

MIAA Tournament Management Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2022

1. Call to Order – 10:05 AM by Jim O’Leary

Attendance –J. Brown, M. Devoll, J. DiCarlo, D. Early, J. Forest, P. Funk, P. Gould, S. Hart, J. O’Leary, J. Shannon, T. Tarpey, D. Vega, S. Paine, M. Ryan, S. Bryant (liaison), Sean Mackin, Chicopee AD, Craig Antocci, Fitchburg AD and MIAA staff.

2. Approval of Minutes – March 23, 2022

Minutes will be included with next meeting agenda for approval.

3. Fall 2022 Formats

- **Motion to approve Cross Country format (S. Paine, P. Funk) Approved 11-0**
- **Motion to approve Golf format (J. Brown, D.Vega) Approved 11-0**
- **Motion to approve Swimming & Diving format (S. Hart, M. Ryan) Approved 11-0**
- **Motion to approve Soccer format (D. Vega, S. Hart) Approved 11-0**
- **Motion to approve Volleyball format (S. Hart, M. Ryan) Approved 11-0**
- **Motion to approve Field Hockey format (S. Hart, M. Ryan) Approved 11-0**
- **Motion to approve Football format (S. Paine, M. Ryan) Approved 11-0**

4. Alignments

Discussion regarding a new approach the TMC Alignment Sub-Committee were summarized and reviewed for consideration. Sean Makin, AD Chicopee Public Schools and Craig Antocci, AD Fitchburg High School collaborated on a presentation to the Sub-Committee for calculating alignments based on *equitable* enrollment.

The Competitive Equity Tool (CET) uses fact-based/evidenced- based data, which is provided by the State (DESE). By taking into account the Stability Rate and Equity % variations, this tool considers “high needs” such as student IEP needs and poverty level within the community, which will help with the calculation of equitable enrollment numbers to be then used in the alignment process.

- May help to reduce the many appeals the TMC Sub-Committee addresses
- Can be tweaked over time, but it’s a fair starting point
- Would be able to see if schools are declining and watch for trends

Motion to adopt CET formula to compute enrollment base numbers – effective Fall 2023 for a 2-year alignment. (J. Shannon /D. Vega) Approved 12-1-0

Sub-committee work suggests to remove the “bump up/down” rules –motions to vote on each one done separately (Co-ops, voc schools, private schools). This may help to resolve some of the many appeals that are heard each season.

Motion to eliminate automatic “Bump up of 1 division” for Co-operative alignment purposes, and use highest enrollment. (J. DiCarlo/J. Shannon) Approved 12-2-0

Motion to eliminate automatic “Bump down of 2 divisions” for Vocational school alignment purposes. (J. Shannon/M. Ryan) Approved 14-0-0

Motion to eliminate automatic “Bump up of 1 division” for Private school alignment purposes. (J. Shannon/ J. DiCarlo) Defeated 2-12-0

The appeals process would remain in place for those schools that still have re-alignment requests. This will be clarified going forward to be sure the “scope of appeals” and explanations that must be used for this appeal process. For example, data for participation numbers, enrollment numbers, gender enrollment, etc. This is not intended for those schools appealing because they do not have a strong team.

5. Power Rankings

Sport Committees are revisiting Power ranking formula / Margin of Victory (MOV) information now that one year is nearly behind us. TMC to report out by year-ended December 2022 for Fall 2023 to allow enough time to implement any changes. One year of data is not enough to make changes. Look at the next 2-year alignment, as many schools already have their fall schedules completed for next year.

6. Other

The committee would like to acknowledge Jim O’Leary and Pam Gould for their hard work and dedication serving on TMC. Many thanks to both for the years of service.

7. Next meeting – no June 24 meeting needed at this time. Next meeting will be Fall 2022.

Adjourned 11:47 AM