2012 Men's Game

High School Area Chairmen Handbook

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USL Mission: US Lacrosse is the national governing body of the lacrosse. Through responsive and effective leadership, we provide programs and services to inspire participation while protecting the integrity of the sport.

USL Vision: US Lacrosse envisions a future that offers people everywhere the opportunity to discover, learn, participate in, enjoy and ultimately embrace the shared passion of the lacrosse experience.

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SECTION A—HIGH SCHOOL AREA CRITERIA

1. **2012 US Lacrosse Men's Game Post Season Awards Process**

The US Lacrosse Men's Game All American Awards/Recognition process is maintained by the US Lacrosse Men's Game Coaches and Recognition Sub Committee and administered locally by the US Lacrosse Area Chairmen. The Sub Committee through the Area Chairmen oversee the selection of seven (7) award/recognition categories. Each Area is required to participate in each of these seven categories:

1. All-American
2. All-Academic
3. Coach of the Year
4. Assistant Coach of the Year
5. Man of the Year (Area and National)
6. Champion All-American Showcase, A US Lacrosse Event
7. Bob Scott Award (New for 2012)

**An Area is defined in many ways; it could be an entire state, part of a state, a county, association or metropolitan or regional area. All areas are approved by the Coaches and Recognition Committees.*

2. **Post Season Awards**
   a. **Selection Process:** The recommended method of selecting Boy's High School All-Americans and All-Academic would be a meeting of ALL Head Coaches in the Area. If geography and/or time prohibits' a meeting from taking place, or if local rules prohibit coaches from being involved with awards selections, then selection must be made by a committee of at least three people. The members of this committee are to be determined by the Area's coaches association. In the absence of a coaches association, the Area Chairman will determine selection.

   b. **Player / Coach Awards Eligibility:** Players and coaches are eligible for post season USL awards if they participate on a team that:
      i. Is part of a high school league playing in the spring season (January to June)
      ii. Has been officially recognized by its governing Association(s), its USL Area Chairman, and the USL Men's Game and Recognition committees.

3. **Allotment Criteria for Qualifying teams:** Teams that meet **ALL** the following criteria qualify to be counted towards All-American and All-Academic awards allotment in their Area:
   a. Must be a member of a High School Boy's Lacrosse League playing a varsity schedule in the spring (January to June)
   b. Must use the School's name
   c. Must monitor player academic eligibility and adhere to standard eligibility criteria for the school's varsity sports.
   d. Must be compromised solely of students who attend that school (unless, by governing Association rule, players from other schools are allowed to participate on the team)
   e. Must be a member in good standing within their area (ie, not on probation)

f. Must receive recognition from the High School (in at least one of the following areas):
   i. Varsity letters
   ii. Transportation
   iii. Equipment/uniform provision
   iv. Coaches stipend
   v. Field use

4. **Area Awards Allotment Formula:** Areas shall receive the following awards allotments based on their numbers of qualified teams.

   - All-American: 1 All-American allotted for every 5 qualified teams
   - All-Academic: 1 All-Academic allotted for every 10 qualified teams

5. **New Area Eligibility:** To establish a new area or add qualified program(s) to an existing area, the following must be submitted to the Men's Game Manager at US Lacrosse. Each year requests will be go through a review process by both the Coaches and Recognition Sub Committees.

   a. Establish/Form New Area from Existing Area: A current coach or administrator within an established area who would like to create/form a new area is eligible to submit a "New Area" form which will allow that region to create its own new area. The form must go through the Area Chairmen and than submitted to the Men's Game Manager at US Lacrosse for approval by the Coaches and Recognition Committee.
      i. Deadline to submit Form for New Area: **March 1, 2012 (**See 'Exhibits' section for an example of the form).
      ii. A new area must consist of no less than 15 qualified programs and may not leave an "old area" with less than 20 programs.
   b. Establish/Form Brand New Area: A current coach or administrator who would like to create/form a new area is eligible to submit a "New Area" form which will allow that region to create a brand new area. The form must go through US Lacrosse and than will be submitted for approval by the Coaches and Recognition Committee.
      i. Deadline to submit Form for New Area: **February 1, 2012 (**See 'Exhibits' section for an example of the form*).
      ii. A brand new area must consist of no less than 15 qualified programs.
   c. Adding Programs to Existing Area: To add new programs to an established area, a current High School Area Chairmen in that area will submit a "New Programs" form; this will update the total number of teams that are currently represented in that area.
      i. Deadline to submit Form for New Program: **May 1, 2012 (**See 'Exhibits' section for an example of the form*).

