

MIAA Basketball Committee Meeting (Virtual)
Wednesday, January 12, 2022
MINUTES

1. **Call to Order at 10:06 a.m.**

Attendance: Dwayne Early, Dave Shea, Steven Dubzinski, Mike Lynn, Tim Finn, Ron Drouin, Chris Mastrangelo, John Daileanes, Will Thomas, Jeff Newhall, Rich Cormier, John Gould, Matt Marani, Bob Rodgers, Martha Jamieson, Trudy Fisher, Mark Donahue, Jim Reynolds, Bill Boutilier, Dave Keir, Jim Quatromoni, Keith Brouillard, Peter Smith.

Regrets: Tony Price, Bill Runey, Matt Trahan

2. **Minutes of November 17, 2021 Meeting**

Motion: To approve the minutes from the November 17, 2021 meeting (John Daileanes, Jim Reynolds). **APPROVED 17-0-0**

3. **Board of Directors Working Group Feedback**

Committee members discussed requested items for feedback to provide to the Board of Directors Working Group that has been convened to navigate the current COVID-19 impact on the winter season. Items discussed included the current status of basketball experiences in each district, how to handle situations if teams do not play the minimum number of games required to qualify for the tournament, and whether to recommend any rule modifications.

Motion: To recommend that masks are optional for the 5 players on the court for both teams and officials. (B. Rodgers/M. Jamieson) **APPROVED 15-3-0**

This vote is non-binding and will be shared with the Board of Directors Working Group and the Board of Directors as a recommendation.

4. **Tournament Director Update**

Basketball State Tournament Director Jim Quatromoni provided an update to committee members regarding the ongoing work to prepare for the upcoming tournament including regional liaisons, outreach for site availability and timeline for anticipated release of initial power ratings.

Basketball Liaison Peter Smith provided an update regarding plans for a school survey to report gym capacity in preparation for the tournament. Plans are moving forward to host the state finals at the Tsongas Center in Lowell, MA during the weekend of March 18-20, 2022. Work also continues to identify availability of state semi-final round sites. A discussion took place regarding the potential use of the TD Garden as a semi-final round site and the challenges related to tournament consistency and philosophy if playing 8 out of 20 semi-final round games at the location.

Motion: To recommend TD Garden usage for state semi-final games. (B. Rodgers/M. Donahue) **APPROVED 17-0-0**

The Basketball Committee also discussed a recommended update to the MIAA Basketball Tournament Format (Item F-2, page 3) regarding the minimum site capacity for home sites during the Round of 8.

Motion: To update the Basketball Tournament requirement for Round of 8 games to “Minimum capacity of 1000 or permission of the Tournament Director”. (J. Newhall/B. Rodgers)

APPROVED 17-0-0

This vote will be forwarded to the Tournament Management Committee for review.

5. **Discussion – NFHS Shot Clock Rule Change for 2022-23 Season**

NFHS Basketball Rules now allow for state association adoption of a 35-second shot clock beginning with the 2022-23 season. Guidelines for implementation for states choosing to adopt this rule include mounting on the backboard supports behind each backboard as well as resetting the shot clock to 20 seconds when there is an intentionally kicked or fisted ball with less than 19 seconds on the shot clock. Click here to review the [NFHS Shot Clock State Association Adoption Guidelines](#). MIAA Basketball Committee members will gather feedback from districts and constituents in preparing for a decision at the April 27, 2022 meeting.

6. **Coaches Topics**

Feedback from MBCA members regarding the NFHS Shot Clock Guidelines will be requested in advance of the Basketball Committee meeting in April.

7. **Officials Topics**

Bill Boutilier discussed the importance of coaches taking a lead role in assisting with the current mask requirement. Officials are recommended to enforce the mask requirement in the same manner as the uniform rule.

8. **Other**

Basketball Committee volunteers were requested to serve on a Seeding Subcommittee that will review any issues in advance of tournament seeding.

9. **Next Meeting**

The next MIAA Basketball Committee meeting is scheduled on February 10, 2022. This meeting will be conducted virtually.

10. The meeting adjourned at 11:40am.