

SJYLL Monthly Meeting Agenda - October 2023

10 / 10 / 2023

7:30 PM

1. Opening Statements (Colin Savacool)
 - a. Statement of Etiquette for Maintaining Decorum
 - Document to be emailed to members and uploaded to documents and resources site (<https://sjyll-docs.vercel.app>).
 - b. Meeting Overview
2. Treasurer's Report (Randy Wolfe)
 - Randy Wolfe will provide an update and an email will be sent out to the league via email before the next meeting in November.
3. Administrative
 - a. Treasurer would like to add a second account holder to the account (accountant preferred).
 - If there is a volunteer, please email sjyouthlacrosseleague@gmail.com & rwolfe@1stcolonial.com
 - Will address at next meeting
 - b. Address new township representatives (Lee Robledo)
 - 1st year reps: if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us by email at sjyouthlacrosseleague@gmail.com
 - Will address at next meeting
4. Discussion
 - a. Estimates of team numbers for each township.
 - MOVE TO NEXT MEETING AND HAVE TOWNSHIPS GIVE *ROUGH* ESTIMATES
 - b. League Calendar (needs discussion) / Important Dates:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>
Daylights Savings Time	March 10	Sunday
Start of Season	March 16	Saturday
Easter	March 31	Sunday
Last Week of Games	May 11	Saturday
Playoff Week	May 13	Monday
End of Year Tournament	May 18	Saturday

- MOVE TO NEXT MEETING AND HAVE TARGET DATES FOR IMPORTANT ITEMS
- Jamie Chiarieri (Haddonfield): End of Year is a scramble. Can we get way ahead of the scheduling the EOY Tournament:
 - Colin Savacool (GT): open to hosting - 1/2
 - Tim Cittrone (WD): open to hosting - 5/6 or 7/8
 - Matt Scassero (Seneca): open to hosting - 5/6

5. Open Floor

- Chris Rosenbleeth (CR): Todd Ruff has been spearheading a program for cadet referees (hs & youth). Want to use them at the league at the younger levels. Will get more info out to the league or address again at November's meeting.
- CR: Request from breakaway box winter league to send info regarding Winter Lacrosse League (plays outdoors at Moorestown). Chris will send information regarding the league via email to the SJYLL members.
- Marrison USA Lacrosse:
 - Revamping USA Lacrosse Membership (\$35 for players, \$50 for coaches)
 - Revamping the certifications (Bronze, Silver (Lv 1), Gold (Lv 2) Platinum (Lv 3))
- Brad Hays:
 - IS USA LACROSSE STILL DOING BG CHECKS? - yes.
 - SportsEngine does bg check, does this transfer? - not sure.
 - Do you know of other townships going through SportsEngine? - Double check and circle back.
 - Did we receive from USA Lacrosse, a grant for scoopers - Yes, not sure when but remember Todd Ruff talking about this a couple seasons ago (Colin Savacool).
- **Motion** by Colin Savacool (GT) to include in discussion for next meeting, **Seconded** by Tim Citrone (WD): League standard for rescheduling games. If a game is to be canceled because the home team's field is unplayable and the away team has a turf home field, the game should be rescheduled to the away team's turf field on the same day, if possible.
- Steve Schwegel (Monroe): Were there meetings held for the competition committee over the summer? - No, this is something the EC & The Competition Committee failed to keep its promise on.
- Matt Scassero (Seneca): Talked to girls SJYLL because they share scheduling issues. Had an A/B/C division with a mid-season shuffle, the mid-season shuffle was found to be beneficial for the girl's organization.
- Steve Schwegel (Monroe): Offers to assist SJYLL in any way possible
- Brad Hays (Medford): OC Junior Raiders will provide park passes for play dates at Ocean City
- Tom Jarozynski (Mt Laurel): 3/4 division with the down checking rule with different teams playing around that. SJYLL should make a statement regarding the rule differences at each age group.
- Shawn O'Brien (Woodstown): Down checking at 1/2 was happening and we should address it as a league.
- Lee Robledo (WT): Review and assign committees during the next meeting.
- Mark Villanueva (Moorestown): League Dues amount and timeline for paying? Will stay the same as 2023.
- Chris Callahan (HT): Colon Cancer awareness game, raised \$500. DATE - Last 3 weekends of March
- CR: Start thinking now about transition at the end of the season for the President role. Chris would like to step down from President as he cannot dedicate enough time to the President role. He would be open to do that during the season but does plan to step down at the end of the season.

