

MIAA Rugby Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 @ 10:00 AM

Minutes

1. Call to Order

2. [Minutes of October 6, 2020](#)

Motion by Josh to approve, second by Ryan. Approved 13-0-1

3. 2021 Rugby Modifications

a. [Current EEA Guidelines](#)

b. [COVID-19 Task Force Page](#) – includes links to all sport modifications for Fall, Winter and Fall II

c. Spring modifications timeline

Still need to determine if we will have a tournament

Rugby modifications must be completed by March 8 to pass to Sports Medicine, COVID-19 Task Force and BOD for approval

Sub-committee met to start convo (Jeff, Greg, Bill Good, Amy D)

Intro from Jeff on subcommittee thoughts –

- Compared rugby specific issues and tweaked football modifications to create a baseline of modifications
- Trying to keep rugby as close to specific as possible while keeping it safe
- 15 vs 15 is allowed
- Discussion on gaiters – we will ask to allow them
- Discussion on roster sizes
 - Benefits of 30 versus 23
 - Sarah discussed how it could affect girls teams
 - Greg brought up Belmont concerns of health for players and obfuscation of current situation. Will help to understand if we are playing 7's, 10's, 15's etc.
 - Opposite sidelines, keep a and b separate.
 - Discussion on what 'full contact' means in terms of rugby. Does it apply to set pieces, just tackling, scrummage situations, etc. TBD
 - Request for Jesse to look into how refs handle mask management
 - Overall review of miscellaneous modifications
 - Discussion on how scrums can work – subcommittee to give recommendations
 - Timeline for next meeting – Before march 8th

4. New Business

a. 2021 Rugby Tournament Format (*attached*)

Latest tournament could go is July 3, target is by June 30th.

Amy is looking to use Curry College again

Approved 14-0-0

b. Regular season update – Tom Arria

A few schools may not be playing, Tom to confirm

Looks like we will have 5-6 games

No pods in rugby – question from Ryan – Is anyone looking to start season early? – Unlikely. Rugby plays once a week which should help infectious control. Important for the group to give the kids a season

c. [Form for tracking substitutions](#)

Jesse to socialize at NERRS AGM

7. Educational Athletics Initiatives were reviewed

8. [All-Time American](#) – Ms. Amy Daniels!

9. Transition with MYRO - Thank you, Mr. Bill Good!

10. Future Meeting Date: TBD

11. Adjournment