



MIAA Ice Hockey Committee Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2022

After attendance was taken, members approved the minutes from the previous meeting on Jan. 27 (Brown, Lezenski) Approved 15-0-0

Tournament 2022: Scott Paine and liaison Richard Pearson updated the committee about the 2022 Ice Hockey Tournament. Scott felt the tournament was very successful with increased attendance during many rounds. Scott thanked his regional directors for their efforts throughout the season checking game scores as well as helping to manage games during the tournament. Besides very high attendance at many venues, committee members also mentioned exciting environments for many games. The state finals day had the second most in total attendance in the past ten years, just shy of 18,000 fans. During the round of 8, hosted at the higher seed, there were a few venues that were moved and a few others that may have been at capacity. Other challenges were games that met capacity guidelines and sold out may have been able to have larger crowds.

Other comments included the need for all schools to enter scores of games correctly and manage the Arbiter system more effectively throughout the season.

Format 2023: Richard Pearson presented the 2023 format for consideration by the Committee. A few changes were made to the format: 1) a statement about 22 player maximum on the bench has been added, to include the NFHS rule which does have a minor penalty attached. 2) clarity was added to the overtime period information that goalies will change ends and remain changed for all overtime periods.

Motion: To approve the 2023 Ice Hockey Format as presented. (P. Spear, S. Pallidino)
Approved 15-0-0

The committee entertained discussion about the Association reserving ice and managing the games in the Round of 8. After lengthy discussion, a recommendation will be made to the TMC to have a few MIAA appointed managers attend Round of 8 games when needed.

Motion: That the IH give an advisory vote to the TMC that the tournament director will assign staff, when needed, to help manage the round of 8 games with the higher seed AD. (D. Lezenski, B. Ware) 15-0-0

Margin of Victory (MOV): The Committee discussed the current three point MOV. After discussion no recommendation for change was moved.

Rule Change Proposals: Richard Pearson presented information on possible rule change proposals for the upcoming Rule Change Cycle. The Committee discussed the two-game disqualification for ice hockey which is different from all other sports (except baseball and soccer). Edits/changes for MIAA Rules 49.3, 49.4 and 72.17 which would remove the two-game disqualification and make it identical to many other sports. It was also suggested to mention this rule change submission to baseball, soccer and sportsmanship committees.

Another rule change proposed to remove was MIAA Rule 72.12 which states that any ice hockey player receiving a DQ during the tournament will be excluded from the tournament.

It was recommended to remove Rule 72.6 relating to goalkeepers equipment being intentionally or unintentionally removed as the NFHS rules cover the entire language of the current MIAA rule. Also, it was recommended to remove rule 72.16 referring to a game misconduct as it is not necessary anymore.

Finally, it was proposed to remove MIAA Rule 72.10 relating to 8 minutes of penalties receiving a game misconduct and use the current NFHS rules. NFHS rules reference a total of 10 minutes of penalties as well as receiving 2 majors in one game.

Motion: The Ice Hockey Committee submit changes for the upcoming rule change process as proposed (P. Spear, D. Lezenski) Approved 13-0-0

Next Meeting: Fall 2022, TBD

