

2015 Fall South District Coaches Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, Oct. 7th, 7:30pm at the Traditions Room at St. John's

Attendance: District Coordinators, Bellaire, Cy-Fair, Emery Weiner, Episcopal, Friendswood, Gulf Coast, Houston Christian, Katy, Kingwood, Kinkaid, Lamar, Pearland, St. Agnes, St. John's, St. Pius, Stratford, Village, Woodlands

1. **Introductions.** Vote on New Teams, Sign-in Sheet. Conference call coming.
 - a. *St. Pius voted in as a new member (JV only)*
 - b. *Pearland is moving to varsity status; Emery Weiner is staying JV.*
 - c. *Eva Martire voted as new US Lacrosse All-Academic Team Chair.*
2. **District Documents**
 - a. Collect: Team Physical Address forms, Contact Information, District Dues, Proof of Insurance
 - b. South District Varsity & JV Score Sheet Reporting. Must be signed by both head coaches, 1 official and keep until May 31st for reference.
 - c. *Code of Conduct now in Rules, no longer collected but make sure your coaches/players/parents/fans read it at individual team meetings.*
 - d. *We met with Scott Briggs. Update on fees and more info. at scheduling meeting.*
3. **Approve budget.** Explain district dues vs. State dues.
 - a. *Budget approved by coaches, including the application for the South District to apply for a US Lacrosse Sportsmanship Grant to cover half of a PCA Workshop in conjunction with the SJS playday. Angie spoke about previous PCA workshops.*

4. Division Split for 2016

2015 Season:

<u>Division I</u>	<u>Record: Division/Overall</u>
St. Johns	7-0, 15-0
Woodlands	5-2, 6-2
Kingwood	5-2, 9-3
Kinkaid	4-3, 10-5
Cy-Fair	4-3, 8-8
Episcopal	1-6, 8-8
Lamar	1-5, 4-5
Memorial	1-6, 5-6

<u>Division II</u>	<u>Record: Division/Overall</u>
St. Agnes	8-0, 11-3
Katy	6-2, 7-6
Klein	5-3, 5-7
Gulf Coast	5-3, 5-4
Houston Christian	5-3, 6-7
Stratford	3-5, 4-8
Bellaire	3-5, 3-7
Village School	1-7, 1-7

Discussion of 2015 season including the bottom two Division I teams and the top two Division II teams. Head Varsity Coaches voted to keep all teams in the same divisions, with the addition of Pearland to Division II. St. Pius and Emery Weiner will be JV only for 2016.

5. 2016 Schedule

- a. TSLB guarantee of 12 regular season games per team in our district.
 - b. Pre-determined non-divisional games will be emailed after 2016 split is voted on. These are to be scheduled secondary to your divisional games, but must be scheduled.
 - c. Dates for regular Season and Play-off Schedules*
 - d. Fri, Jan. 15th – start of Regular season TGHSLL Games-schedule early if you can.
 - e. Last Regular season game must be played by Sat, April 9th
 - f. Make-up regular season games by Tues, April 12th
 - g. City Quarters – Thurs, April 14 – Sat, April 16
 - h. City Semis – Mon, April 18 – Wed, April 20th
 - i. City Championship – Sat, April 23rd. Rain date-Sun, April 24th, Host: TBD.
 - j. State Championship – May 7-8 hosted by North District.
 - i. Discussion: Kingwood suggested that someone could possibly host on April 10,11,12 for a neutral site for make-up games.
 - k. MMS Game, Playdays, tournaments - email us your info for our website.
 - i. SJS Playday is Sat, Feb. 20th. Email southdistrictcoordinators@stghsll.org with your information to be posted.
 - ii. All updated tournaments and playdays in Texas can be found under the Documents section of the district website.
 - l. JV Tournament-any team can organize and host. This is not state or district organized (cannot call it "Houston/Texas/South District/TGHSLL JV Tournament"). Email us info. to post on our website.
 - i. St. Agnes and Kingwood are interested and looking at April 16th. They will follow-up and email more information which will be posted on stghsll.org
 - m. All-State Voting on April 10, 2016 at 5:30pm. Host: St. Agnes
- 6. State meeting Sunday, Nov. 15th, at the St. Stephen's Board Room from noon to 5:00pm.**
- a. Collect proxies from everyone for state meeting, even if you plan on attending or calling in, just as a back-up. Last year we almost didn't have a quorum.
 - b. *Jill and/or Jamie cannot be your proxies - only voting members can be proxies.*
- 7. New Website - Chris S.**
- a. Instructions on the new game input system through the South District Website and secure page
 - b. Varsity & JV Rosters entered PRIOR to first game. Jamie will email individual teams' links for roster input prior to first game.

- c. Questions by coaches included:
 - i. Is it possible to upload rosters directly into score sheets? Chris said that could be a possibility for next season, but will let us know if he can make it work for this season.
 - ii. Can coaches pull up JV players and change to varsity rosters.
 - iii. Chris said that next year he can look into tying stats with rosters on the game scoring sheeting during game inputs.
 - iv. Chris will add scores of games in the standings section.
 - v. Coaches voted to not include any statistics in game report scoring.
 - vi. The only information entered will be: Win - Loss, final score, penalty cards administered. All information must be kept on the official score sheet, signed by both head coaches plus one referee and kept until May 31st. It's the responsibility of the home team to enter data into the website within 24 hours.

8. Proposed Rule Changes

- i. **Discussion-only:** The majority of varsity coaches preferred an 8-team bracket for 2017.
 - 1. Suggestion of an 8-team bracket for Div. 1 and leave 6-team bracket for Div. 2. Further discussion involved the idea to keep the two Divisions equal in number of teams qualifying for the state tournament.
 - 2. Suggestion of keeping strength of schedule as a wildcard determination. Further discussion involved the penalty of teams that don't play out of district against ranked opponents; and the credibility/validity of laxpower.com as a non-requirement for league and non-league games.

9. Other Business

- a. Discussion coming from other districts about programs having multiple varsity teams in different divisions. Kingwood proposed this for their program and said after further consideration they'd not like to do this. Overall the South District was against this rule change.

10. Meeting adjourned. 9:17pm.

*Finalized after state voting of proposed Rule Changes