

MIAA Ice Hockey Committee
Meeting Minutes – Sept. 21, 2022

The Ice Hockey Committee met at the Franklin office on Sept. 21, 2022. After the meeting was called to order, the members of the committee introduced themselves. R. Pearson mentioned completion of the Conflict of Interest statement and spoke briefly to the standard Governance Document.

Election of Committee Leadership: Committee leadership opportunities were opened to the members of the committee.

Motion: To elect Dan Shine as chair of the committee. No other nominations were offered. (D. Lezenski, J. Rudzinski) Approved 18-0-0

Motion: To elect Dave Lezenski as the vice-chair of the committee. No other nominations were offered. (T. Hooten, S. Paine) Approved 18-0-0

Motion: To elect Bob Ware as the secretary of the committee. No other nominations were offered. (M. Mead, T. Hooten) Approved 18-0-0

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting, April 27, 2022, were moved and approved, (J. Rudzinski, B. Ware) 18-0-0

Format 2023: R. Pearson stated there were no changes to the format as approved and submitted last spring. Efforts are underway to help support planning for the winter 2023 tournament including information about venue capacity. Additional tournament information will be discussed at the next meeting.

Format 2024: R. Pearson asked the committee about 2024 tournament cutoff dates. There had been discussion of moving the cutoff date to allow for power ranking or other planning. After some discussion the committee motioned to stay with the same, Thursday cutoff date.

Motion: To keep the Thursday of school vacation as cutoff date for ice hockey. (J. Brown, D. Lezenski) Approved 18-0-0

Alignment Cycle 2023-25: R. Pearson discussed the current development of alignments for all fall sports to be published by the end of September. Winter alignments dates will be posted by the TMC soon. A representative, of the ice hockey committee (Chair or designee) will serve on the first level of appeal consideration.

R. Pearson showed the committee how the new Competitive Equity Modifier will be applied to all member schools. The committee asked questions and discussed the alignment process.

Committee members had further discussion of continuing to have dialogue with TMC leadership going forward.

Coaches Topics: D. Shine mentioned that the MSHCA, state hockey coaches association, wanted to make all member school teams aware of the various awards offered by MSHCA –

academic awards and Mulloy Sportsmanship to name a few. The committee discussed helping to publicize award opportunities for students as well as work to include more coaches from the western part of the state.

Officials Topics: R. Pearson mentioned the date of the annual Ice Hockey Officials Summit for Oct. 11, 2022. R. Pearson also mentioned NFHS rule changes that have gone into effect for this coming season.

MIAA Rule Change Proposals 2023-25: The committee reviewed and voted on all rule change proposals.

Next meeting: January 31, 2023, in-person meeting at Franklin Office