

Student Eligibility Rule Recommendations for the Fall of 2020

A subcommittee of MIAC and ERB members met remotely on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 10:00 AM to discuss MIAA student eligibility rules that could be impacted by the 2020 Fall season as a result of the cancelled 2020 Spring season.

Subcommittee members present on Tuesday, May 5, 2020:

- Paul Carroll, MASC, (MIAC)
- Marc Talbot - Principal, Pembroke (MIAC)
- Dave Uminski - Principal, Oakmont (MIAC)
- Laura Fallon, MASC, Northampton (MIAC)
- Tom Arria - AD, Cambridge R&L (ERB)
- Bob Rodgers - AD, Whitman Hanson (ERB)
- Patricia Fry, MASS, Plymouth (ERB)
- Christine Vigneux, Principal, Belchertown (District F ERB Chair)

Invited but unable to attend: Andy Crisafulli (MIAC), Sam DePina (ERB)

MIAA Assistant Executive Director, Phil Napolitano, facilitated the meeting.

Fall Eligibility – Recommendations to the MIAA Board of Directors

**All recommendations were unanimously approved by the subcommittee*

1. MIAA Rule 49 - Sportsmanship: Athlete and Coach Contest Disqualifications/Suspensions

Recommendation: *Any student serving a one-year suspension will receive credit as if they served those games during the 2020 Spring Season. Any remaining penalties must still be served beginning in the Fall of 2020.*

2. MIAA Rule 58 - Academic Requirements

Recommendation: *Waive MIAA Rule 58.1 on Academic Eligibility, and allow for each school (Principal) to individually determine their own local academic eligibility standard for the 2020 Fall Season until the first marking period.*

3. MIAA Rule 62- Chemical Health/Alcohol/Drugs/Tobacco

Recommendation: *As a result of the lost 2020 Spring season, all outstanding MIAA chemical health suspensions earned during the 2019-20 school year will be waived.*

Additional eligibility rules discussed but no action was taken

4. MIAA Rule 56- Physical Examinations

No Action: *Subcommittee understands this is a DPH issue and MIAA Sports Medicine Committee is seeking a resolution.*

5. MIAA Rule 59- Time Allowed for Participation After First Entering Grade Nine

No Action: *Subcommittee believes there should not be any change to MIAA Rule 59. If a school supports a waiver for a fifth year student-athlete, they must go through the waiver process.*