed.
5. In the event of a 3-way tie or more, the President will draw the team names from a hat. The first name drawn will be the highest seed, and the last the lowest seed.
6. Anyone arriving after the ballots have been collected and tabulation has begun will not be eligible to vote.

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 5/3/07

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

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
Council Rock North
Council Rock South
Hatboro Horsham
Methacton
Neshaminy
Norristown
North Penn
Pennridge
Pennsbury
Plymouth Whitmarsh
Souderton
Springfield - Montco
Truman
Upper Dublin
Wissahickon

Independents

Cheltenham
Chestnut Hill
Coatesville
Daniel Boone
Delaware Valley Friends
Hill School
Kimberton Waldorf
New Hope Sulbury
Phelps
Upper Merion
Upper Moreland
Valley Forge
Woodlynne