***Note:** Official forms can be found on the Boy's High School Post Season Awards page on the US Lacrosse website.

SECTION B—Area Chairmen Criteria

1. **US Lacrosse High School Area Chairmen:** A High School Area Chairmen (HSAC) is selected/nominated by the coaches within their Area/Region. High School Area Chairmen fall under the US Lacrosse Men's Game Committee serving both the Coaches Sub Committee and Recognition Sub Committee.

2. **Area Chairmen Eligibility, Roles and Responsibilities:**

US Lacrosse **recommends** that Areas set term limits between 3-5 years, but the Area Chairman may serve multiple terms if elected by the area coaches.

- Chairmen must be members of US Lacrosse and be supportive of its mission and process
- Chairmen must promote within their area that all coaches and players become members of US Lacrosse and support the mission and value of the organization.
- Chairmen must be a current or former interscholastic coach or administrator within the area
- Chairmen must oversee all US Lacrosse Men's Game High School Post Season Awards selection in your area.
- Chairmen are strongly encouraged to attend the annual US Lacrosse National Convention.
- Chairmen must be able to disseminate information to coaches in their area about committee functions, awards, and recognition as well as work with US Lacrosse Men's Game Staff.
- Chairmen must inform US Lacrosse and the Awards Chairman of all new lacrosse programs/teams in the area.

SECTION C—Post Season Awards

1. **Post Season Awards Voting Procedure** (recommended guidelines):
    a) The HSAC will send each of the Head Coaches in each Area a list of eligible players in writing prior to the post season awards meeting.
    b) It is recommended that voting be held at an in-person meeting with a written ballot, but if time and distance prohibit this from happening, the alternative would be to hold a conference call followed by an email vote.
    c) TIE votes will be resolved as follows:
        i. If the nominees are in different grades, the upperclassmen will be chosen.
        ii. If the nominees are in the same grades, the tie will be broken by written ballot with points assigned as follows: 1st choice- five points, 2nd choice- three points, 3rd choice- one point. Highest score wins.
    d) If still tied, a final decision will be made by the US Lacrosse High School Area Chairman.
    e) US Lacrosse Coaches and Recognition Sub Committee both encourage all of the coaches within the areas to vote and get involved.

2. **High School All-American**
    a) Criteria/Eligibility Guidelines: *(Must meet all of the following)*
        i. Players selected must be a **First Team member** of the All-State, All-County, or All- League team before he is eligible for All- American. In areas where no postseason honors are awarded, all players are eligible.
        ii. Post High School graduates who continue to compete for a high school program/repeat their senior season are **NOT** eligible to be considered for All-American.
        iii. Players must be of outstanding character, be in good academic standing in their school (eligible) and demonstrate good sportsmanship and safe play.

3. **High School All-Academic**
    a) Criteria/Eligibility Guidelines: *(Must meet ALL of the following)*
        i. A US Lacrosse All-Academic Player is one who exhibits exemplary lacrosse skills, good sportsmanship on the field, and represents high standards of academic achievement* in the classroom. This player should also have left his mark beyond the lacrosse field and the classroom by making significant contributions of service to the school and/or community.
    - The player must be a **senior.**
    - A school transcript must accompany the player nomination**.

***NOTE:** The minimum academic achievement for the Academic All-American is determined by the Area. It is recommended that the Area Chairman have clearly stated guidelines for selecting this award.

****NOTE:** Any player that has received a diploma from a secondary school will **not** be eligible for Academic All-American status during post-graduate study.

4. **Coach of the Year:** This award honors those Head Coaches who exemplify the ideals of the game of lacrosse. The award is intended to recognize the individuals overall coaching performance and contribution, not just coaching wins - although they may be considered. The Selection process is to be determined by the Area Chairmen in conjunction with other Area coaches.
    a) **Criteria/Eligibility Guidelines**
        i. This award is only available to Head Coaches*
        ii. Nominees must be members in good standing within their area and US Lacrosse
        iii. Nominees must demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship on and off the field at all times.
        iv. Nominees must demonstrate excellent rapport with their players, officials, and other coaches at all times.
        v. Nominees did the most with what they had.

    *Note: Co-Varsity Coaches from an Area will not be recognized.