EC Council Review - Post Meeting (CR, LR, CS)

- Items to discuss / review for next meeting:
 - ANNOUNCE THE DUES (administrative)
 - USA LACROSSE MEMBERSHIP UPDATES *review items discussed* (administrative)
 - COLON CANCER AWARENESS GAME *more information needed* (administrative)
 - TARGET DATES FOR IMPORTANT ITEMS *add to league calendar* (discussion)
 - Final Schedule
 - Initial Schedule
 - Initial Roster
 - Final Locks
 - TEAMS PER TOWNSHIP *ROUGH* ESTIMATES (discussion)
 - REVIEW COMMITTEES AND ASSIGN COMMITTEE ROLES *must get finished next meeting* (discussion)
 - MOTION BY COLIN SAVACOOOL TO DISCUSS RESCHEDULING RAIN GAMES *allow 4 hrs for Refs* (discussion)

6. NEXT MEMBERS MEETING November 14th, 2023 @ 7:30 PM

SJYLL - Boys Monthly Meeting - October 10

[VIEW RECORDING - 69 mins \(No highlights\)](#)

AI Summary

- Colin and Chris led a meeting where they discussed administrative matters and set expectations for future meetings. They also reviewed important dates for the upcoming season and requested input from the attendees. - [PLAY @1:21](#)
- The group discussed potential hosts for end-of-year tournaments and securing field space in advance. They also talked about the possibility of using cadet referees at younger levels and shared updates on the Breakaway box winter program and changes to the USA Lacrosse membership structure and coach certification program. - [PLAY @18:35](#)
- Marisa from USA Lacrosse, Brad, and Colin discussed various topics including membership levels, background checks, courses, grants for starter equipment, and assistance for those who can't afford memberships. They also mentioned the possibility of using Sports Engine for background checks and obtaining information from USA Lacrosse. - [PLAY @25:12](#)
- The group discussed the proposal to reschedule games on the day of, if the away team had a turf field, but it was not voted on. They also mentioned the lack of progress in the competition committee over the summer and decided not to allow Ocean City to join the league, although individual teams could still schedule scrimmages with them. - [PLAY @30:56](#)
- The group discussed the issue of down checking in the 3-4 level of lacrosse and agreed to address it before the season starts. They also recognized the need for a rules committee to ensure consistency and alignment with USA Lacrosse rules. - [PLAY @42:47](#)
- Lee, Colin, Mark, Chris, and Callahan discussed various topics including committee membership, the number of teams, the Morristown tournament, and colon cancer awareness games. They also mentioned the need to start thinking about transitioning to a new President for Chris's position at the end of the season. - [PLAY @49:02](#)
- Chris, Colin, Thomas, iPhone, Lee, and LukeS had a discussion about various topics including adding a secondary holder to an account, scheduling meetings, picking up items, setting dues, and important dates for the next meeting. They also discussed rescheduling games and the possibility of a mid-season switch, similar to the girls' side. - [PLAY @56:56](#)

USA LACROSSE UPDATES

2024 UPDATES

1. USA Lacrosse will revamp our [membership structure](#) beginning November 1st
 - a. Some membership prices will be increasing by \$5 (This is the first time USA Lacrosse has changed our pricing since 2017).
 - b. All players 22 and under will join as a 22U Player (youth, HS and young adult) for \$35. Those 23 and up will join as an adult for \$60.
 - c. Coach memberships will change from \$55 to \$60.
 - i. [Member Benefits](#)
 - ii. Ensure all players are affiliated with your program when renewing their membership—our new membership platform allows members to add/change involvement type and affiliate on their own once logged into their dashboard at [USA Lacrosse AMMS](#)
2. Registration for Virtual workshops for current coach certification is now available and these clinics began October 3rd.
 - a. Our coach certification program is changing substantially in 2024 – (Bronze/baseline required, Silver, Gold, Platinum).
 - b. All coach members will be certified at the bronze level and membership includes a free criminal background check and all required training courses (abuse prevention, cardiac care, concussion, cultural competency and rules test).
 - i. All current Level 1 coaches will be grandfathered in as a Silver Level coach pending the completion of any Bronze level courses
 - ii. Same for current Level 2 (will now be Gold) and Level 3 (Platinum) certified coaches.
3. 100% Member Program Guidelines
 - a. To be a Full-Member program all players and coaches must have a valid USA Lacrosse membership spanning the duration of their participation season.
 - b. Remember that the USA Lacrosse Insurance and Risk Management committee has created a three-step [guideline](#) as a safety net for teams and leagues who want the security of liability protection. A 100% registered team, league or lacrosse association shall be deemed to be insured under the USA Lacrosse liability insurance coverage if they [follow these steps](#).
 - c. USA Lacrosse has also created a League [Standards Document](#) outlining best practices for programs and leagues.
4. For 2024, all 100% member programs will be required to sign a membership agreement that will give them access to request a Certificate of Insurance (COI).
 - a. All program leaders will be required to upload their rosters to the Program Leader Portal (PLP) 2.0 and validate all players and coaches' memberships for the duration of their season.
 - b. To access the PLP v2, you must be listed as an owner or admin. Login to your own member dashboard (see link above); if you are correctly associated with your program, you'll see an option to login to the program account OR your own personal account. If you are not, please reach out to your [regional manager](#) to make this change.
 - c. Follow the [user guide](#) or contact our [Regional Coordinator](#) for help uploading your rosters.
5. The annual [USA Lacrosse Convention](#) and Fan Fest will no longer be held. Although the event has a rich history, attendance trends had shifted in recent years and this decision will ultimately benefit all



members by reducing financial and travel commitments and allowing for more participation from coaches, officials and speakers in different regions.

- a. In October of 2024 there will be a national event with a new look and feel. More to come on this in 2024
- b. The Mid Atlantic, Northeast, North Atlantic, and New England regions will host their Regional Academy in Philadelphia. They will take place on January 13th & 14th at the Wells Fargo Center.