

MIAA Ice Hockey Committee
Meeting Minutes – Jan. 31, 2023

The Ice Hockey Committee met at the Franklin office on Jan. 31, 2023.

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting, Sept. 21, 2022, were moved and approved, (J. Rudzinsky, S. Paine) 13-0-0

Winter Season/Tournament 2023: R. Pearson and S. Paine spoke to planning for the upcoming 2023 Tournament. Semi-Final venues have been selected and will be listed ASAP. Assignment of officials, for semi-final and final games will be done by J. Doyle again this year.

Other items discussed to be mentioned to all teams/coaches include: cat-eye goalie mask, overtime procedure and pregame meetings. In preparation for the tournament, S. Paine will communicate attention to tournament items: 22 players, overtime, timeline for tournament and semi-final/final sites and planning. Possible town hall webinars could be offered.

Format 2024: R. Pearson mentioned the Format for 2024 to be discussed and approved at the April meeting. It was mentioned that the chairman and liaison met with TMC representatives on 1/26/23 to offer feedback on winter sports. Other items to consider for Format 2024 are cutoff date (2/22/24) and possibility of playing on Sunday when ice may be easy to acquire.

Scoresheets – Discussion: Committee members talked about a need to re-institute three ply game sheets for schools. It appeared that although not sent and printed for a few years, many schools had not needed more until they ran out this year. Many committee members talked about needing the three-ply sheet for all games.

Motion: To send out three-ply game sheets for the 2023-24 seasons; look into iPad/digital (J. Brown, M. Mead) 13-0-0

Coaches wearing helmets in practice – Discussion: Committee members offered discussion and thoughts on suggesting/requiring coaches to wear helmets on the ice in practice. Points of discussion: USA hockey, helmet only (not face shield), think about communication, talk to coaches, discuss more in April.

Coaches Topics: Committee members talked about some of the awards for players and teams offered to support ice hockey. It was mentioned for all to be attentive to nominations for the Mulloy Sportsmanship Awards (send out info with IH update) as well as the MHSCA All-Academic Awards.

Other: Various other topics discussed by committee:

- Bruins Sportsmanship Award; March 21, 2023
- Goalie brings own goal pegs - allowed
- Suspensions - what do we look like; report for April meeting
- Chairman D. Shine mentions profanity and sportsmanship overall behavior (agenda for April)
- Tournaments expectations out to schools

- Super 8, agenda for April (boys and girls)
- Goal differential (MOV) April meeting recommendation

Next meeting: April 26, 2023 10:00 am, in-person meeting at Franklin Office