5. **Assistant Coach of the Year:** This award honors those Assistant Coaches who exemplify the ideals of the game of lacrosse. The award is intended to recognize the individuals overall coaching performance and contribution, not just coaching wins - although they may be considered. The Selection process is to be determined by the Area Chairmen in conjunction with other Area coaches.
    a) **Criteria/Eligibility Guidelines**
        vi. This award is only available to Assistant Coaches*
        vii. Nominees must be members in good standing within their area and US Lacrosse
        viii. Nominees must demonstrate outstanding sportsmanship on and off the field at all times.
        ix. Nominees must demonstrate excellent rapport with their players, officials, and other coaches at all times.
        x. Nominees did the most with what they had.

    *Note: Volunteer Assistant Coaches are eligible for selection

6. **Man of the Year:** The Man of the Year award honors those individuals whose dedication, commitment, and support of the game and its ideals extend beyond his specific program.

   a) **Area Man of the Year:**

      i. Eligibility & Criteria

         - Nominees can be active coaches but overall contribution to lacrosse beyond his program is the primary criteria for selection.
         - Nominations should include a biographical sketch, including years of lacrosse involvement and his contributions to the game.

      ii. *Voting procedure*

         - Voting will be by written ballot.
         - Tie votes should be resolved as follows: 1st choice-five points. 2nd choice-three points. 3rd choice- one point. Highest score wins. if still tied, a final decision will be made by the Area Chairman.

   b) **National Man of the Year:**

      i. Eligibility & Criteria

         a) Only Local Area's Man of Year recipients will be considered for nomination.

         b) Nominees should be submitted to the Men's Game Manager **by August 1, 2012.**

         c) Submissions should include a biographical sketch, including years of involvement and his contributions to the game.

      ii. Voting procedure:

         a) Information on each nominee will be sent to each Area Chairman along with an online voting ballot. The National Man of the Year is awarded at the annual US Lacrosse Convention.

7. **Bob Scott Award:** This award recognizes a player in each Area who goes above and beyond in service to his team, school, and community. This player exemplifies the fundamentals of the game of lacrosse, is always working hard to improve his game and is a leader amongst his teammates both on and off the field. This athlete does not necessarily play every minute and lead the team in accolades, but, like Bob Scott, has a true passion and love for the game.

   a) Criteria & Eligibility/ Nomination Process: US Lacrosse recommends that each Area determine a Nomination Process for this award.
      i. Nominees may ONLY be Seniors
      ii. Players must be of outstanding character, be in good academic standing in their school (eligible) and demonstrate good sportsmanship and safe play.
      iii. Nominations should include a biographical sketch, including years of lacrosse involvement and his contributions to the game, school, and community.
      iv. Nominations should also include a letter of recommendation from their HS Principal, Athletic Director, or a current teacher.

   DEADLINE: Each Area will participate in the 2012 Bob Scott Award. The award will be announced prior to the **Champion All-American Showcase in July, 2012**. The award should be submitted to US Lacrosse along with the rest of their post season awards.

Background: Who is Bob Scott and what does he mean to the Sport of Lacrosse?

Bob Scott served as a head lacrosse coach for the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays men's lacrosse team, serving from 1955 until 1974. He compiled a career record of 158 wins and 55 losses to go along with seven National Championships.

He won the F. Morris Touchstone Award in being named the USILA National Coach of the Year in 1965, 1968 and 1972.Scott was also an All-American midfielder on the 1952 Johns Hopkins and also played on the 1950 National Champion team.

In 1976, Scott wrote the first edition of *Lacrosse: Technique and Tradition*, considered the ultimate guide to of college lacrosse. He was inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1977. He served as athletic director for Hopkins from 1974 to 1995. Bob Scott won seven national championships as a coach at Hopkins, 1957, 1959, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, and 1974 (his final season). He coached at Hopkins longer than any other coach (20 years) and is still their all-time leader in career wins (158).

Bob Scott was inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1977.

SECTION D—Updates

1) **Certificate Distribution:**
   - US Lacrosse All-American's and All-Academic Certificates will be distributed to the High School Area Chairmen **by March 1, 2012.**
   - The High School Area Chairmen are responsible for the distribution of the certificates:
     - 1 for the athlete and 1 for their school

