

any chance you will sponsor a sport - register it when completing the Registration Form. A refund will be provided if it is later determined not to offer that sport.

97.3 Qualification: For all team tournaments utilizing winning percentage

97.3.1 A team must have a minimum winning percentage of fifty (50%) of games played with any and all MIAA member schools and out of state schools that are members in good standing of their own state high school association.

97.3.2 In leagues where a team's schedule is comprised of seventy percent (70%) or more of higher division schools, all MIAA league and MIAA non-league contests played against equal and/or lower divisions may solely be considered in the fifty percent (50%) qualifying criteria. Schools may also access the 70% tournament qualifying opportunity if a league is aligned by enrollment BUT the league requires cross-scheduling to the extent that at least 70% of the school's total required opponents are in a higher tournament division.

97.3.3 All league champions, regardless of winning percentage. This includes co-championships.

97.3.4 Runner-up or multi-runners-up in leagues of five or more teams, provided the league has a single champion. In the case of multi-champions, no runner-up will automatically qualify.

98. Each Student Participant Must Be A Bona Fide Team Member

98.1 A bona fide member of the school team is a student who is consistently present for, and actively participates in, all high school team practices and competitions. Bona fide members of a school team are precluded from missing a high school practice or competition in order to participate in a non-school activity/event in any sport recognized by the MIAA. Any student who violates this standard twice becomes ineligible for the MIAA tournament(s) in that sport for that season. (See also Rule 45, for additional regular season consequence.)

98.2 Unattached athletes are not eligible for tournament participation. (See Rule 30).

99. Tournament Administration and Accountability

It is important that management of Association sponsored tournaments be a collaborative effort by all who assume responsibility for supporting our students, teams, and schools. The following should aid this "team effort." Violations of the provisions of

this rule, particularly the ticket financial protocol within 99.10.5, could result in personal liability of site management personnel.

99.1 **Tournament Director Responsibilities**

99.1.1 Be fully familiar with your tournament format, and all applicable MIAA Handbook standards. The MIAA Handbook, sport rule book, and the Tournament Format should be at each tournament site.

99.1.2 Attend seasonal directors' workshops and other meetings required by your executive staff liaison.

99.1.3 Receive season schedule/tournament entry forms. Contact schools that appear will miss the filing deadline.

99.1.4 Examine tournament awards as soon as they are received to determine their condition and accuracy. Contact MIAA Liaison in charge of Awards if corrections are required. The director is responsible for the awards being at final sites.

99.1.5 Tournament personnel should not communicate with coaches, but should speak directly with each participating school principal or athletic director. Intent to Enter forms will include an opportunity for the principal to check off and designate the athletic director as the school contact person. The Principal, or athletic director if so designated, should be provided information following the tournament seeding and after each win as that team progresses through the tournament. This could require the winning principal or athletic director to call the results into the tournament director to acquire information about the next contest for that school team.

99.1.6 Unusual incidents and all injuries must be reported to the MIAA staff without delay.

99.1.7 Video Taping/Radio/TV - Policy guidelines as outlined in the MIAA Media Guide shall be followed.

99.1.8 Initiate and execute all MIAA financial reporting requirements as efficiently as possible within 30 days.

99.2 **Seeding is an MIAA sport committee responsibility with voting committee members being actively involved.**

99.2.1 Seeding meetings are open. Participating schools are encouraged to be represented.

99.2.2 Seeding must be done in the MIAA office unless otherwise approved by the executive director or Chair of the TMC.

99.2.3 Seeding must be scheduled to allow sufficient time to:

99.2.3.1 Allow for publication on the day before the tournament is to begin.

99.3 Site Selection

99.3.1 The executive staff liaison for that sport must approve all site decisions prior to them being announced.

99.3.2 Sites are to be selected with the following criteria in mind:

- * Health and safety of the participants.
- * Comfort and safety of the fans (including adequate seating).
- * Relative travel requirements for the participating schools.
- * Ability to collect tickets in a secure manner.
- * Facility expenses and site budget.

99.3.3 In cases when non-member school sites are used, the executive staff liaison shall approve and sign the appropriate contract.

99.4 Tournament Medical Coverage Policy: ***Kindly note that Rule 56.2 takes precedence over the specific sport protocols below.***

99.4.1 Golf and Tennis: It is the responsibility of each participating school to provide for the medical needs of their student-athletes.

99.4.2 Football, Ice Hockey and Rugby: A game will not start unless a licensed physician, licensed athletic trainer or certified EMT is present. The school designated as the home team, or the host site identified with a participating school, must have an AED on site (and accessible) or with their medical person.

