

MIAA Basketball Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 10, 2023
MINUTES

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

Attendance: Bill Boutilier, John Daileanes, Ron Drouin, Dwayne Early, Tim Finn, John Gould, Rick Grady, Mark Houle, Martha Jamieson, Matt Marani, Jeff Newhall, Marty O'Shea, Jeff Parcels, Steve Reno, Bob Rodgers, Dave Shea, Peter Smith, Jim Clark, Jim Quatromoni

Regrets: Gertrude Fisher, Chris Mastrangelo, Ted McCarthy, Matt Trahan

2. Minutes of the January 11, 2023 Meeting

The minutes of the January 11, 2023 meeting were approved 14-0.

3. 2023 MIAA Basketball Tournament Review

Peter Smith presented a 2023 tournament summary powerpoint. Appreciation was expressed to the members of the Basketball Committee for the work accomplished over the past three years in developing the statewide tournament format. State Tournament Director Jim Quatromoni and Assistant Directors Ron Ford and David Keir were recognized for their leadership in managing the tournament. In addition, Jim Clark was recognized for his work in maintaining the power ratings throughout the season.

Eleven sites hosted semi-final round games – Bridgewater-Raynham (2), Framingham (2), Newton North, Newton South, Palmer, Quincy (2), Scituate, Springfield Sci-Tech (3), Taunton, Woburn (2) and Worcester State (4). Letters of appreciation were sent to the administration of these host schools. Ten state final games were played at the Tsongas Center in Lowell again this year. Gratitude was expressed to the Tsongas Center staff for their partnership in making the state championship games a special experience for the participating teams, schools and communities.

Six teams received the MIAA Basketball Team Sportsmanship Award – Bromfield (boys), Shepherd Hill (boys), Douglas (girls), Nauset (girls), Notre Dame Academy Hingham (girls) and Old Colony (girls). In addition, the MIAA Sherman Kinney Basketball Award was presented to Matignon High School Athletic Director and former MIAA Basketball Committee Chair Mike Lahiff.

6,964 games were played during the regular season (3,514 boys games and 3,450 girls games). There were minimal missing scores on the cutoff date thanks to the work of the tournament administration team. 426 games were played during the tournament (222 boys games and 204 girls games). In total, 227 of 357 boys teams qualified for the tournament (63.6%) and 209 of 356 girls teams qualified for the tournament (58.7%).

Positives from this year's tournament included improved score reporting, weekly updates for power rankings, timeliness of the bracket release, improved management of bench numbers and the Tsongas Center experience. Items to look at for next year include the Round of 8 games, staff coverage for Round of 4 games and the responsibility of visiting team coverage for games.

4. Tournament Management Committee Update

Sherry Bryant provided an update about Tournament Management Committee work moving forward. The committee is looking at the assignment of officials and what round the role of the state assigner begins. The committee is also studying the Round of 8 games and venues needed. Suggestions have

been made for each district to provide 2 venues per sport to host games. Power rankings and margin of victory are additional topics that the committee is reviewing.

5. **2024 MIAA Basketball Tournament Format**

The Basketball Committee reviewed the draft 2024 MIAA Basketball Tournament Format. The following motions were made:

Motion: Recommend to TMC that Round of 8 and on be played at neutral sites.

(Bob Rodgers, second Jeff Parcells) **Approved 10-5**

Motion (format language – page 3): Please Note: For the purpose of safety, expense, convenience or other valid reasons, the Tournament Director shall have the prerogative to set or change the site or date of any tournament game *using Go Fan Ticket Data* after consultation with the MIAA Staff Liaison.

(Bob Rodgers, second Jeff Parcells) **Approved 15-0**

Suggested Change (format language – page 3, E-5): Home venues must meet the following standards:

- Condition of playing surface *and game equipment*

Motion (format language – page 5, Item P): Prior to each round of tournament play, the respective Tournament Administrator will communicate with participating school Athletic Directors regarding pertinent school supervision responsibilities, including the number of school supervisors (range is typically 1-8 in number) requested for the upcoming game.

(Bob Rodgers, second Jeff Parcells) **Approved 14-0**

Motion: To accept the 2024 MIAA Basketball Tournament Format as edited.

(Bob Rodgers, second Jeff Parcells) **Approved 14-0**

The draft 2024 MIAA Basketball Tournament Format will be forwarded to the Tournament Management Committee for review.

6. **Coaches Topics**

Steve Reno and Rick Grady provided an update regarding MBCA initiatives including the Senior Awards Banquet at Holy Cross on May 21. A letter from the MBCA was shared with appreciation of the 2023 statewide tournament and included the following recommendations:

- Adjust the power ranking system to prioritize winning and not include Margin of Victory
- Hosting Round of 8 games at neutral sites
- MIAA assignment of officials earlier in the tournament

Motion: The Basketball Committee does not support a power ranking system that includes margin of victory.

(Bob Rodgers, Jeff Parcells) **Approved 13-0-1**

7. **Officials Topics**

Bill Boutilier provided an update regarding officiating initiatives.

8. **Other**

The basketball alignments for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 seasons have been finalized by the Tournament Management Committee and are posted on the MIAA website.

The committee reviewed game disqualification data for students and coaches during the 2022-23 season. This item will be on the next Sportsmanship Committee agenda.

The updated 2023-25 MIAA Handbook will be posted on the MIAA website soon. Proposals for the next rule change cycle (2025-27) are due by June 1, 2024.

9. **Educational Athletics Initiatives**

Nominations for the MIAA Coach of the Year Award and MIAA Game Official of the Year Award are due by June 30. Nominations must be submitted online. Committee members are encouraged to submit nominations. MIAA Staff will follow up with nominees to provide any missing nomination information.

10. The meeting adjourned at 11:55am. The next committee meeting will take place during the fall of 2023. The meeting schedule will be finalized over the summer and communicated to committee members.

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