



## MIAA Field Hockey Committee Meeting Minutes January 21, 2021

- Meeting called to order at 10:03 am by Chairman Mary Ryan  
*Present:* Mary Lou Thimas (Member-At-Large), Sherry Bryant (MIAA FH Liaison), Patti Provost (2), Mary Ryan (North TD), Patti Rowe (Officials' rep), Robert Marchewka (1), Jennifer Gouvin (1), John Parisi (5), Steve Martin (4), Gary Brown (7), Diane Lussier (West TD), Anne Palumbo (3), Jenn Hammel (8), Scott Palladino (8), Annette DiMascio (South and State TD), David Uminski (3), Ryan Murphy (4), Kathleen Burke (9), Elizabeth York (2), John O'Neil (Coaches' rep), Kelly St. Coeur (7)  
*Guests:* Jan Martin (MIAA FH Admin Support), Dave Bouchard, Meredith Perri  
*Absent:* Susan Charochak (MASS), Grace Cunningham (6), Katherine Hennessy (MASC), John Doldoorian (Central TD)
- Field Hockey Specific Modifications  
**Modifications to rules:**
  - Number of players on field - 7 v 7 (must have goalie)
  - Penalty corners – Four offensive players and 3 defensive players (including goalie) will be allowed on penalty corners. All other players must go back to 50-yard line.
  - Free Hits - all players must be 5 yards away
  - No bully's - it will be alternating possession**Modifications around game management:**
  - Four balls must be placed behind each goal and on opposite sideline on cones (no ball girls/boys)**Modifications specific to Officials:**  
*Pre-Game:*
  - No stick inspection - coach is responsible to verify that all participants have legal equipment (stick, goggles, mask)
  - Officials shall use alternative whistles such as electronic whistles; air horns are permissible**Substitutions**
  - Substitutions will take place at mid-field (no contact between players)**Modifications specific to player protection:**
  - The requirements for mouth guards and goggles remain in place.

Highlight above is Fall 2 modification.  
Discussion on installing PC again.  
John O, 2nd A Palumbo - unanimous  
Discussion on air horns for officials. This will stay
- TMC  
On Jan 20, 2021 the TMC approved a new power rating to determine Tournament seeding. (State/Sport wide all use the same format). The alternative formula (strength of schedule with margin of victory or defeat, as determined by point differential) will be sent to a subcommittee that will incorporate feedback from sports committees /leagues/schools.
- Adjournment: 10:20 D Uminski, 2nd P Provost - unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,

*Patti Rowe*

FH Committee Secretary