99.4.3 Baseball, Basketball, Field Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, and Volleyball: A licensed athletic trainer, licensed physician, physician's assistant, certified EMT, or nurse practitioner will be available at all contests. This coverage will be provided/compensated by the Host School in tournament rounds at the site of the higher seeded team. The MIAA will compensate for the coverage at MIAA designated neutral sites.

99.4.4 Cross Country, Gymnastics, Indoor & Outdoor Track, Ski, Swim, and Wrestling: MIAA will compensate a licensed athletic trainer, licensed physician, physician's assistant, certified EMT, or nurse

practitioner at these Association tournaments. (see also Rules 67.4, 73.3 and 75.3)

99.5 Tickets

99.5.1 Only MIAA tickets will be sold except at those rounds exempted in field hockey, soccer, volleyball, baseball, lacrosse, football and softball.

99.5.2 The tournament director is responsible for ticket distribution and reconciliation. All unused tickets and stubs must be returned with the financial report.

99.6 Awards

99.6.1 Appropriate, meaningful presentation ceremonies must be planned.

99.6.2 Only official MIAA awards may be presented publicly.

99.7 Association Visibility

99.7.1 Association signage should transform the site into an MIAA venue.

99.7.2 Welcoming MIAA announcements should start each contest.

99.7.3 Announcements about upcoming Association activities in that sport and other sports should be made periodically. The acronym "MIAA" should be used frequently to promote positive understanding of the Association.

99.7.4 PSA's should be announced regularly during timeouts, between periods, etc.

99.7.5 The MIAA logo should be copied onto tournament programs.

99.8 Postponements

99.8.1 The host school administrator or athletic director (not an involved coach) must be depended upon to advise regarding local weather conditions, or to determine if a contest will be postponed.

99.8.2 The following must be the considerations for postponing a tournament activity: Health and welfare of the student-athletes; comfort and safety of the fans; travel conditions for participants and fans; alternative scheduling options; and financial implications.

99.8.3 Directors must notify the Association immediately about postponements which will then be reported on the MIAA Web page.

99.9 Tournament Budgets and Financial Reports

99.9.1 The Tournament Management Committee is charged by the Board of Directors with responsibility for approving tournament budgets, auditing tournament financial reports, and with the regulation of all financial aspects of tournaments.

99.9.2 The financial report should be submitted to the MIAA office signed by the tournament director no more than 30 days from the conclusion of the tournament.

99.9.3 Every effort should be made to forward receipts to the MIAA office within one business day.

99.9.4 Tournament accounts will be audited by an independent auditor who is a Certified Public Accountant.

99.10 Site Managers

99.10.1 Whenever practical the tournament director will be the site manager.

99.10.2 If impractical to serve as the site manager, it is the tournament director's responsibility to designate a site manager to supervise and oversee each tournament event unless the facility requires otherwise.

99.10.3 The tournament director shall furnish all site managers with appropriate MIAA forms (media contract, incident report, player/coach expulsion, financial, etc.).

99.10.4 The site manager must have knowledge of all tournament rules/policies as stated herein as well as those found in the tournament format and appropriate sections of the MIAA Handbook. The MIAA Handbook, sport rule book, and Format should be present at each tournament site.

99.10.5 While the nature of a sport may require various responsibilities for a site manager, the following list of duties serves as examples:

The site must have all required contest markings.

The facility must be safe for contestants and spectators (e.g. marked off with ropes).

Hire all game management personnel (e.g. ticket sellers, announcers, public address system, etc.). Fees to site personnel must be those established by the Tournament Management Committee.

Tickets must be torn in half at the contest site and returned with all unused tickets to the tournament director with the financial forms for that activity.

The site manager must take all cash to a bank no later than the first business day after the contest and obtain a cashiers' check for the total amount. It is permissible for a school to deposit the receipts in a school account and draw a school check for the total amount. Mail the check (made out to MIAA) together with the financial reports and tickets/stubs to the tournament director.

Horns, posters, noisemakers, confetti, pompoms, balloons, and banners are not to be permitted at any site. If the site manager feels that something not mentioned above is also creating a nuisance at a contest site, the site manager should have such items removed. The MIAA Sportsmanship Committee has voted to permit bands to be present and to play at tournaments. However, the following restrictions are part of this action.

99.10.5.1 A maximum of 12 is permitted. An advisor must be in attendance and sit with the band.

99.10.5.2 Permission in advance must be granted by the Tournament Director and Site Director.

99.10.5.3 Pep bands are not permitted to play while the game is in play.

A full complement of high school bands is permitted at all Superbowl football contests.

The site manager is responsible to the tournament director for carrying out all such other duties that are assigned by the tournament director.

99.11 Accountability

99.11.1 The executive staff will evaluate the performance of each tournament director.

99.11.2 A tournament director may not be engaged or renewed who is not recommended by the executive staff.