Basketball Committee Meeting Highlights
January 14, 2020

Tournament Management Committee Update: The Basketball 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.

Basketball Subcommittee: A summary was provided from the December 18th subcommittee meeting regarding facility standards for hosting early round basketball tournament games. The subcommittee emphasized the need for Tournament Directors to provide ample notice prior to the seeding date to schools and athletic directors regarding any potential issues in hosting early round games. With this advanced communication, host sites can make alternative plans in a timely manner if necessary.

Tournament Directors Reports: MIAA Basketball Tournament Directors provided sectional updates. Sectional sites have been posted on the MIAA Tournament Site page. This year’s State Championship games will be hosted at the DCU Center in Worcester, MA as well as a local college site.

The 2020 MIAA Basketball Tournament Format was reviewed:
- The new Site Determination Information and new Tiebreaking Procedure established by TMC were highlighted.
- The 6:00pm completion deadline on this year’s basketball cutoff date - Thursday, February 20, 2020 was emphasized. All games must be COMPLETED by this time to be considered for tournament qualification.
- The Basketball State Finals are scheduled on the same date as the March SAT Date - Saturday, March 14, 2020. Communication to promote awareness of this date will continue.

A Seeding Subcommittee was established to address scheduling/seeding issues identified in advance of the seeding dates. Tournament Seeding Meeting dates and times were confirmed for the following sections:
- North/South – Friday, February 21st – 10:30am
- Central – Friday, February 21st – 12:00pm
- West – Saturday, February 22nd – 12:00pm

The Massachusetts Basketball Coaches Association will be hosting its annual Senior Awards Breakfast at Holy Cross in May. Nominations are being accepted for this award by visiting www.mbaorg.com.

The committee reviewed Sportsmanship Disqualification Data for basketball coaches and student-athletes to date for the 2019-20 season.

The Merrimack Valley Conference (MVC) experimental rule request, allowing student athletes to participate in six quarters of basketball during MVC conference games only, was discussed. Data collected by the MVC schools from this experimental rule will be reviewed at the April 29th Basketball Committee meeting.