



MASSACHUSETTS INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



MIAA BASEBALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, October 28, 2021 @ 10:00 A.M.
MIAA OFFICE, 33 FORGE PARKWAY, FRANKLIN, MA

MINUTES

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome & Introductions
3. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected for the 2021-22 school year:

- Chair: Tom O'Brien, Haverhill High School, Athletic Director
- Vice Chair: Marc Talbot, Pembroke High School, Principal
- Secretary: Kevin Magee, East Longmeadow High School, Athletic Director

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting – [April 3, 2019](#) - Approved
5. 2021 Baseball Tournament Review

Tournament Directors from this past spring presented a review of the 2021 sectional tournaments, citing many positives in terms of games at higher seeded sites, participation from schools despite COVID-19 restrictions, and officiating assignments despite the tournament taking place later in the year.

6. 2022 Baseball Format

The 2022 Baseball Tournament format was reviewed and modified in preparation to present to the Tournament Management Committee.

In review of the Baseball Tournament format, the MIAA Baseball Committee discussed the following:

- The mercy rule as it relates to the post-season,
- Amending the suspended game policy to ensure game completion unless mutually agreed upon by both teams.
- Assignment of officials - Recommending the use of an assigner as well eliminating the minimum amount of varsity games needed to officiate an MIAA tournament game.

7. Officials Topics

Officials requested that the MIAA, MIAA and Game Officials' Committee work together to educate officials and promote growth within the profession.

8. Coaches Topics

Members of the MBCA provided feedback on the Coach of the Year process. It was also requested to review Rule 49 for the upcoming rule change process, requesting equity within the game suspension policy for Baseball compared to other sports.

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