



## **Fall 2016 Membership Meeting – Points of Emphasis for 2017 season.**

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### **2017 Season Points of Emphasis**

#### **Honor the Game**

This is a reminder that the IHSLA holds sportsmanship in high regard. You will be held accountable for the actions of your player, parents, and fans. Fighting and confronting officials will not be tolerated. You are also responsible of being a gracious host at home games by providing but not limited to access to water, scores table, official scorer, time keeper, and safe passage for the officials.

Coaches Code of Conduct will be implemented in 2017. The IHSLA will have a set of rules documenting expectations of coaching behaviors. Officials can now report any coaches conducting themselves outside the code of conduct.

#### **Reminders**

##### **US Lacrosse Membership**

Every player on your roster must have a valid US Lacrosse membership throughout the entire season. Before your first game you must validate every player has a valid membership that expires post 6/4/2016. Games will be forfeited if played with ineligible player(s). Every team must have at least one US Lacrosse Level 1 Certified coach on staff. We encourage all coaches to be Level 1 Certified.

##### **Scheduling**

To improve the competitive balance of the league we suggest you strive to play 5 teams ranked higher than you last year and 5 ranked below you.

##### **NFHS Rules**

We follow NFHS rules which includes but not limited to sticks, uniforms, fields, and face-offs. Please read the rule book and know these rules.

##### **Pre-High School Eligibility**

Student athletes who have not yet enrolled in high school are not eligible for IHSLA participation.

##### **Four-Year Eligibility**

Mirroring IHSA rules, IHSLA student athletes have four consecutive years to complete their league eligibility. Players are not permitted to "re-grade" or post-graduate ("PG") to retain eligibility.