

SIXES Meeting Summary

Meeting summary for Sixes (07/08/2025)

Quick recap

The meeting covered various aspects of organizing and implementing a sixes lacrosse program, including registration details, scheduling, equipment rules, and expansion plans. Discussions focused on clarifying game rules, addressing safety concerns, and coordinating logistics for upcoming events and tournaments. The participants also touched on organizational changes, conflicts within the sports community, and the need for clear communication with parents, coaches, and officials.

Next steps

- Danielle: Create and distribute updated coaching requirements information to all clubs
- All Clubs: Submit their intended number of teams for each age group for the sixes program
- Danielle: Find and appoint a boys Commissioner for the sixes program
- Danielle: Send out sixes program documentation and rules to all attendees and Zone directors
- Danielle: Complete and distribute parent, coach, official, and field convener information booklets
- Danielle: Schedule and host a scheduling meeting on July 29th at 8 PM
- All Clubs: Attend the scheduling meeting on July 29th to coordinate game schedules
- Danielle: Send weekly updates of questions and answers to all clubs
- Cornwall/Center Wellington: Evaluate their facilities for potential tournament hosting
- Hamilton: Prepare facilities for hosting provincial championships
- Danielle: Send out registration fee document and package information to Zone 8
- Danielle: Pull up and distribute the exact ruling on maximum players from last year's AGM

- Danielle: Connect with James regarding scheduling conflicts with Brogdon Cup in Maryland
- Danielle: Coordinate with Hamilton Tourism office regarding Championship day arrangements

Summary

Meeting Attendance and Wait Time

Danielle greeted attendees and began the meeting, noting that some participants were still joining. She mentioned she would wait a few more minutes before starting the discussion.

Sixes Lacrosse Season Registration Update

The meeting focused on the upcoming season's schedule and registration details for the sixes lacrosse program. Danielle announced that registration would open on July 11th and shared the season dates, including blackout weekends for Labor Day and Thanksgiving. She emphasized the need for organizations to declare their team numbers for divisions U9 to U22. The discussion highlighted concerns about equipment requirements, particularly regarding chest protectors, with Matt and Victor expressing concerns about safety. Danielle explained the reasoning behind removing chest protectors to facilitate the program's integration into schools, citing last year's statistics on penalties. The conversation ended with Matt raising concerns about potential injuries and legal implications, questioning the wisdom of removing protective equipment from a contact sport.

Lacrosse Rules and Game Approach

The meeting focused on clarifying the rules and approach for playing lacrosse, particularly in relation to the World Lacrosse rules for sixes. Jeremy emphasized the importance of following the official rules to ensure a safe and fair game, distinguishing it from box lacrosse. He highlighted the opportunity to adopt this version of the game, which aligns more closely with women's field lacrosse, and encouraged leaders in the sport to make necessary adjustments. Danielle agreed to provide more information on coaching requirements and promised to share the meeting recording and relevant details later that day.

Sixes Lacrosse Season Planning

The group discussed scheduling for the upcoming Sixes lacrosse season, with Danielle coordinating a meeting in late July to help teams book their games. They agreed on a minimum of 10 games needed to qualify for provincials, and discussed the possibility of doubleheaders and inter-zone travel. Victor expressed interest in hosting games in Center Wellington, and Danielle confirmed that organizations could host weekend tournaments to

help teams qualify for provincials. The group also touched on the process for booking officials, with Peter mentioning a certification process for existing officials.

Lacrosse Event Registration Planning

The meeting focused on discussing registration details for a lacrosse event, including the maximum number of players (15) and registration fees. Danielle announced a scheduling meeting for July 29th at 8 PM to address potential conflicts with other events, particularly the Brogdon Cup in Maryland. The group also discussed the need for a boys Commissioner and agreed to send out a document with detailed information, with Danielle committing to provide weekly updates on frequently asked questions.

Equipment Rules in Youth Lacrosse

Mark and Danielle discussed the challenges and considerations around equipment rules in sixes lacrosse, particularly for younger players. They emphasized the importance of protecting players while teaching them the game, and agreed on the need for clear communication with parents, coaches, and officials. They also touched on the potential for injuries to goalies and the need for proper stick checks. Tim suggested holding informational sessions before games to help parents and players understand the rules and expectations.

Lacrosse Program Expansion Planning

Danielle and Mark discussed plans for expanding lacrosse programs in schools across Kitchener and Ottawa, with a focus on utilizing available facilities and creating positive experiences for players. They reviewed the progress on creating informational booklets for parents and coaches, with Danielle working on finalizing content and dimensions for the materials. The conversation also touched on the need for clear communication and adherence to rules within the lacrosse community, as well as the importance of scheduling games and resolving confusion regarding team designations.

Hamilton Festival Planning and Logistics

Danielle shared her excitement about Hamilton's comprehensive planning for events, including logistics for rentals, food, and accommodations, and expressed her wish for similar ease in dealing with other locations.

Game Roster Size Clarification Meeting

Discussed roster sizes for games, confirming that the maximum is 15 players (MR2.01) and the minimum to start a game is 6 players. They clarified that these rules were recently updated at an AGM, though the rulebook still shows 12 players. Danielle mentioned she would send an email to clarify these rules and update the scheduling meeting date.

