Baseball Committee Meeting Highlights
January 16, 2020

Tournament Management Committee Update: The Baseball Committee reviewed the Tournament Management Committee (TMC) statewide tournament proposal that was presented to the Board of Directors in December. Discussion included the process for qualification and seeding with the MaxPreps rating system and teams with a 50% or better record, exclusion games and how many teams qualify for the tournament. A subcommittee was established to begin reviewing the statewide proposal, 1A tournament and 2021 alignments.

2020 Baseball Format: The Baseball Committee reviewed and discussed updates to the 2020 baseball format which included a state-adopted, suspended game policy for both the regular season and tournament play (MIAA Handbook Rule 65.6). In addition, the Baseball Committee reviewed the criteria for the 1A Selection Committee, to maintain consistency with other 1A committees. The following was proposed:

- MIAA Baseball Committee Chairman or Designee
- One (1) Central District Baseball Committee Representative
- One (1) North District Baseball Committee Representative
- One (1) South District Baseball Committee Representative
- One (1) West District Baseball Committee Representative
- MBUA Baseball Committee Representative or Designee
- MBCA Baseball Committee Representative or Designee
- *The Division 1A Director will sit at the selection/seeding committee meeting without a vote to serve as a resource to previously submitted 1A nominations.

MOTION: Approve the proposed 1A Selection Committee (C. Najarian/J. Able). APPROVED 14-0-0

NFHS Baseball Rules: An update regarding ongoing plans to support the integration of NFHS baseball rules for the 2020 season was provided. An NFHS Rules PowerPoint has been posted to the MIAA Baseball Rules webpage and a baseball rules subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 3rd to discuss further educational opportunities for association members.

NOCSAE standards: NOCSAE standards were reviewed for all equipment. NFHS rules state specific information and safety guidelines for catcher’s equipment and game balls. (NFHS Rule 1-3-1 and Rule 1-5-4). Please carefully consider these rules as current equipment may need to be evaluated to see if it meets these NFHS standards for the upcoming season.

Pitch Count Tracking: The pitch count tracking subcommittee presented pitch count tracking solutions ranging from paper tracking to an online database system. The Baseball Committee proposed mandating a paper tracking system for the 2020 season, with further review of online databases for future seasons. The paper tracking sheet will be completed by both teams during the contest and signed off by both coaches at the end of the contest. The pitch count sheet is located on the MIAA Baseball webpage.

MOTION: Pitch Counts will be tracked utilizing an MIAA Pitch Count tracking sheet by both teams. (J. Able/P. Driscoll) APPROVED 14-0-0

Upcoming Meeting Schedule – April 1, 2020 at 10:00am