2) **High School Chairmen Timeline/Deadlines**
   - US Lacrosse Area Chair Contact Form/Area Agreement Policy returned: **January 11, 2013 (The Friday Convention starts).**
   - Call for Coach Nominations for 2012 Champion All-American Showcase: **February 3, 2012 --- February 28, 2012**
   - Champion All-American Showcase (drafted timeline-subject to change)
     - **i.** AAS- Coaches Announced: **March 12, 2012**
     - **ii.** Call for Player Applications Due to US Lacrosse w/ $15.00 Application Fee: **February 6th – March 23rd, 2012.**
     - **iii.** US Lacrosse mails HSAC Area Player Applications: **March 26th, 2012.**
     - **iv.** HSAC Players Ranking Due back to USL: **April 16, 2012**
     - **v.** Players receive Congratulations letters from US Lacrosse re: Invitation to the AAS: **May, 2012.**
       - **a.** Selected players must register for event no later than: **June 15, 2012** (Alternates will be selected and contacted when needed).
     - **vi.** Final Rosters /Teams Announced by US Lacrosse: **June/July, 2012.**

   - Area Chairmen HS Post Season Awards Submissions to USL (based on what group you are listed in below)
   - USL Announcement of Boy's High School Post Season Awards (based on what group you are listed in below)
   - USL Submission & Announcement of Bob Scott Award—will be submitted with the rest of your HS Post Season Awards per your Group and Timeline.

Breakdown of Area's

(Subject to Change)

Group 1

- Post Season Awards Submission to US Lacrosse: May 22nd, 2012
- US Lacrosse Announce Post Season Awards: May 31st, 2012

Alabama/Mississippi Arizona Florida – Central Florida—South Florida—North

Louisiana Nevada South Carolina Texas

Group 2

- Post Season Awards Submission to US Lacrosse: June 8, 2012
- US Lacrosse Announce Post Season Awards: June 15, 2012

Albany—New York Maryland—Ann Arundel Co. Maryland—Baltimore Co.

California—Central Coast California—San Diego Pennsylvania—Central Colorado

Connecticut—Fairchester AA Delaware Maryland—Eastern Shore Florida—Gulf Coast

Georgia Maryland—Howard Co. Illinois Indiana Kansas

Maryland—Carroll Co. Maryland—Independent Maryland—MIAA

New England—Independent New Jersey New Jersey—Central

New Jersey—Middlesex North Carolina—Private New York—Ivy

New York—Mid Hudson New York—Nassau/Suffolk Catholic New York – NYC Catholic?

New York-Southern Tier New York—Suffolk Co. North Carolina—(public west)

Northern New England Virginia—Northwest Ohio—Central Ohio—North Coast

Ohio—South California—Orange Co. Pennsylvania—West California—Sacramento Valley

Utah Washington DC Western New England West Virginia

Group 3

- Post Season Awards Submission to US Lacrosse: June 22, 2012
- US Lacrosse Announce Post Season Awards: June 28, 2012

California—Condor/SCLA C California—Los Angeles California—Northern Connecticut

Idaho Kentucky Maryland-Harford Co. Maryland—Montgomery Co. Maine

Massachusetts—Central Massachusetts—Eastern Michigan Minnesota Missouri

New England—Eastern New Hampshire New Jersey—Shore New York—Buffalo

New York—Central New York—Hudson Valley New York—Nassau Co.

New York City—PSAL New York—Section V North Carolina—Public East Oregon

Pennsylvania—Eastern Rhode Island Tennessee Vermont

Virginia—Loudon Co Virginia—Northern Virginia—Piedmont Washington

Western Massachusetts Wisconsin

***If you are listed in an Area that does not fit the timeline of your season/schedule, please let Stephen Berger, US Lacrosse Men's Game Manager, know ASAP.**

3) Awards Allotments by Area-2012 *(Subject to Change)*

The Boy's Post Season Award Allotment page can be found online at Boy's All-American Page

EXHIBITS

Example of Men's Game HSAC Contact/Allotment Form

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL NEW AREA FORM

First Name: _____ Area Name: _____

Area Region represent: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Email #2: _____

Phone #: _____

2012 Area Allotment for Post Season Awards

Number of Area's Total Teams: _____

Number of All-American (1 AA allotted for every 5 qualified teams: _____

Number of All-Academic (1 AAA allotted for every 10 qualified teams: _____

Please return the form to Attn: Stephen Berger via email to sberger@uslacrosse.org or Fax to # 410-366-6735

Area Chairmen Signature: _____ Date: _____

Example of New Area Form

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL NEW AREA FORM

Name: _____

Area: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____

Current Area you are listed under: _____

Total # of Teams applying for: _____

New Area Name: _____

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Area Chairmen Signature: _____ Date: _____

Example of New Programs Form

BOY'S HIGH SCHOOL NEW PROGRAMS FORM

Name: _____

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Email: _____

Phone #: _____

Total # of Teams listed currently: _____ Total # of Teams applying for: _____

Final Total # in allotment: _____

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Area Chairmen Signature: _____ Date: _____