

Greater Evansville Lacrosse Coaches and Program Administrators,

On Tuesday, 24-January-2017, the boys' high school lacrosse coaches from the greater Evansville area met to discuss the creation of the Hoosier Southern Lacrosse Conference (HSLC). With representatives from Castle, Memorial, Harrison, North, Reitz, Central and South Gibson present, the group unanimously voted to approve creation of the conference under the umbrella of Southern Indiana Select Lacrosse, Inc. (SISL). SISL is a 501(c)(3) non-profit located in Southern Indiana with a mission to help grow lacrosse in the region. SISL is best known for its Eville Storm summer travel lacrosse program, which launched in 2015.

SISL will provide administration for the new, membership required, lacrosse conference for Southern Indiana and surrounding communities. The conference represents a formal partnership between area high school programs (varsity, junior varsity and feeder teams), the travel program, lacrosse officials, and the community with a mission to grow lacrosse in the region.

While administered through SISL, the conference will be developed/approved through the members and monetarily separate from the SISL general fund. The annual cost of membership is expected to be no more than \$300 per year, depending on conference programs. A sponsor has been obtained for 2017 to assist with the conference launch, reducing 2017 membership dues to \$25 per program/high school.

For the 2017 season, the coaches have elected to invite all boys' high school lacrosse programs in Vanderburgh, Warrick, and Gibson County in Indiana, and Davies County in Kentucky to participate. HSLC members, working with SISL, will develop and approve guidelines and policies for membership for 2018 and beyond over the course of the next six to nine months. Additionally, members will formalize conference activities and development plans, including the Officials Development Program, conference team selection and awards, and conference tournament over the next several weeks.

HSLC members will meet quarterly with the following preliminary focus for each meeting:

1. May – Conference Awards and HSLC All-Conference Team Selection
2. August – Lacrosse growth and strategy development working session, including approval of budget and annual membership fee
3. November – Pre-season planning, feedback to and from the Indiana High School Lacrosse Association (IHSLA)
4. January – Season kick off

As part of the conference launch, we are very proud to introduce the Hoosier Southern Lacrosse Conference Officials Development Program (HSLC ODP). The intent of the HSLC ODP is to increase both the quality and quantity of licensed and experienced lacrosse referees/officials in Southern Indiana. New referees who apply, are approved for the program, and officiate eighteen (18) games in a season are eligible for reimbursement of their US Lacrosse fees and uniform expenditures.

The program is intended to help recruit and retain officials for the high school and middle school levels. Additionally, we hope it will improve relationships with the officials by investing in their training and supporting uniform investments.

In return for providing the ODP, the following is being requested of area referees:

- HSLC teams get priority when scheduling ODP participants during their first 2 years.
- ODP participants will support recruiting efforts for new lacrosse officials in Southern Indiana.

This is an exciting time in the development of lacrosse. We are honored to be part of this growth and will work tirelessly for the betterment of boys' lacrosse in the region. If you have any questions, comments or feedback, please feel free to send us an email at HoosierSouthern@gmail.com or to SouthernIndianaSelectLacrosse@gmail.com.



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Please see key considerations and highlights below for the **Hoosier Southern Lacrosse Conference (HSLC)**:

1. Members will establish guidelines for admittance/retention for 2018 and beyond. See suggestions below:
 - IHSLA or other state governing body membership
 - Target counties (Warrick, Vanderburgh, Gibson, Posey, etc....)
 - 2/3rd majority vote of current members
 - Code of conduct execution
 - Timely payment of dues
2. Members will establish annual membership fees.
 - Cost for 2017 is \$25 per school thanks to a generous sponsor.
 - Members will vote for following year cost during the budgeting cycle for the next season.
 - Conference funds will be collected and accounted for separately from the SISL general monies and used exclusively for conference programs, as approved by conference members. SISL may provide monies to support conference programs, if deemed appropriate and approved by the SISL board.
 - Dues will be utilized to fund conference programs, as agreed to through a simple majority vote of members.
3. First year conference programs to include the following at a minimum:
 - Officials Development Program
 - Conference awards and team selection
 - Tournament trophy
4. Benefits from the conference are expected to be as follows:
 - Inclusion in conference tournament (2018).
 - Inclusion/vote in conference team selection and awards (2017).
 - Tournament trophy provided by conference (2017).
 - Priority in receiving officials that are part of the Officials Development Program.
 - Opportunity to host conference tournament with gate proceeds to be split between host and conference with a long term goal to self-fund conference programs and activities.
5. SISL to provide leadership and administration including meeting schedule and agenda development, meeting facilitation, financial accounting/budgeting/projection, inclusion in SISL website (dedicated tab) and other duties as approved by both the conference members and the SISL board.

Hoosier Southern Lacrosse Conference Officials Development Program (HSLC ODP)

The intent of the HSLC Officials Development Program is to increase both the quality and quantity of licensed and experienced lacrosse referees/officials in Southern Indiana. The program will be structured as outlined below for **New Officials***:

1. Official submits application for inclusion upon completion of training and certification by US Lacrosse.
2. After officiating eighteen (18) high school and/or middle school games in their 1st season, HSLC will reimburse 100% of the official's US Lacrosse Fee for the current calendar year and fifty percent (50%) up to \$100 for uniforms (receipt required).
3. After officiating eighteen (18) high school and/or middle school games in their 2nd season, HSLC will reimburse 100% of the official's US Lacrosse Fee for the current calendar year and fifty percent (50%) up to \$100 for uniforms (receipt required).
4. For officials signing up to referee a 3rd season, HSLC will pay 100% of the official's US Lacrosse fee for the current calendar year up front as a "Thank You" for completing the program.

If you have any questions or would like to submit an application, you can send an email to HoosierSouthern@gmail.com.

*A program for existing officials has not yet been confirmed.

Hoosier Southern Lacrosse Conference Officials Development Program Application

Name:		Submittal Date:	
US Lacrosse Number:		Expiration Date:	
Address:			
Describe uniform items purchased:			
Uniform costs:		Receipt(s) Included:	Y/N
Applicant Signature:			
Head Official Signature:		Approval Date:	
HSLC Signature:		Approval Date:	