



## MIAA Volleyball Committee

### Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2024

1. Meeting Called to Order: Chair Marc Arria

Welcome new members : Mike Lucas, Superintendent Oxford PS and Gina Johnson, AP at Greenfield PS.

Attendance:

Present: Marc Arria, Jane Bergin, Patricia Gonzalez, Gina Johnson, Michael Lucas, JJ Niamkey, Anthony Palladino, Steve Porter, Tom Turco, Lisa Zappala, Carole, Burke, Brian McNally, Sherry Bryant,

Guests: Jim Clark (MIAA), Jan Martin (MIAA), Danny Ventura (Herald), Craig Larson (Globe)

Regrets: Peter Boucher, Stephanie Ridofi, Rich Riley

Absent: Jessica Barrett, Serge Clivio, Steve Dacey, Kelsey Kincade, John Murray, Tara Noyes, Ted Wilcox

2. Spring Volleyball Format Review

Motion to add capacity requirements to site information component similar to basketball and ice hockey.

MOTION: Preliminary matches, round of 32, and round of 16: Minimum capacity of 250  
Round of 8 minimum capacity of 500

M. Arria, S. Porter Approved 9-0

Format should also include language indicating that electronic scoring is allowed but if used, must also have manual backup system in place.

3. Fall Tournament Review

Feedback regarding Fall Volleyball tournament was positive. Worcester State continues to be a great host for this event. Match-ups were good. Updates to format suggestions included during the previous discussion (capacity numbers and electronic scoring backup)

4. Sherry provided the committee with information regarding ongoing BOD and TMC discussions.

- The Board of Directors has voted to eliminate endowment games effective July 1, 2025
- The Board of Directors has implemented a new process for exclusion school status

The MIAA Board of Directors approved the following application process for MIAA member schools to apply for exclusionary status. Applications can only be filled out by the member school Principal or Athletic Director. Each school will be required to present their case to the MIAA Board of Directors before a final decision is made.

Please note that all schools with current exclusionary status will remain in effect through next year, 2024-25, with the exception of the GBL schools (see notes below). Beyond that, only those schools approved through this process will have exclusionary status and the approval is good for two years.

For those schools interested in applying for exclusionary status, please fill out the application below by Wednesday, May 8, 2024. Schools will present their application to the MIAA Board of Directors at a virtual meeting that will be scheduled for the late spring 2024.

Notes (On November 13, 2023, the MIAA Board of Directors approved the Greater Boston League's (**GBL**) request to have their exclusion status removed beginning on July 1, 2024. These schools include Everett, Malden, Medford, Revere, and Somerville).

- TMC is reviewing power ranking formula. Recommendation to add an additional win/loss factor to the formula was not approved. A new component to address forfeits in the formula was approved.
  - TMC alignment sub-committee is analyzing and assessing most current process and may recommend adjustments to the full committee for the next cycle.
5. The committee discussed NFHS Rule Change proposals. The possible elimination of double contact was discussed with some interest but committee members will wait to see how NFHS and NCAA actions move forward.
  6. Next Committee meeting May 8, 2024 10am