

MIAA Tournament Management Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2023

1. Call to Order – 10:08 AM by Shaun Hart

Attendance –J. Brown, P. Funk, S. Hart, A. Linkenhoker, E. Maguire, J. Newhall, D. Newton, D.Reid, M. Ryan, J. Shannon, T. Tarpey, D. Vega, S. Bryant (liaison), MIAA staff and a member of the media

2. Approval of Minutes February 1, 2023

Motion to Approve Approved 12-0 J. Brown, J. Shannon

3. Hybrid Sports

Hybrid Sport Sub-committee needs to begin meeting to look at inconsistencies among sports as well as consideration of statewide tournament structure for hybrid sports such as Golf (Fall & Spring), Swimming & Diving (Fall & Winter), Gymnastics, Wrestling, Alpine Ski, and Nordic Ski. Cross Country/Indoor Track/Outdoor Track will still participate in discussions as it relates to possible inconsistencies and also to serve as resource to other hybrid committees given these sports have already embraced a shift to a statewide model at the same time as team sports.

A sub-committee will be created, which would include some members of both TMC and each sport committee (of those listed above) to discuss specific sport-related needs. Jim Forrest will chair this committee. Items to be discussed include but are not limited to:

- Equity across the state
- Qualifying factors
- Number of State events
- Number of athletes for team scores
- Number of medals distributed
- Safety concerns

First step will be to gather committee for initial meeting discussion in March. A request will be made for each sport committee representative to bring this request to their committee for consideration and development of proposal for statewide structure for each sport. Proposals will then be shared with TMC for possible implementation.

4. Alignments

Discussion regarding hybrid sports alignments and the need to be equal & balanced. There was the question of “do divisions matter?” Some members suggesting that regular season play does not affect divisional alignment, that divisions only matter at tournament time.

With regard to recent alignments in place, it is the intention at some point that schools are put where they belong and that schools will not need to move every 2 years.

5. Power Rankings / MOV

Jim Clark advised the committee that he is running alternate ranking models concurrently using the actual winter data. He will present to the committee at a future meeting.

6. Seeding Committee / Forfeits

There has been concern raised regarding un-played games the reporting (or lack thereof), timing of reporting, as well as determination of no-contest vs forfeit status of those contests.

TMC discussed better defining forfeit categories, such as academic ineligibility, injury, overscheduled games, and players/coaches illness. Leagues already have defined language for forfeits. MIAA could extract some language to use as a baseline, allowing for leagues to use more stringent language if they so choose. This language may need to go to the Board of Directors for approval.

7. Other

It was requested that cut-off, bracket release and first games dates be confirmed for Ice Hockey and Basketball. It was noted that any changes are required to be submitted on the format, which is approved by TMC. The following are the Winter 2022-2023 dates:

	Ice Hockey	Basketball
Cut-Off Date	Thursday, February 23	Thursday, February 23
Bracket Release	Saturday, February 25	Saturday, February 25
First Game	Monday, February 27	Monday, February 27

Next Meeting –to be confirmed and communicated (possibly Week of March 6)
Adjourned – 11:40 AM