

Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association
Sports Medical Committee
October 17, 2022

Called to order: 4 PM

New Members Were Introduced.

The conflict of interest statement and the government document were discussed and explained.

Election of Officers:

The following offices were elected for the 2022–2023 School year.

Chairperson: Alan Ashare M. D. (R. McQuaid, D. Rogers) 13-0-0

Vice chairperson: David Stratton (R. McQuaid, J. Saperstein) 13-0-0

Secretary: Robert G McQuaid PA-C (J. Stone , J. Saperstein) 13-0-0

Minute : The minutes of the previous meeting May 9, 2022 we reviewed and accepted. (B. Tilden, J. Saperstein)

Football Playoffs:

There was a football playoff proposal presented. This was for early informational purposes only. It was presented by the Steve Dembowski from Massachusetts Football Coaches Association. This was to inform us that in the future we may be asked to comment on a new format.

Trainers at Varsity football: we discussed the new rule that each team must have medical coverage with them. A pre-game conference is suggested to go over the emergency response to injury.

Rule Proposals:

The majority of the meeting involved voting on the proposed MIAA Handbook Rule changes for 2023-25. A total of 43 rules were discussed, voted on and will be returned to Phil Napolitano. The SMC vote tally is available on separate documents. The BOD will act prior to January 1, 2023. The MIAC will act on all proposals by February 1, 2023.

Pre participation forms:

The AAP sent a letter to the NFHS regarding pre-participation eligibility forms history form, physical form and form for reporting to school. All athletes need to have physical exams prior to play per the regulations of the MIAA and state regulations.

Other information:

The NFHS injury summary report is available on their web site.

The NFHS SMAC committee meeting will be held October 22, 2022.

WBGT were discussed and the importance of these gauges and the availability of 20 units sent to the MIAA by the NFHS. Two of these were given out via lottery at each district meeting.

Adjourn 6pm

Next meeting: The next meeting will be virtual 2/13/2023