

MIAA Tournament Management Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2022

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

Attendance – T. Bazydlo, J. Brown, J. DiCarlo, J. Forest, P. Funk, S. Hart, R. Newton, J.O’Leary, D. Reid, T. Tarpey, D. Vega, S. Paine, S. Bryant (liaison), MIAA staff.

2. Approval of Minutes – February 16, 2022

Motion to approve minutes from February 16, 2022 with noted change to add J. Brown to list of attendees. (S. Hart, D. Newton) **Approved 10-0-0**

3. Spring 2022 Format – Rugby

Phil Napolitano, Executive liaison for Rugby reviewed changes. He highlighted the qualifying section as the top 50% of teams plus those teams that are .500; MOV from 14 to 10; no need to include minimum number of games since so few games/teams; and the out of state section to remove the reference to “club sports” will be revised with the assistance of Sherry Bryant.

- **Motion to approve Rugby format (S. Hart, D. Vega)**
Approved 11-0-1

4. Spring Sports Update

- Tournament Directors are in place
- Power Rankings will be released weekly starting with week 4 or week 5
- Team Tennis – Ticket sales potentially sold only at Final Rounds
- Baseball/Softball ticket sales will begin with the Round of 8. Schools are welcome to begin selling earlier, but are not required. This will be re-assessed once this season is completed and determine if Round of 8 is appropriate to start ticket sales.

Sherry asked that any TMC committee members interested in serving on the TMC Seeding Sub-Committee to discuss a new Seeding Committee. This committee will include 1 chairperson/designee from each sport; 4 TMC members, Tournament Director (non-voting) and MIAA executive liaison (non-voting).

This will be a Seasonal Seeding Committee and will establish a policy for the formal decisions which will be final. No appeals will be allowed.

5. New Alignment Criteria and Cycle

A Competitive Equity Tool is being looked at to re-run alignments based on enrollment and participation figures for all schools. This will be another aspect of consistency across all schools and fits into the Statewide Tournament model. An Appeal criteria could be high enrollment but low participation. Much more to discuss on this new tool.

6. Winter Tournaments

Concluded the winter tournaments with positive feedback and momentum. There were some challenges with new sites, but overall feedback was there were very good, competitive events. Tournament Directors and Liaisons should collaborate on specific feedback and areas of improvement.

7. Other

Hybrid Sport Subcommittee – TMC need to start interacting with those sport hybrid sport committees. Consistency, such as number of athletes being recognized (medals/ribbons; what levels are recognized) are examples of what needs to be reviewed. Need TMC participation for Hybrid Sub-Committee. Requested those interested to reach out to Sherry Bryant.

MSSADA Conference & MIAA Annual Meeting - TMC is on both agendas.

Adjourned 11:57 AM