

MIAA Football Committee

Minutes – March 5, 2024

1. Minutes of March 1, 2023, June 13, 2023, and Sept. 18, 2023
(D. Heres, J. Gamache) unanimous
2. 2023 Tournament Review
TD Scott Paine reported out that the events had good attendance, everything went very well; great events; schools hosting well, good attention to the needs of the tournament experience
3. Football Format 2024 – Approval
(J. Gamache, S. Dembowski) unanimous 17-0-0
- will be sure to update any ball agreement information
4. Fall 2024, Planning – Discussion
 - Discussion about what to do with the extra week
 - Some people like the buy wherever
 - Are leagues scheduling/agreeing with alignment process in mind
 - Should we have a ninth game in those years where it exists; future discussion, but needs to be fall 2024 focused at this time
5. Playoff Proposal Subcommittee – Discussion/Update
 - Jay Costa, updated about the TMC subcommittee discussion
 - Up to FB to come back to TMC
 - TMC discussion includes possible shifting of starting weeks in winter
 - Current proposal may need tweaking
 - Other discussion:
 - total games, weeks in winter, non-playoff still mixed results
 - Going to Dec 13, no go, number of teams only 8 a bit of a concern, 14 games?
 - Number of divisions
 - Do we want to leave the proposal as is, or adjust and have another meeting?
 - Survey to principals and AD's as well as coaches already doing it
 - Inequity in division 8
 - Forum at MSSADA would help, or some discussion at annual meeting
 - Get survey out - FB comm rec
 - Survey subcommittee – March 8, 12:00, meet questions (B. Callighan, S. Dembowski, M. Nicholson, K. Ford, J. Costa, B. Bryce, B. Bustin)
6. NFHS Rules 2024 – Update
 - Richard Pearson, talked about the one new rule (uniforms)
 - Other areas from NFHS rules meeting but not approved for 2024-25: auto first downs when fouls by B, unsportsmanlike contact, illegal forward pass after going over then back, onside kick, live ball instead of dead ball,
 - Knee pads, officials need to police too; what is the rule
7. Officials Topics

- Boards are ready to start their classes
- Eastern board going with RefReps for training
- Hoping to increase numbers

8. Coaches Topics - none

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

- Find a time in May for a comm meeting

Fall 2024 TBD

Adjourn